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From: Carol Levanen
Sent: Sunday, February 14, 2016 5:46 AM
To: David Madore; Tom Mielke; Jeanne Stewart; Marc Boldt; Julie Olson
Subject: Town Hall Meeting to Review the Preferred Alternative with the Board of Councilors - For the Public Record and the 2016 Comp Plan update

Dear Councilors,

On February 12, 2016 Clark County Citizens United, Inc. sponsored a Town Hall Meeting and invited all of the five Councilors to hear and share thoughts and concerns of the rural and resource citizens, before making any changes to the Preferred Alternative in the 2016 Comprehensive Plan update. This meeting was properly noticed as a public meeting in advance of the event. Councilor Madore and Councilor Mielke attended the meeting and Councilors Stewart, Olson and Boldt were absent. The meeting was attended by approximately 200 persons who wanted to share their information and concerns with the councilors, after hearing a detailed explanation of the Preferred Alternative, which included parts of alternatives 1, 2, 3, and all of 4 and the impact such an alternative would make to the environment and the community. Because three of the councilors were not present, they were not able to hear and consider the concerns of these citizens, nor discuss any aspect of the Preferred Alternative with any of them. This meeting was intended for such interaction and testimony and was the reason for the public notices. Only a few of these citizens had already submitted testimony for the same purpose and had hoped to do so at this meeting.

Particularly and peculiar to such a meeting was the attendance of Clark County's attorney to the Council, Christine Cooke, who was seated with her computer, taking notes of the meeting. Such attendance gives the appearance that she was sent as a representative of the county to document certain conversation that was presented at the meeting, although no one was aware that she was there for that purpose. One would assume that such information would then be relayed to the councilors who were not in attendance. This is highly unusual, when it was the councilors who were invited and no one was aware that Ms. Cooke would be sent in their place. The question arises as to what information was recorded and whether it properly relayed information that was beneficial to the citizens, who were in attendance to the public meeting. CCCU, Inc. is concerned that the information recorded was for the purpose of rebutting the comments of the citizens, on legal grounds, in order to justify removing the 4th Alternative, which relates to changes to the rural and resource land. This alternative has been proposed by rural and resource landowners, rural citizens and representatives of citizens, who have asked the councilors to support Alt 4, for two years.

The five member Board of Councilors have sworn to uphold the representation of the citizens within the county in the Comprehensive Plan. Since the cities have their own Comprehensive Plan that addresses urban concerns, the councilors primary concern should be that of the unincorporated, rural and resource lands. Those living in these areas cannot easily attend the councilor public hearings at 10 AM on Tuesday mornings and many don't have computers. In addition, many have a difficult time knowing when and how they can access the council to make their requests be known. Community public meetings, such as the February 12 Town Hall Meeting, is one of the best ways for such citizens to share their concerns and be heard by the Councilors. It was disappointing that three of the