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Please see the below comments re: suspension of Annual Reviews.

Thank you,

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Suspension of the annual site specific comprehensive plan review and amendment cycle

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Comment

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September 2, 2022

RE: Suspension of the annual site-specific comprehensive plan review and amendment cycle

Dear Clark County Council and Mr. Jose Alvarez,

On behalf of the Building Industry Association (BIA) of Clark County, and our more than 750 association businesses with their approximate 12,000 employees, we would like to thank the Clark County Council and Community Planning for the opportunity to weigh in on the proposed suspension of the annual site-specific comprehensive plan review and amendment cycle for 2023, 2024, and 2025. We concede to suspending 2024 and 2025, however, we feel eliminating plan review in 2023 would have a negative impact on the community and our industry.

Clark County continues to experience substantial development; therefore, we have significant concerns with suspending annual site-specific comprehensive plan review for the upcoming 3-year period from 2023-2025. Suspending this critical process eliminates the channel by which property owners and developers request changes in planning and zoning designations. Furthermore, zoning is a major factor in addressing the current housing affordability crisis which must not be back burned for 3 years running for what amounts to a calendaring matter.

As the staff report states, the conclusion of the 2023 annual plan amendment cycle calendared for July 19, 2024, conflicts with the deadline for adopting the county's 2025 comprehensive plan update on June 30, 2025. On behalf of our members, we are requesting the 2023 annual plan review cycle remain in place, and as necessary, the dates for the cycle be amended to accommodate the 2025 comprehensive plan update adoption.

BIA adamantly asserts that suspending the annual site-specific comprehensive plan review and amendment cycle from 2023-2025 could exacerbate existing land use issues and housing affordability in Clark County. We are requesting that Clark County Council and Community Planning seriously evaluate this middle ground option and retain the 2023 annual plan review cycle with adjusted dates to meet the deadline for adoption of the 2025 comprehensive plan.

Signed,

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