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Hello,

Please see the public comments below from CCCU.

Thank you!



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FOR THE PUBLIC RECORD

November 21, 2022

Dear Councilors,

Clark County Citizens United, Inc. sees a massive disparity in rural versus urban housing. CCCU's question to you is this. Why does someone, who wants a small farm or raise a family on land, have to pay \$379,000 to purchase five acres. Clearly, only the very rich can afford to buy the land, go through all of the expensive regulation requirements and then pay to build a home on that land and set up a farming operation. In the end, they are paying almost a million dollars. That is, if they can find the land in the first place.

This is a serious problem that the councilors must solve. In order to "save the farms" and allow someone wanting to be able to farm the land, the county must make the land available. That land must be financially accessible to that person wanting to live that lifestyle. At this time, that option is not available in Clark County. CCCU does not believe the Growth Management Act intended for this situation to happen, and corrections to the zoning and codes must be made. Otherwise farming will be inaccessible and will cease happening here in Clark County. Is that what the councilors want? If so, they need to tell the citizens the truth. If not, CCCU hopes to see important changes being made, in the upcoming year and with a newly elected council.

Sincerely,

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