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Subject: RE: ICC Clark County GMA Comp Plan Population Assumptions Comment Letter
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Good afternoon, Sean. Thank you for your comments related to the 2025 Comp Plan and Population Projections. Your comments have been forwarded to staff and will be added to the 2025 Comp Plan Index of Record. Your name and email will also be added to our database to receive future communications related to the 2025 Comp Plan. Thanks again.

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Chair Bowerman, Councilors and Manager Otto --

Please accept the attached letter on behalf of Identity Clark County Chair Steve Kenny and President Ron Arp regarding Growth Management Act Comprehensive Plan population assumptions.

We are standing by to answer questions. Many thanks.

Sean Philbrook

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Business Leaders Building Community

April 17, 2023

Chair Karen Dill Bowerman
Clark County Council
County Manager Kathleen Otto
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Dear Chair Bowerman, Councilors and Manager Otto:

The business leaders group Identity Clark County wishes to express our recommendation as you approach critically important assumptions for updating the Growth Management Act Comprehensive Plan.

We encourage you to rely upon actual experience in our county over the past 20 years to provide a reference point for projecting population growth for the next 20 years. During the past 20 years, our society has endured the popping of the tech bubble, a terrorism act on U.S. soil and a severe recession with lingering impact. Nevertheless, Clark County's population has continued to grow at more than 1.8 percent annualized growth through those 20 years. We presume that past underforecasting has fed our worse-than-average housing shortage as well as the job-generating deficit where our county has jobs for about 70 percent of our eligible workforce.

Given parameters supplied by the Office of Financial Management, we feel it is a prudent starting point to assume the **highest allowable option** as we begin the planning process, which is still lower than what we have experienced for decades. To be sure, this will require careful reevaluation of our land use and infrastructure. However, we consider it healthier to initiate planning with the higher growth assumption which better prepares our region for what it has been experiencing.

We look forward to working with the Council and staff as the Comprehensive Planning process takes shape.

Sincerely,

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Steve Kenny
Chair, Identity Clark County

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ron Arp', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Ron Arp
President, Identity Clark County