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Rebecca Messinger

From: Jacqui Kamp
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 4:03 PM
To: Rebecca Messinger; Sonja Wiser; Oliver Orjiako; Jose Alvarez
Subject: FW: REMINDER: Upcoming County Council public hearing on 20-year population projection-April 18

From: Larisa Sidorov <Larisa.Sidorov@clark.wa.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 3:41 PM
To: Jacqui Kamp <Jacqui.Kamp@clark.wa.gov>
Subject: FW: REMINDER: Upcoming County Council public hearing on 20-year population projection-April 18

Hi Jacqui,

Please see below.

Thanks!

Larisa Sidorov

From: serenalucey@aol.com <serenalucey@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 2:25 PM
To: Larisa Sidorov <Larisa.Sidorov@clark.wa.gov>
Subject: Re: REMINDER: Upcoming County Council public hearing on 20-year population projection-April 18

Larisa,

I plan to attend the Zoom Meeting. I was out of town on the public hearings held for the growth plan.

I do want to weigh in as a neighborhood leader in East Vancouver. I have concerns for significant growth for Vancouver, WA.

Infrastructure is key to growth--at present, Vancouver, WA has not been able to keep up with the current growth and infrastructure to maintain a good quality of life for its citizens. I have heard over the years that we do not want urban sprawl--from the City of Vancouver which resulted in smaller lots to build and more density in housing with apartments, etc. This means that the density of the population is concentrated in the City. This was to control the water, power and sewer systems, police and fire, hospitals, Dr.'s, medical facilities, public transportation and other services. What was left behind was not able to keep up with the parks--many not developed, roadways not clean from weeds, trash, etc.

I live off Old Evergreen Highway. There are no streetlights, nor is there a safe walking path for residents or cyclists. There are no funds for these improvements--the County has supported the Lewis & Clark Trail--this continues not to be developed for the 50 mile stretch from Washougal to Ridgefield.

Those of us living in Vancouver, WA received a mailer from the City of Vancouver regarding an issue with elevated PFAS in our water supply and though discovered in 2021--the City of Vancouver opted to share with us their findings. There is no plan at this time to address this problem --hard to assess how the water is being impacted as the numbers were previously lower and the cost to put systems in place to control PFAS dependent on the regulations set on the acceptable levels would be very costly. More information needs to be learned on this topic as we understand PFAS are not good for our health studies have concluded--cancer, live issues, etc. This should be a factor when speaking of growth--clean water should be a priority as our all other infrastructure items-- to ensure we protect the quality of life for those currently living within the city limits.

The Clark County jail was designed for 350 inmates--as we grow so does the crime. Our Police Chief, Jeff Mori has advised that 5% of our population causes most of our crimes--as the population grows so does the number of those that cause havoc. There is no plan for a new jail, I understand there is a plan to remodel --how many will this hold? I know there is a shortage of correctional officers as there is police. These may be resolved in the future--we do hope. I would advocate for a moratorium on any new building until we have a place to take our criminals off the street and housed to not continue to cause harm to others. Our growth plan should/must include plans on where to house those that choose to cause harm and havoc to the residents of the City of Vancouver.

I was born and raised in San Jose, California. I am a 3rd generation native of San Jose. My father grew up on a ranch in South San Jose. San Jose made many mistakes due to their rapid growth and lack of infrastructure to keep up with their growth. Cities can learn from their mistakes--this is why we study history--to learn what not to repeat.

In closing, I hear from many people people in our Neighborhood Association that they do not recognize Vancouver today. Their hope is that we are not mentioned on the daily news as is Portland -- a City that is no longer safe place to live as so many other cities across the Country. If you read Next-Door--there is a stream of stories on crime. In my neighborhood, we can not keep our mailboxes from being broken into. We have people caught on our cameras nightly coming through our neighborhoods and breaking into cars if they see something of interest. We currently do not have enough Dr.'s and nurses, medical facilities, police officers, corrections officers--I hop the projections understand that we are currently not whole as we look to project out the future and to take this into consideration.

Serena Lucey
Rivercrest Estates HOA President

On Wednesday, April 12, 2023 at 03:13:23 PM PDT, Larisa Sidorov <larisa.sidorov@clark.wa.gov> wrote:

Greetings,

This is a friendly reminder that the Clark County Council will hold a hearing on **Tuesday, April 18 at 6 p.m.** to take public testimony and approve a 2045 population projection from the range provided by the Office of Financial Management for the 2025 Comprehensive Plan update.

The Council held a work session on the topic on April 5 and asked staff to respond to questions that were discussed during the work session. The responses to those questions have been provided to Council and posted to the project page.

You can find the hearing materials here: <https://clark.wa.gov/community-planning/2025-update-meeting-and-event-information>

Information on how to attend the meeting and provide testimony can be found on the council's meeting page at <https://clark.wa.gov/councilors/clark-county-council-meetings>.

Thank you!

From: Clark Co. WA Communications <info@flashalert.net>

Sent: Monday, April 3, 2023 9:45 AM

Subject: County Council to hold work session and public hearing on 20-year population projection

Importance: High

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COUNTY COUNCIL TO HOLD WORK SESSION AND PUBLIC HEARING ON 20-YEAR POPULATION PROJECTION

News Release from **Clark Co. WA Communications**

Posted on FlashAlert: April 3rd, 2023 9:44 AM

Vancouver, Wash. – As part of the county's efforts on the 2025 Comprehensive Growth Management Plan update, Clark County Council will hold a work session and conduct a public hearing to take public testimony and select a 2045 population projection from the range provided by the Washington Office of Financial Management (OFM).

The State of Washington authorizes OFM to prepare 20-year growth management population projections for all counties in Washington every five years. The projections are developed within the framework of expected state growth and include three distinct ranges – low, middle, and high for each county. Clark County's population for 2045 is forecasted as follows:

- High 791,809
- Middle 698,416
- Low 576,151

(Source: <http://ofm.wa.gov/pop/gma/>)

According to state law (RCW 43.62.035), the **middle** range represents OFM's most likely estimate of a county's population. The RCW says in part: "the middle range shall represent the office's estimate of the most likely population projection for the county." Within each county, population planning targets for cities, towns, and unincorporated areas are worked out among the affected local jurisdictions as part of the regional, city and county planning process.

Both meetings will be held in a hybrid format. Attendees **can join in person in the sixth-floor hearing room of the Public Service Center, 1300 Franklin St., or virtually via Webex.**

The work session is scheduled for Wednesday, April 5 at 9 a.m. The work session is an informational session for the council to be briefed by staff in preparation for the hearing. The public is welcome to attend, however there will be no public comment at that time. That is reserved for the hearing.

The public hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, April 18 at 6 p.m. The hearing will be live on CVTV channel 23/323 and available later that day for on-demand viewing on CVTV.org.

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To learn more about the 2025 update and to sign up for project updates, please visit the project website at www.clark.wa.gov/2025update.

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DEVELOPMENT and ENGINEERING ADVISORY BOARD (DEAB)

Memorandum

TO: Clark County Council
FROM: DEAB
DATE: April 18, 2023
RE: April 13, 2023 DEAB Motions

During its April 14th (hybrid) meeting, DEAB approved a motion with recommendations to the Council as follows:

1. 20 – Year Population Projection for Clark County’s 2023 Comprehensive Plan Update

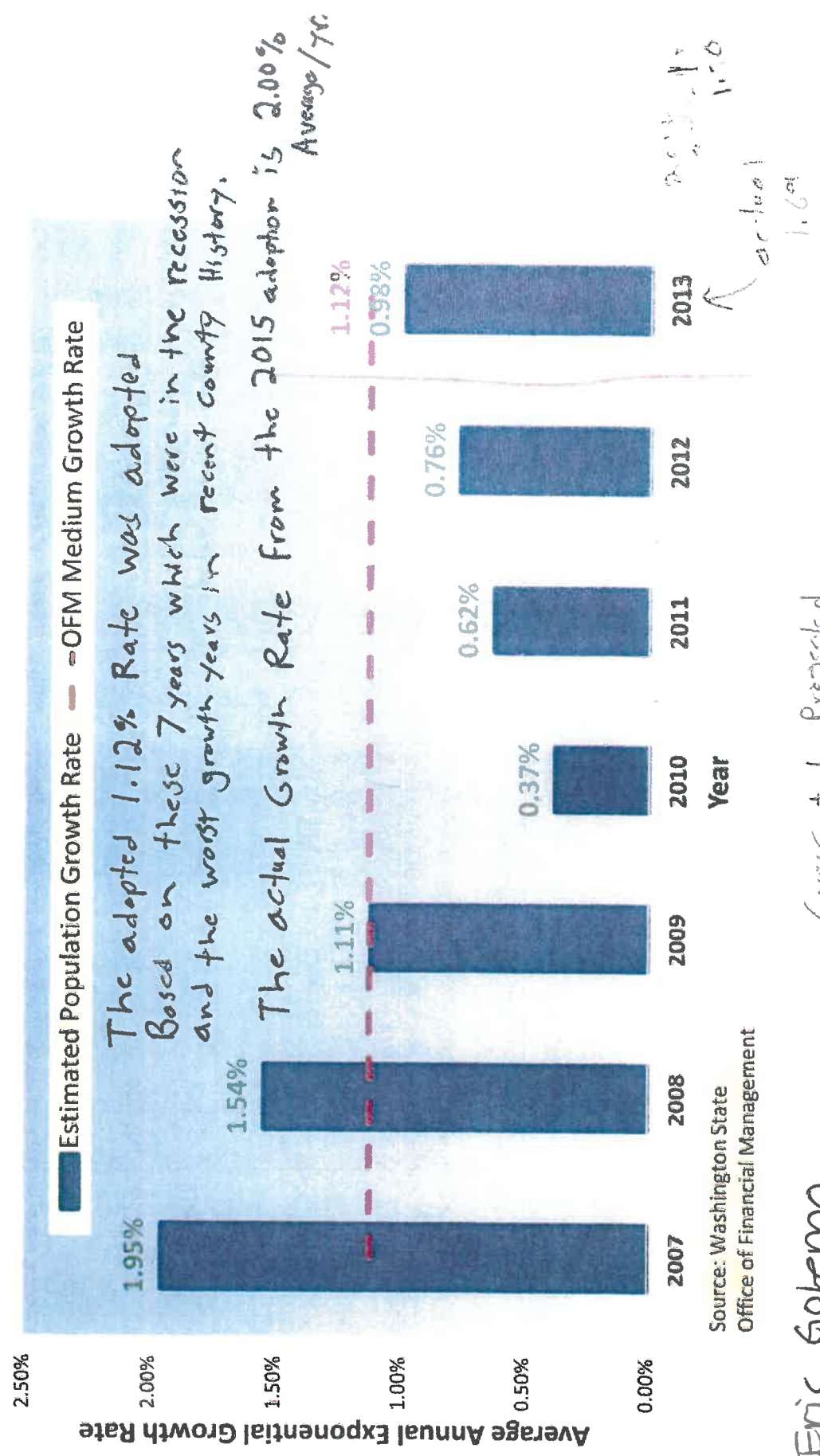
DEAB members recommend that Clark County adopt the “higher” end of the range which is close to Clark County’s historical growth rate over the last 20 years of 1.8%.

Motion passed unanimously.

Excerpt From 2015 Update BOCC Hearing Presentation 1-21-2014

Estimated Growth Rates

Estimated Growth Rates Compared to OFM Medium Projection

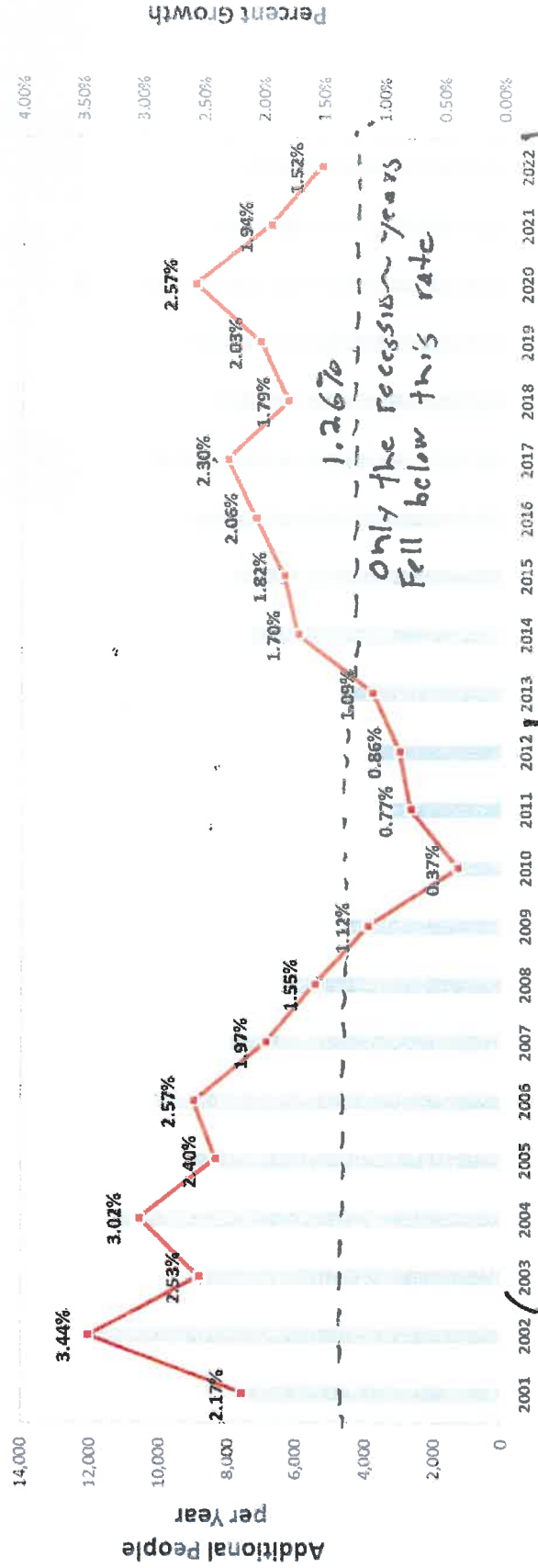


From: Eric Gohemo @hearing. ccd: Council / Staff - RN
Year + 1 projected

Historical Annual Growth Rate - OFM

Clark County Yearly Population Growth from 2001 to 2022 (1.89% Ave.)

Data Source: Washington OFM



20-year Ave Growth Rate
1.80%

10-year Ave. Growth Rate
1.88%