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Clark County Council
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P.O. Box 5000
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FOR THE PUBLIC RECORD

Re: Population statistics show a higher OFM population should be adopted

Dear Councilors,

Unfortunately a representative of Clark County Citizens United, Inc. was not able to attend the OFM population projection hearing on April 18, 2023, because they were out of town. But, that does not mean that CCCU is not extremely interested in the topic.

A major concern is that the numbers discussed in the OFM population projection, are only based on the urban population, and do not include the rural population. At one time, OFM did add 95,000 people, for the population increase in the rural area, to add to the urban population projection, for an overall county wide projection. But Clark County staff used that additional number in the urban growth area, and did not use it in the rural area. CCCU has submitted numerous testimony items, discussing that information, in the past.

The OFM population projection is supposed to be the overall population for the entire county, but that is not what has been happening. Because of that, there is no buffer to the urban area and the urban housing. In the Clark County Comprehensive Plan, the ratio of rural to urban is supposed to be 90% urban, 10% rural, but that has not been allowed. Instead, the rural area has only grown by .01%, which is essentially a no growth situation. That fact has prevented housing and affordable housing, available to all, in order to meet the market demands. Not all people are looking for urban housing. An attempt to force people into that housing scheme, is folly.

Staff needs to answer an important question. Do the OFM projection numbers, allow for the 10% growth in the rural area, that was adopted in the Clark County Comprehensive Plan?

Clark County Citizens United, Inc. believes the middle OFM urban projection number will not accommodate a county wide growth. Using a county wide projection, including the rural and resource areas, would have to assume a number between the middle and high projections.

What Clark County is doing now, is not working because growth in the rural area is not being allowed. The OFM projection numbers must be county

wide and allow for county wide growth.

Sincerely,

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