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Hello,

Please see the below public comments.

Thank you.



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FOR THE PUBIC RECORD

Dear Councilors,

Censorship makes for a poor Public Process. The membership of Clark County Citizens United is disappointed county managers, staff and the Clark County Council are preparing to advance major housing decisions and directions using an incomplete public record and inadequate reports. The continued use of curated study materials is problematic and has persisted throughout the two year ordeal of the Buildable Lands Report and the Housing Option Plan.

Omissions from the public record in combination with curating the committee's select study materials, are tools used to eliminate competing points of view. THIS IS CENSORSHIP. This supports the committee's unauthorized management process and the confined scope of work. There are hazards to this style of management:

- **This management process fails true public participation mandated by GMA laws.**
- **This management process usurps the concept of access to fair, equal and affordable housing options for all.**
- **This management process speaks to how the committee's work is being unethically and possibly illegally pursued to advantage one particular result.**
- **This management process intentionally disadvantages rural citizens.**

While various elected public officials may come and go, staff remain. Staff, the professional managers, have free reign and are able to interject personal biases onto the committee's work merely by how they choose to manage the process. This work eventually supports governing documents for countywide housing. This work must answer to all county citizens, including present and future rural and urban residents, indigenous communities, private industry and all department funding channels. Public money and resources are being expended in efforts to support policies that should result in social, economic and cultural benefits for all the people of Clark County.

Because this work is funded through various channels of public funds, no part of this process should be characterized as an effort that supports a particular lobbying campaign that is used to advance one outcome over others. Said another way, the management of the committee's process and the use of public funds should not intentionally drive an end result. However, the fatal decision to structure and manage the committee's decision making processes, via curated resource documents and limited scope of work, closely aligns with engineered processes that use bias to achieve the means to a targeted end result.

There's little solace for rural citizens that the county is looking out for their best interest. They are now more suspicious than ever that the public process is contaminated with mismanagement. It's time for the Clark County Council to reverse this problem.

Sincerely,

Susan Rasmussen, President

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