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**Subject:** RE: County Council hearing on proposed housing code amendments for unincorporated Vancouver Urban Growth Area set for July 25  
**Date:** Thursday, July 13, 2023 1:18:00 PM

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Dear Carol Levanen: Thank you for your comments related to the 2025 Comp Plan/Housing. Your comments have been forwarded to staff and will be added to the 2025 Comp Plan Index of Record. Your name and email is in our Comp Plan database to receive future communications related to the 2025 Comp Plan. Thanks again.

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FOR THE PUBLIC RECORD  
July 13, 2023

Clark County Council  
P.O. Box 5000  
Vancouver, Washington 98666

Dear Councilors,

Clark County Citizens United, Inc. questions how the county will meet the critical need for adequate affordable housing, when it is confined to only Vancouver, Washington and its "unincorporated area", which staff calls "rural". Surely, the Council knows there are other cities, resource lands and rural lands in Clark County, outside the urban growth area of Vancouver, that should receive their fair share of a variety of affordable housing that meets the needs of those living and wanting to live there. Why is Vancouver the only focus, when it comes to housing? That's not what the taxpayers want and that is not what they need. The Growth Management Act only says to encourage growth to occur in urban areas, it doesn't say to force growth there. There is more than one city in Clark County.

There needs to be a countywide approach to affordable housing that includes all areas of the county, not just Vancouver, CCCU imagines that Portland Metro, in

Oregon, is the driving force for these actions. Clark County already has approximately 80,000 people driving across the river because this county doesn't have enough jobs. There is plenty of land for jobs in the county, but Metro has been in the drivers seat. It's time Clark County takes over with the driving, and creates a county that thrives economically, with the housing that goes with it. The county cannot do that with the policies that are in place today.

Sincerely,

Carol Levanen, Exec. Secretary

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On Monday, July 10, 2023 at 05:22:28 PM PDT, Sonja Wiser <[sonja.wiser@clark.wa.gov](mailto:sonja.wiser@clark.wa.gov)> wrote:

## **COUNTY COUNCIL HEARING ON PROPOSED HOUSING CODE AMENDMENTS FOR UNINCORPORATED VANCOUVER URBAN GROWTH AREA SET FOR JULY 25**

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

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Vancouver, Wash. – The Clark County Council will consider proposed housing code amendments at a public hearing at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, July 25.

The meeting will be held in a hybrid format. Anyone interested can join in person in the sixth-floor hearing room of the Public Service Center, 1300 Franklin St. or virtually via Webex. It will also air live on CVTV channel 23/323 and CVTV.org. More information on participating in council hearings is available on the council website at <https://clark.wa.gov/councilors/clark-county-council-meetings>.

In addition to the housing code amendments, related proposed comprehensive plan text amendments will be reviewed by the council. The comprehensive plan text amendments are to insure there is consistency between the proposed code changes and the county's current 20-year comprehensive plan.

The proposed code changes, comprehensive plan text amendments and other project information can be found on the project webpage at [www.clark.wa.gov/housingoptions](http://www.clark.wa.gov/housingoptions).

The Clark County Council approved the [Housing Options Study and Action Plan \(HOSAP\)](#) in May of 2022 and directed staff to begin working on implementing strategies in the plan. The purpose of the plan is to encourage development of housing that is affordable to a variety of household incomes through the removal of regulatory barriers and/or implementation of other initiatives within the unincorporated Vancouver Urban Growth Area. The neighborhoods in this area include Hazel Dell, Salmon Creek, Felida, Pleasant Highlands, Minnehaha and Orchards. These neighborhoods have urban services that could support diverse housing types, like duplexes, triplexes, townhouses, condominiums, and small-scale

apartments, compared to the rural unincorporated areas of the county.

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