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November 13, 2023

Clark County Council
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I am writing to submit public testimony with the following suggestions:

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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