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Subject: FW: CCCU's response to Clark County Council work session on housing code amendments
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Only as FYI. Thanks.

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

January 12, 2024

FOR THE PUBLIC RECORD

Re: Clark County Council work session on housing code amendments

Clark County Citizens United, Inc. has reviewed the content of the proposed housing options. Missing is any mention of housing options for the rural and resource areas. Are the people who live in those areas, or want to live in those areas, not important? In the Report, they don't exist.

These folks pay a large portion of the property and sales taxes that Clark County uses to conduct business. Does that not matter to the Council? If the councilors believe the wants and needs of these folks don't matter, then why are they charging most of them the highest assessment in property taxes, just because they live on acreage they can't do anything with, to help pay those taxes.

The rural and resource areas have the same housing needs as the urban areas. Currently, there is no relief for them, even though the GMA mandates the county must allow a variety of affordable housing in the rural area. That does not include the urban growth areas.

This council must give these people opportunities for additional housing and jobs. The rural area has only grown .01% in the last five years, and that is not enough to sustain housing needs in that area, for the future. Just as the council is looking for affordable housing options for the homeless people in the urban areas, they have an

obligation and responsibility to assure affordable housing options are available for the homeless people in the rural area.

In addition, the Council has a responsibility to provide job opportunities for all the citizens within the county, which must be reflected in the update of the Comprehensive Plan. Over 90% of the people who live in Battle Ground, Washington, with a 2024 population of 21,928, commute many miles, outside of that area, to get to their jobs. On the other hand, the population of the other cities, particularly Ridgefield, with a 2023 population of 16,720, and others with smaller populations, are getting job opportunities, being encouraged in those areas.

CCCU does expect this Council to rectify the housing and job crisis in the rural and resource areas, with the current update of the Comprehensive Plan. We believe you are well aware that the 1994 rural and resource zoning, that locked up those lands for thirty (30) years, was wrong and illegal. Corrections must be made to all the rural zones, to allow additional housing and job opportunities, outside of the unincorporated urban growth areas.

Sincerely,

Carol Levanen, Exec. Secretary

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From: Sonja Wiser <sonja.wiser@clark.wa.gov>

Sent: Thursday, January 11, 2024 at 07:20:15 AM PST

Subject: Clark County Council work session on housing code amendments

Greetings,

The Clark County Council will conduct a work session on **Wednesday, January 17, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.** in the Councilors Hearing Room, sixth floor, Public Service Center, 1300 Franklin St., Vancouver, Wash. to consider additional work and review by the Technical Housing Code Forum on the following:

Housing code amendments related to middle housing and smaller single-family homes: Proposal to amend Clark County Code sections: 40.100.070-Definitions; 40.220.010-Urban Residential Districts; and 40.340.010- Parking, Loading and Circulation; and Clark County Code Chapters 40.260-Special Uses and Standards; and 40.520-Permits and Reviews. These proposed code amendments address short-term implementation strategies detailed in the adopted Housing Options Study and Action Plan (HOSAP) for smaller single-family detached homes and middle housing, including ADUs, duplexes, triplexes, quadplexes, townhouses and cottages in the existing low-density residential zones within the unincorporated Vancouver Urban Growth Area.

The work session will be held in a hybrid format with options to attend remotely or in-person. Additional meeting details and information on how to join remotely will be posted on the [County Council's meeting](#)

[page](#). The work session is open to the public, however there will be no public comment as part of the event. Written comments from the public can be submitted to staff at any time.

To learn more about the project, visit <https://clark.wa.gov/community-planning/housing-options-study-and-action-plan>.



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