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Sonja

Could you please forward this email to Catherine, Oliver, all the Councilors and the Planning Commission on my behalf as soon as possible.

Thanks
Jack Harroun

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As a member of the Planning Commission I first would like to thank staff for their work on the 2025 Comprehensive Plan Update. It is and will continue to be a heavy lift with critical implications. As a member of the Planning Commission, I recognize the criticality of this work and the 20-year ramifications of our input and decisions.

Last week, I received a series of emails regarding the Population & Employment Allocation associated with 2025 Comprehensive Plan Update. The emails requested that Method A be reinstated as an option for configuring the Population Allocation. This came as a surprise as according to the presentation and staff comments during the work session on February 1, there were two methodologies being considered, Method A and Method B. Staff commented at the work session that both Methods needed refinement based on input from jurisdictions or community stakeholders prior to further Planning Commission consideration.

Based on the flood of comments I received requesting Method A be reinstated, I drilled down on the matter and discovered that Method A was eliminated from the pending presentation slated for our February 29 Planning Commission Public Hearing. Further exploration showed that of all the documents posted for the February 29 Public Hearing analyzed Method B and did not include any reasoning or supporting documentation for excluding Method A as an option. I discussed the matter with Councilor Yung who discussed it with County staff. As a result, Method A was reinstated at some point last week in the presentation but not in Issue Paper 5 which provides staff's analysis.

My top concerns at this time are whether each of the material revisions was properly publicly noticed and, most importantly, whether the public has full understanding of what they are commenting on. As a member of the Planning Commission, I am close to this issue, yet I am struggling to follow the documentation. We need a work

session on the revised Population and Employment Allocation prior to the public hearing. It is critical that we understand the analysis and refinements for both Method A and Method B before bringing it to the public and County Council.

Additionally, at the workshop that this was presented; it was presented in a manner that led me to believe that there would be another workshop coming. The information was presented as extremely preliminary and few answers were given. Also I believe there were only 4 commissioners present.

I am requesting the cancellation of this Thursday's hearing and that we slow the pace and align the documentation. Further, I recommend scheduling a new Planning Commission work session on the material changes to allow our members to digest the new data, have our questions answered, and provide feedback prior to moving this onto Council. The Council relies on the Planning Commission to advise them on planning matters that impact Clark County. Very few planning initiatives will have the impact that the 20-year Population and Employment Allocation will have on our community. It is incumbent on us to bring our best understanding to this issue.

Thank You

Jack Harroun