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Dear Tina,

Thank you for your comments related to the comprehensive plan EIS. I will forward them to staff and add to the Index of Record.

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Dear Clark County Council-

I would like to ask you to consider the concept of De-Growth as you plan for the County's future development.

Usually the concept of De-Growth gets brushed aside as unrealistic and unattainable, however I beg you to hear me out.

First of all, Clark County (just as our planet in general) is finite, so continuing to plan for exponential growth of population, economy and infrastructure is physically impossible- once farmland or natural spaces are built over, they will not reappear elsewhere, and the actual size of the County also cannot grow.

I have heard proponents of De-Growth demand that people and infrastructure growth 'just go elsewhere', which also is not a feasible solution.

So what we are left with is a finite County, which will have to sustain more people, without losing its vitality and natural resources.

To me, De-Growth means the urgent need to change ideologies and belief systems. Measuring wealth and progress by means of GDP growth and ongoing construction of new commercial infrastructure/buildings has to be a thing of the past, as ongoing physical growth and expansion is impossible on said physically finite planet.

As you plan ahead for the County's future, I ask you to envision

-higher density urban areas with increased amounts of natural spaces, centered around small clusters of commerce therefore reducing the amount of travel needed for work, recreation, and shopping, and allowing for use of public transportation or micromobility devices.

-please do not allow MORE commercial buildings! We are running out of space, and have plenty of retail to go around to serve a growing population.

-any new retail should be integrated into high density housing, and existing retail (i.e. strip malls) need to be retrofitted to be multi story to add housing and reduce car-centered infrastructure.

-consider the concept of De-Growth a way in which to meet everybody's needs more efficiently, and without wasting out remaining natural areas and resources.

-Development should mean changing what we currently have saving the few and changing it into something that can serve the many, rather than continuing to add on.

An interesting read on how this might be done, and how to possibly shift our society's mindset from exponential growth and eventual depletion of resources to a sustainable future is the book "Doughnut Economics" by Kate Raworth

Regards, Tina Barrows