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Hi Jeff:

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September 15, 2024

FOR THE PUBLIC RECORD AND THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

**Re: Legacy Lands Farm Conservation - Work Session - September 18, 2024**  
<https://clark.wa.gov/sites/default/files/media/document/2024-09/091824-legacy-lands-farm-conservation.pdf>

Clark County Citizens United, Inc. OPPOSES Legacy Lands Farm Conservation

Dear Councilors,

The membership of Clark County Citizens United, Inc. strongly opposes the Legacy Land Farm Conservation of rural zoned land, as it will ultimately lead the county to implement management practices and/or cause to create destructive acts targeting rural families and preventing ownership of private property.

CCCU's concerns are many.

- 1. This proposed action appears as if it has already advanced far ahead in line of any formal rule-making process.**
- 2. Simply put, the process used here was undertaken to bypass opposition and allow the action to advance unabated.**
- 3. It looks like the action is determined to further control land uses, functions, personal land management activities, and, ultimately, thwart land ownership.**
- 4. The level of control and damage such action would cause for private choices, land use restrictions and management of private properties is breathtaking.**
- 5. Protections for private properties remains one of the GMA Planning Goals. That means, citizens have rights to manage and control private properties.**
- 6. This action has the potential to undermine, and in some cases, eliminate zoned uses of private lands. This undermines one's ability to make independent decisions for land management, common and customary uses of the land, and impacts productive beneficial uses of private land. These are all functions of property rights and are worthy of protections. However, there is no analysis.**
- 7. Clark County has already been using Conservation Covenants that interfere with land ownership with controls placed on the owners, the properties and the Deeds.**
- 8. No actions should be taken that further eliminate land uses, and cause the county to assume ownership, or an entity acting as a governmental agency, or a portion of private property.**
- 9. Objectively Study the impacts to protections for private property.**
- 10. Objectively study the impacts to property taxes. Undoubtedly, the property taxes for the subjected parcels will be portioned out to the rest of the citizens to carry the burden.**
- 11. The information provided by Clark County is woefully inadequate and fails to enable reasoning and intent for the action.**
- 12. There is no information regarding the impacts to rural housing affordability.**
- 13. There is no information on the impacts to the current Buildable Lands Report and the resulting depletion of rural lots. The rural areas are already suffering inadequate supplies of buildable parcels. This was predicted in the 2007 Buildable Lands Report.**

**14. Without question, this action will further increase the displacement of rural families, drive fragmentations, upend support systems, and harm a particular culture of people whose families have lived in the rural areas across generations.**

**15. Where does the county plan on housing these rural refugees and how does the county plan to mitigate the harmful impacts stated above?**

**16. Where did the action come from? What individual or group came up with the idea?**

**17. When and where were the primary rural stakeholders, who will be affected by this proposal, involved in the process?**

This is a misguided and destructive act that impacts long-standing, commonly held beliefs regarding the importance of land ownership in our society. This act holds the potential for a major shift in steadfast, societal principles. Not enough study and information is provided by staff to enable thorough reasoning and thoughtful deliberation. This proposal must be rejected.

Sincerely,

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