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Hello,

Please see the comments below from CCCU. Thanks!



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FOR THE PUBLIC RECORD (**Please note: this email**
www.clark.wa.gov/councilors/public-comment
posted on the 11-19-2024 Clark County Council meeting
notice, is not valid)

Re: CCCU requests changes to the Agricultural Advisory Commission roster to include affected citizens

Dear Councilors,

Clark County Citizens United, Inc. has reviewed the proposal to create an Agricultural Advisory Commission, who will advise the Council over possible policy items. This committee has been a long time coming and hopefully it will resolve many issues that this community has faced in the past. In particular, onerous fines and regulations on landowners who want to make their agriculture buildings productive while they conduct agriculture activities. But as CCCU reviews the potential members of the Commission, we see a glaring lack of those persons who are actually being directly affected. This is Clark County's list, which CCCU believes needs correction.

1. One member from the Clark Conservation District;

CCCU supports this item.

70 2. One member from the Cowlitz Tribe;

CCCU does not support this item as the tribe is located in an isolated area of the county and its primary activity is not agriculture.

71 3. One member from the agricultural processing industry;

CCCU supports this item.

73 4. One member representing the consumers of agricultural products;

CCCU questions this item. Is this just a "man on the street"?

74 5. One member who has expertise in agricultural programs; and

**CCCU questions this item. Will this person
have actual credentials for such programs?**

75 6. The remaining eight voting members are to include agricultural producers

CCCU supports this item, but the number of these members is too great. They should be replaced with these five additional members, leaving three agriculture producers. CCCU supports a voting member from each of the following affected organizations.

(1) 4-H.

(2) FFA,

(3) NRCS,

(4) USDA

(5) Executive Horse Council.

76 7. representing both large-scale and small-scale producers of a variety of agricultural products produced in Clark County.

CCCU Notes: All of these remaining organizations should be voting members.

79 D. In addition to the voting members, a representative from each of Washington

80 State University Extension,

the Natural Resources Conservation Service, and

681 agriculturally involved youth,

such as 4-H or

Future Farmers of America, may serve on

82 the Commission in an ex officio, non-voting capacity.

Clark County Citizens United, Inc. asks the Councilors to assure there is fair and equitable representation by changing the membership of this Commission to include those persons most affected by any future adopted agriculture policies.

Sincerely,

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