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Please see the comments below for tomorrow. Thanks.



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2025-2045 Comprehensive Plan Update DEIS hearing

**Date of Hearing**

Fri, 12/06/2024

**Comment**

Dear Council Members,

I am writing as a tax-paying and voting citizen of Clark County and on behalf of my family and neighbors. It is imperative that you delay all decisions regarding the DEIS alternatives until the new councilors are seated. The voters made it clear in the 2024 election that they would like a change in the way decisions are made. The new councilors will very likely make different decisions than the lame duck councilors, and the push to decide on the DEIS alternatives in a special hearing on a Friday morning during the holidays suggests something nefarious is afoot. The short notice of this hearing has made it so people like myself cannot attend due to prior family engagements. Do we really want to govern this county in a last-minute way that excludes most people from being present at hearings?

There is no reason to speed through the alternatives decision and not allow the new council to decide. After all, they are the ones that will be guiding us through the next few years.

With all that said, if you choose to move forward with this (despite the many comments asking you to wait for the new council), I urge and request that you approve DEIS alternatives that deny any expansion of the urban growth boundary into forest and agricultural lands, as well as any of the site specific mining requests. It is my understanding that urban growth can be met within the current growth boundaries. In addition, there has been no update to the county-wide mining plan since 2014. It would be foolish and short-sighted to add mining lands without having a clear study on the needs and most appropriate places to do said mining. Many of us choose to live in Clark County because of the access to agricultural and forest lands within our county footprint. That should be considered when making decisions to open up development and mining on those lands. We are more than overflow than Portland. We have our own identity, and that is defined by our access to agricultural and forest lands.

To the outgoing councilors: think about YOUR legacy. It is CLEAR to your constituents that you are trying to push this through at the last minute. Do you want folks to spend future years talking about how your decisions as lame duck councilors made things worse for our county, its citizens, and our forest and agricultural lands? Or do you want to be known for doing the right thing, which is stepping aside and allowing the new councilors to have a say in how our county grows and moves forward?

Thank you for your time,

Jessica Becker

