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Please see the below comments for this morning's hearing. Thank you.



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Dear Council Members,

I write this letter representing the undersigned people regarding the proposed agenda item for December 6th, 2024 “**2025-2045 Comprehensive Plan Update**”.

Last week our community learned that a national mining corporation is seeking multiple surface mining overlays on a number of properties next to, and nearby, Lake Merwin Campers Hideaway (LMCH). Many of our residents are very concerned. None of us

received any formal notice from the County of these actions that certainly could have a profound adverse impact on our community. There are 1,500 members at LMCH and others along NE Fern Avenue. We are collectively **appalled that we have received no notice from the County and learned of it only through neighbors in Chelatchie earlier this week.** We understand these proposals are part of the Comprehensive Plan update and two new councilors will be sworn in after the first of the year

We believe there is no justification for convening the upcoming special meeting or discussing the proposed agenda given the lack of notice to our community and the profound impacts such decisions could have on us. Also, the timing raises concerns, especially given that two council members choosing not to seek reelection will not be on the new council and yet will be voting on these issues with no future accountability to us as residents and voters. Generally, if elected officials take actions that the people question or oppose, the elected people have accountability. However, with two councilors leaving, should they vote to approve consideration of these Surface Mining overlays, then they can just walk away with no accountability to us. Such a result appears contrary to our American principles.

We strongly urge the council to refrain from voting on any matters during this meeting. It is crucial to uphold proper processes for decision-making. The outgoing councilors had the opportunity to participate in the 2025 process by running for reelection but chose not to, thereby passing the responsibility to their successors. It is inappropriate for them to attempt to bind incoming councilors to policy decisions that should rightfully be made by those elected to serve.

I have lived in Clark county for over 32 years and am appalled this was never brought to my attention!

I respectfully ask all councilors to take no action during the December 6th meeting.

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