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Cc: Oliver Orjiako; Jose Alvarez; Rebecca Messinger
Subject: RE: Pass the Amended Comp Plan DEIS Resolution

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Good morning, Karissa,

Thank you for submitting comments regarding Resolution No. 2025-03-xx. I am adding members of Staff and will enter these into the Comprehensive Plan Index of Record.

I am also including Rebecca Messinger from the County Manager's office to forward your message to the Council ahead of the Apr. 15th Hearing.

Best regards,



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From: Karissa Halstrom <karissa.halstrom@hotmail.com>

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Please pass Clark County RESOLUTION NO. 2025-04-xx **AS IS,** which would omit options from the Comp Plan DEIS that would require the de-designation of resource lands or surface mining overlay designations, as well as discontinue the countywide resource lands study.

The Council has already informally endorsed the best path forward for the Comp Plan DEIS and just needs to formalize that path by adopting the Amended Resolution as drafted. This amended resolution was agreed unanimously during Council Time on March 5, 2025.

Clark County Community Planning has identified that there is enough land within existing urban growth boundaries to accommodate all projected population growth for the County. Therefore, by seeking to include resource land de-designation scenarios in the DEIS, the Clark County Council would be ignoring its obligations to act on the climate emergency and other elements of the Growth Management Act (reducing sprawl, transportation, protecting and enhancing the environment, open space and recreation, natural resources) intended to protect the quality of life for Clark County residents and preserve our precious natural resources that ensure community resiliency.

The cities can simply submit plans that do not destroy our dwindling agricultural and forest land while contributing to harmful sprawl. Because county staff has indicated there isn't time to do the resource lands study correctly, we could end up with a poor, hastily done study with development and mines where forests and farms once were. This is not what I want the future of Clark County to look like. Additionally, taxpayers would pay a huge price for a poor study that would render the Comp Plan Update legally indefensible, as indicated by County staff. The Council should return to their plan to delay the study after the Comp Plan Update when time and resources are available.

Karissa Halstrom