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Good afternoon, Don,

Thank you for submitting comments regarding Resolution No. 2025-04-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 Don Steinke – Climate Action of Southwest Washington
To the Clark County Council

Re: Pass the Amended Comp Plan DEIS Resolution

Dear Councilmembers,

My name is Don Steinke, I'm a retired physics educator. I live in rural East County.

I urge you to pass the Amended Comp Plan DEIS Resolution, the one that excludes de-designations of agricultural land for sprawling development in the DEIS

Context

In 2012, your Comp plan included a statement by the Clark County Health Department declaring that Climate Change was a Public Health Emergency.

SEPA requires you to prepare an EIS. The purpose of an EIS is to learn the whole truth and nothing but the truth.

The SEPA process takes time. I participated in the 7-year SEPA process for a \$2 billion methanol project in Kalama. It took that long because the applicant refused to answer the questions that Ecology asked. We appealed the Final EIS twice because it was not complete. We had a supplemental Final EIS followed by a second supplemental Final EIS. We defeated that project even after Gov Inslee had blessed it.

I think you will have a difficult time completing an EIS in less than 2 years particularly because the proposals before you violate several laws.

In 2020, our legislature passed a law RCW 70A.45.020, which say: The state shall reduce overall emissions of greenhouse gases in the state forty-five percent by 2030, and ninety-five percent by 2050.

In 2023, our legislature amended the Growth Management Act to require Clark County to reduce emissions, to reduce vehicle miles traveled (VMT) and to develop a climate impacts resilience plan.

In 2024, the voters of Clark County voted to support the Climate Commitment Act by a 14% margin.

The first step in reducing emissions and VMT is . . . to stop increasing them.

For every decision you make, ask yourself, will this increase emissions or decrease emissions.

Sprawl increases emissions and VMT. The GMA also says to reduce sprawl.

Don Steinke