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Good Morning, Councilors:

On your agenda on Tuesday, April 15, 2025, under Separate Business, Item #3, is a request to approve the Amended Resolution. This resolution was amended at your March 5 Council Time meeting, during which there were several minutes of robust discussion. Further discussion on this topic took place on April 8, 2025.

It appears that - at this time - there are those who are asking that the Council NOT approve the amended resolution. I am asking that you reject those requests for the following reasons:

First, after the discussion at Council Time on March 5, the Council unanimously decided to pause the Resource Land Study until after this Comprehensive Plan update and, also remove SSR SMO requests from further review for this update

And the Council listed several different reasons for that decision including but not limited to a strongly held belief it would not be possible to complete a full, accurate and study because of lack of time and financial resources.

Secondly, based upon the direction of the Council, it is now presumed that the County Manager has had those appropriate discussions with the cities and the consultants and have been requested "to submit an alternative that does not include a de-designation of a parcel";

Thirdly, Staff has determined, and **consistently** has stated since at least May 2024, that all the existing UGA boundaries have sufficient capacity for all the allocated housing and population forecasts based upon the selected OFM number meaning that the existing UGAs are more than sufficient to handle the forecasted population, housing and employment allocations

Fourthly, contrary to some statements in the record, **there is no requirement that the County conduct any periodic review of resource lands. The WAC only requires that before the County designates or de-designates resource lands, it must conduct a county wide study. Thus, the law does not require that the County conduct such a study at this time as part of this update.**

In conclusion, there is nothing in the record to provide any reasonable justification for reversing the determinations made on March 5, 2025 where Council concluded that in order to conduct a resource land study that will be done right.

A comprehensive, county wide, legally acceptable study which comprehensively analyzes can, and should, wait until this growth plan is completed.

Regards
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