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Hello Jan,

I will be sure to add to the record.

Thank you,
Rebecca



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Dear Rebecca, please enter this email and attached PDF into the record for the May 7th Council meeting.

Thank you,

Jan Kelly



May 2, 2025

To: Clark County Councilors

1300 Franklin Street, 6th Floor

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RE: Eminent Comp Plan Delay due to the proposed AG land study

Dear Councilors,

We strongly urge you to heed the council of your staff. Do not begin this AG land study right now. Do it later when there is sufficient time to produce a meaningful report. In addition to the county having enough time to select a proper company to do the study and not just be a rubber stamp for the developers.

We all can see that our county is growing in population. That being said, we believe the current

size of the cities is large enough to satisfy the housing need for the projected population increase. For example: The city of Vancouver is planning on building up; multiple story with multiple uses buildings.

Many of the new developments are examples of smaller homes with smaller yards lacking personality, and lacking parking spaces. This new building style will most likely have an effect on everyone's quality of life. This effect will not always be in positive ways. Growth needs to be managed and leave room for open spaces and streets wide enough for guest parking and safe navigation.

The prudent thing to do is to focus upon completing the comp plan update, and not wasting time and resources on a county wide AG land study. The Clark County Council members have the luxury of having a very wise and competent staff who has stated in council meetings that they simply do not have the personnel nor the time required to do a meaningful, complete study that is required. Also please note that the state will not grant any further extensions for the completion of the updated comp plan from Clark County.

The AG land study in question will certainly create delays in the completion of the comp plan will place the county once again in a NON-COMPLIANT STATE with our state Growth Management Act.

The consequences will be harmful to the county financial status in many ways. As we have seen in the past one such consequence is the lack of applying for grants due to our county not meeting the requirements for the grant application. Further consequences will also be the lack of being granted low-cost loans for much need county infrastructure.

Why the council would knowingly venture down this path can only be viewed as reckless. The optics of this action highlight the majority of the council placing the desires of a few landowners /developers ahead of the needs of the county as a whole.

The purpose of the comp plan update is to grow our county with an organized plan in place. Not to be rushed into any hasty decisions as a result of any pressure from the building industry.

The county council members represent more people than the few people representing the building trades. It is time to choose what is best for the county as a whole.

As far as the AG land goes - please remember that we must preserve the ability to produce our own fresh food locally. Having produce being trucked into our county from other states, and countries cannot be good for climate change. We must keep as much AG land as possible in our county limits. Without AG land our food supply will suffer. Our farmers are one of our greatest assets.

Best regards,

Janet Kelly

President

Friends of Central Vancouver