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**To:** [Rowen Oaks](#); [Cnty 2025 Comp Plan](#); [Rebecca Messinger](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Urgent Request: Submit the Comp Plan on Time – Delay Agricultural Land Study  
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Good day, Rowen,

Thank you for submitting comments regarding the Ag Study for the Land Use Alternatives to be studied in the DEIS.

These will be entered into the Comprehensive Plan Index of Record.

Best regards,



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Dear Councilors,

I'm writing to urge you to ensure Clark County remains in compliance with state law by

meeting the Comprehensive Plan update deadline and postponing the study of agricultural land until after the Comp Plan is submitted in December 2025.

Delaying the Comp Plan deadline would stall critical climate and housing policies that we urgently need to implement. Cities like Yacolt, Battle Ground, and Camas—who have followed the rules—would also be forced to delay their plans. We cannot afford to hold up progress countywide.

County staff have made it clear that including a rushed agricultural land study now jeopardizes our ability to meet the deadline. If we miss it, Clark County risks losing access to essential state grants and low-interest loans—funding that could be lost permanently and delay the very work those funds are meant to support.

The pressure to de-designate agricultural land is being driven by Ridgefield and La Center, who are now reacting to developer interests after years of poor land use planning. Neither city has built new multifamily housing in the past two years, despite being well aware of state requirements. Their last-minute demands do not reflect the best interests of their communities and should not determine the trajectory for the entire county.

La Center's recent statements show a clear disregard for the goals of the Growth Management Act—goals we must uphold: reducing sprawl, protecting resource lands, and ensuring housing for all income levels. The county should not enable cities that seek to defy those goals or implement exclusionary zoning practices.

Both Councilor Yung and Councilor Little ran campaigns based on protecting the environment, rural character, and affordable housing. How is going out of compliance with state law or helping Ridgefield and La Center avoid multifamily housing requirements in line with those promises?

Please prioritize timely submission of the Comprehensive Plan and delay the ag land study until afterward. Clark County's future—and its credibility—depends on it.

Sincerely,

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