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Good day, Nancy,

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 County Councilors:

I am a Clark County resident. I would like to comment on the Comprehensive Plan Update, specifically on the decision to do a study of agricultural land, a study that is unnecessary and that will delay submission of the Update. I can't attend the meeting May 7th and am alternatively submitting this comment.

I urge you to reverse your vote supporting the study of agricultural land. I urge you to vote against doing the study and act to ensure the Update is submitted timely.

My concern about the delay is based on three things: the effect of the delay on the county moving forward on climate issues that are important to me and our

county, the possible loss of grant money, and the push to remove yet more agricultural land from agricultural production and into development.

I am very concerned about climate issues. The effects of climate change can't be denied. As I write this, we have had very little rain for over a month, in a time of the year when we should be having daily rain. The wildfire risk is elevated. And there are areas in Clark County that experience poor air quality. The Update climate provisions attempt to address these and related environmental issues.

Scientists agree we are already very behind in implementing necessary actions that will have an impact on climate change. Pursuing the agricultural land study and not timely submitting the Update will cause a significant delay in implementing the Update's climate related provisions. That delay will be at least six months and can extend to a year or more. That delay is unacceptable and will result in harm to county residents.

Also, significantly, our county may lose out on receiving grants as a result of the delay. Every governmental body faces a fiscal crisis. Clark County is no exception. We can't afford to forego a funding source. There is no reason to not submit the Update on time. Timely submission will allow the county to take advantage of all funding sources.

Finally, I'm concerned about sprawl in our county. I'm concerned about the extent to which that sprawl has invaded agricultural land. There are many land use provisions the county can use to address the needs of our ever increasing population and efficiently use land within the existing urban growth boundary. There is no need to further invade agricultural land. There is no need for the agricultural land study.

Please change your vote supporting the agricultural land study.

Thank you for considering my comments and for all your work as Councilors.

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