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Good day, Jude,

Thank you for submitting comments regarding the resource lands assessment 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 Council

Jude Wait is my name. My Ph.D. in Environmental and Natural Resource SCIENCE features the Resilience of Food Farming in Rapidly Urbanizing Clark County--all about farmers support needs, food system opportunities, and policies that drive agricultural viability. This is my third round of GMP updates.

I recommend you follow County Staff recommendations for the many reasons they have provided, alongside extensive public input. Please do not delay coming into compliance with the growth management act, further encompassing natural resource protection laws.

1. Please honor the intent and guiding ordinance of the Agricultural Advisory Commission regarding land use policies. Any area-wide planning falls within their scope of work.

2. New to the GMP update -- County Planning is developing the new Climate Element, which has very significant applicability to all land use policies and the DEIS. Responsible area-wide planning for natural resources and development needs to be accountable to the Climate Element. You need the Climate Element of Plan to govern future planning.

Clark County has just completed extensive community engagement notably informed by the 15 Environmental Justice Coalition (EJC) member organizations. The EJC in turn significantly informed the Community Advisory Group (CAG) consensus-based recommendations on Goals and Policies to be included in the Climate Element.

CAG members included development, conservation, and environmental justice interests. They reached consensus through dialogue. One person from the development sector indicated a preference for dialogue and consensus, yet here we are. Future area-wide planning could engage the many voices and diverse expertise needed. In the future, we can keep our limited dollars local.

We (the Farm and Food Justice Network) recommend that any area-wide planning (and the Ag Commission) take lessons from the successful EJC and CAG processes. Additionally, the Climate Element Goals and Policies are informed by Technical experts across multiple agencies intersecting the GMP and DEIS.

Please do not undermine your investments in a more resilient and equitable Clark County: Complete the Update on time; Delay the resource land assessment.

Thank you for your attention,

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