



CLARK COUNTY COMMUNITY WORKSHOP – AGRICULTURAL LANDS STUDY
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2025
OPEN HOUSE – PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Battle Ground Community Center
912 E Main Street
Battle Ground, Washington

5:30 p.m.

TESTIMONY

DAWKINS: Michael Dawkins, D-a-w-k-i-n-s, and my address is 705 North 9th Place, Ridgefield, 98642. So, I am the owner of my property at 2405 N.W. 329th Street in Ridgefield and it's 20.3 acres that has been indicated for annexation into the City of La Center and de-designated from agriculture to commercial.

My property will not sustain agricultural crop, does not have water rights and is only suitable for four to five acres of hay. The nine acres of timber on it will stay timber and will not be affected by a zoning change and any environmentally sensitive areas will be protected more so as commercial than in the agricultural designation.

It is a waste of resource to have a single-family home on 20 acres of view property at the La Center Junction and highest and best use is to promote jobs and housing for the La Center community and also provide a viable commercial tax base that will also support the community.

The property is in the shadow of the Ilani or the Cowlitz Tribe complex and is one parcel away from future development. There is a Marriott Hotel, we've got a drive-thru Starbucks a quarter mile away, all utilities can be brought through including sewer, power and water.

I look forward to walking the property and showing the potential, that public and private partnership is very important as well as environmental sustainability. This property is a prime example of where development should be as it will support both the County and the City of La Center. Thank you for your time.