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Good day, Jessica,

Thank you for your feedback related to the Agricultural Lands Study for the 2025 Comprehensive Plan Update.

I have forwarded your comments to Staff and will enter these into the Index of Record.



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Dear Clark County Council,

I am writing in strong support of **maintaining and expanding agricultural land designations** based on the findings of the 2025 Clark County Agricultural Lands Study.

The study confirms that **all currently designated agricultural resource lands meet the legal criteria for long-term commercial significance**, with **96%** qualifying as Prime Farmland or Farmland of Statewide Importance. It also shows that **additional rural lands—98%** of them—meet the same criteria and should be designated.

These lands are essential to Clark County's **local food security, climate resilience, rural economy, and long-term sustainability**. The study also shows that designated lands tend to stay in larger parcels and are more actively farmed, demonstrating that designation effectively supports agricultural use.

As a resident of Vancouver, I urge you to:

- **Retain** all existing agricultural designations that the study shows meet legal standards.
- **Add** agricultural designations to the eligible additional lands identified.

These actions follow the data, uphold state law, and protect irreplaceable farmland for future generations.

I have been saddened by the loss of farms where I used to take my kids to pick berries, veggies, and purchase from their farm store. I love our Farmer's Market and really want to support the local community. Allowing farms to be developed for other use hinders us in so many ways.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration.

Sincerely,

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~ Jessica Cottam