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**Subject:** RE: Comprehensive plan update  
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Good day, Roseann,

Thank you for submitting this feedback in relation to the 2025 Comprehensive Plan Update.

This has been forwarded to additional members of Staff and will be entered into the Index of Record.

Best,

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Dear Commissioners,

I have taken time to read the comprehensive plan update, especially as it concerns LaCenter and Ridgefield, and would like to add my thinking to the record.

I moved to Ridgefield in 1985, first living in the area near Whipple creek park, and a year later bought acreage in east Ridgefield. As I'm sure you can imagine, we have seen tremendous growth over the years. First with some housing up near Ridgefield high school, then Dollar Tree warehouse and such in the Pioneer area. Even this was heartbreaking to see potato and flower fields being turned into giant warehouses and subdivisions.

Fast forward 25 years and we are where we are. The beautiful rolling hills of Ridgefield have turned In subdivisions and fast food chains. The convenience of having a grocery store nearby and a few extra choices for gas stations has been hard to accept as a trading for the tremendous growth this beautiful farmland has been subject to.

I urge you to not add extra parcels to the urban growth plan. I believe it is essential to maintain agricultural lands in Clark County. These lands sustain and encourage small scale farming, pasture for cattle, hay for livestock, wineries,

Christmas tree farms, and open land for wildlife.

A song I remember from my childhood included the lines “you paved paradise and put up a parking lot.“ Once the prime soil of current agriculture land in open parcels is developed, it is extremely difficult to return it to soil suitable for farming. Clark County has some of the richest soil for agriculture, along with a climate that promotes growing crops. We must be very mindful before we bulldoze more of this precious land.

I understand housing is essential for our continued growth. I think the county can do a better job of developing more infill and density in current residential areas.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Roseann Thomsen  
Resident of Ridgefield, Washington