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Subject: RE: Comprehensive Plan update comments; preserve all Ag lands
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Good day, Peter,

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 Councilors,

I urge you to accept the recommendations of the Agricultural Lands Study and to vote to PRESERVE ALL DESIGNATED AGRICULTURAL LANDS and also DESIGNATE ALL QUALIFIED AGRICULTURAL LANDS.

I have lived in Vancouver for over 30 years (I am a constituent of Councilor Yung) and during that time I have seen many acres of agricultural and forest land turned into urban land. I think it has been a huge loss to the character and quality of life in Clark County.

Agricultural lands are crucial resources and preserving them is vital to the economy of Clark County. Locally grown food is less expensive and healthier than imported food and can help reduce food insecurity. Preserving agricultural land also keeps urban sprawl at a minimum, thus keeping greenhouse gas emissions also at a minimum.

There is sufficient buildable land within the current UGAs of each town in Clark County. We can meet the need for

housing, especially affordable housing, by increasing density and keeping lot sizes low. We cannot afford to continue building rural mini-ranches while destroying the rural landscape as we have done in the past.

Alternative #1 is the best alternative. Please vote to preserve all existing agricultural lands, including all qualified lands that have not been designated and support Alternative #1 to maintain the quality of life here while also helping to minimize our impact on global warming.

Thank you,

Peter Fels

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