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Good day, Shona,

Thank you for your feedback related to the 2025 Comprehensive Plan Update. I am forwarding to members of Staff, and this will be entered into the Index of Record.

As your comment was addressed to the Council, I am also adding Rebecca Messinger from the Councilor's Office.

Best,



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Dear Council Members,

As a Clark County resident who wants to see this community continue to thrive, I'm writing because I believe the Growth Plan must better align where people live with where people work. Housing and jobs cannot be planned in isolation. When employment land is clustered in one part of the county and housing is limited to another, it only increases commute times, adds pressure to our roads, and pushes residents into Portland for daily employment. Every person who drives south each morning takes their tax dollars with them. If Clark County wants to strengthen its local tax base rather than export it across the river, we need land use maps that ensure jobs are placed where Clark County residents can actually access them.

I'm especially concerned about the shrinking availability of affordable housing. Without housing options that workers can realistically afford, the county becomes significantly less attractive to new employers. Companies evaluating whether to locate here look closely at workforce housing availability — and if employees cannot live near their jobs, employers simply choose a different region. This connection is often overlooked, but it's absolutely fundamental: affordable housing isn't just a social need, it's a business and economic development need.

Another issue is the cost of raw inputs that go into building homes. Land prices in particular have a direct impact on what families pay. If we constrain buildable land or concentrate too much of the land supply in high-cost areas, the resulting homes will inevitably be out of reach for younger families, first-time buyers, and workers who make our economy function. We should be planning for a range of housing types across a range of price points — and that requires ensuring that enough reasonably priced land is part of the maps.

For Clark County to be a place where people can both live and work, we must adopt a Growth Plan that pairs housing supply with job-supporting land and preserves affordability for the workforce that drives our local economy.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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