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Good day, Lisa,

Thank you for providing this feedback ahead of the Joint Hearing to select the Preferred Land Use Alternative for the 2025 Comprehensive Plan Update.

I am forwarding to additional members of Staff. Your comments will be brought to the attention of the Planning Commission and Council ahead of the Hearing. This will also be added to the Index of Record.

Best,



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Dear Sir;

I am writing you today out of concern that the very things that convinced me to move to Vancouver, WA and Clark County are going to be taken away.

We moved here because of the environment around the area, we value the nearby agriculture and woodlands and parks. We appreciate the smaller size of the city footprint

We agree with Friends of Clark County on their assessment of what the future plans for this County should be. NO URBAN SPRAWL Save farmlands.

You have probably read the following points before but I cannot improve on their content so hear it out as if I wrote it. I mean every word of it

These are the important points-especially the Climate Emergency Point! We will need to produce food here, I'm doing what I can in my backyard & donating the extra to the Clark Food Bank but you know we will need much more than that!

1) Clark County's Preferred Alternative for the Comp Plan should reflect the county's prior decisions that **all** forecasted growth for housing, population, and employment can be accommodated within current UGAs, meaning there is **no legal reason** to expand UGAs.

2) The combined 519 acres that Ridgefield and La Center are requesting to pave over forever are prime agricultural lands and farmlands of statewide importance. **With the climate emergency underway, food security is a huge concern and we need these farmlands to build climate resilience.**

3) The County is required by law to have a sufficient supply of agricultural lands to sustain a local agricultural economy. I support Friends of Clark County's [vision for agriculture in Clark County](#) to maintain and sustain a climate resilient local agricultural economy.

4) The Agricultural Lands Study found that **all** currently designated agricultural

resource lands provide long-term commercial significance to the agricultural industry using the criteria outlined in Washington State law (WAC 365-190-050). In fact, "96 percent of the Agricultural Designations (31,400 acres) are classified as Prime Farmland or Farmland of Statewide Importance." These lands represent an invaluable community resource as we consider the need to feed our growing population, local food security and climate change resiliency, and the future of the farming industry and jobs in the agricultural sector as a whole. Therefore, the findings of this study indicate there is no justification for de-designating the agricultural lands the cities have proposed to build over.

Additionally;

- The amount of agricultural land in Clark County has been eroded by the county's actions over the decades since the passage of the original Comprehensive Plan. The de-designation of any agricultural land for unnecessary UGA expansions would continue to undermine the capability of our agricultural sector to rise to its highest levels of productivity, which would also undermine our communities' access to food and our successful adaptation to the climate emergency. Just as our residents need housing, population, and jobs, they also need food.
- The council should honor the [recommendations of the Agricultural Advisory Commission](#), which voted to maintain all existing agricultural designations.
- The council should consider the needs of the entire county and our collective future, not reward cities for failing to propose alternatives for their cities that do not include paving over prime farmland.
- Urbanization begets urbanization. To use encroaching development as a justification to de-designate land, you would essentially always be chipping away at agricultural land, which goes against the conservation purpose of the agricultural land designations.

I hope you will hear this and protect our agricultural land!! It takes time and investment to try to make land grow anything, how unwise to take away land already productive.

Grow within your means.

Sincerely,

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