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Good day, Jan,

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 Councilors,

I live in the Heights, in Vancouver. I'm concerned about climate change and food. So concerned that I've given up our flower beds and most of the yard to grow food.

I realize many people won't choose that option or don't have it.

When you consider our preferred alternative for the comp plan, please-- keep farmland for farming.

You know the facts.

- Most of our farmland is designated as prime and important to the state.
- The County has already decided that all projected needs for population, housing and jobs can be met within the current UGA.

If you've ever tried to garden on land that was trampled by heavy machinery (construction), you know that reclaiming developed land for growing purposes is a long, slow process. We can't easily and quickly go back.

Please protect our food supply. One day, I will no longer live in a single-family home and join the many other residents of the county who have no option and must buy all food. I trust you will consider all needs and the long haul vs the quick vision.

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