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Good day, Cindy,

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 also be brought to the attention of the Planning Commission ahead of the Hearing and be added to the Index of Record.

Best,



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Comp Plan Comments

Comments

My name is Cindy Burger, and I am a rural resident of unincorporated Clark County. My family lives and works outside of any city limits, and I am writing to share my support for Alternative 1 in the Comprehensive Plan Update.

As someone who lives in the county, not within a city, I depend on Clark County to carefully balance growth with the protection of agricultural lands, rural infrastructure, and natural resources. When farmland is converted to urban development, the impacts are permanent and felt most directly by rural residents and working farms.

County staff has concluded that population, housing, and employment growth can be accommodated within existing Urban Growth Areas. I support relying on that analysis. Expanding UGAs where it is not necessary puts additional pressure on limited agricultural lands, rural roads, and water resources, without clear public benefit.

I also support the findings of the Agricultural Lands Study and the work of the Agricultural Advisory Commission. The study shows that many lands proposed for expansion still qualify as Agricultural Lands of Long-Term Commercial Significance and should remain protected. Agriculture is not just an economic activity—it is part of the identity, resilience, and food security of Clark County.

Finally, preserving agricultural and open lands is essential as we face climate change. These lands help manage water, reduce sprawl, and support a healthier future for both rural and urban residents.

For these reasons, I support Alternative 1 and urge the County not to expand Urban Growth Areas or convert agricultural lands unnecessarily.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment and for your continued work on behalf of Clark County residents.

Sincerely,
Cindy Burger

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