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Good day, Monica,

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 Council and Planning Commission ahead of the Hearing and be added to the Index of Record.

Best,



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Dear Clark County Council,

I implore you to heed the Agricultural Land Study and listen to your own Agricultural Committee's recommendations and the many voices calling to protect our agricultural lands for farming. Working together we can support our communities, feed our people, and restore the healthy ecosystems we all depend on. But only if County Council saves our top quality farmlands and does not de-designate ag lands on behalf of the cities requesting Urban Growth Area Expansions. Whatever land use alternative you choose, this is the most important consideration for our children's futures.

Here are three key insights from the book *Healing Grounds Climate, Justice and the Deep Roots of Regenerative Farming* by Liz Carlisle:

Aidee Guzman, Postdoctoral fellow at UC Irvine

Findings: Guzman studied small farmers in California's Central Valley, discovering that diversified farms growing multiple crops (up to 100) on small plots produce hidden biodiversity. This biodiversity is crucial for sustaining agriculture and adapting to climate change.

Aidee Guzman

Focus: Biodiversity in soil

Results: Her research using DNA sequencing showed that diversified farms have twice as many types of beneficial arbuscular mycorrhizal fungi (AMF) compared to monocultures. This fungal diversity is essential for soil health, carbon storage, and climate resilience.

Steve Gliessman & Roberto Garcia Espinoas

Observation: They studied farmers in Tabasco, Mexico, who successfully grew corn on seasonal wetlands without fertilizers.

Outcome: The farmers achieved yields 5 to 10 times higher the conventional average with no fertilizer.

Thank you for your consideration,

Monica Zazueta Tabor