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Good day, Helen,

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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Clark County Joint Hearing on the Preferred Alternative for the Comp Plan Update on January 8th

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.

The County is required by law to have a sufficient supply of agricultural lands to sustain a local agricultural economy.

The council should honor the recommendations of the Agricultural Advisory Commission, which voted to maintain all existing agricultural designations.

We need to create a sustainable future that balances growth, preserves prime agricultural land, and drives meaningful climate action in Clark County.

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We need acts of restoration, not only for polluted waters and degraded lands, but also for our relationship to the world... to receive the respectful acknowledgment of the rest of the earth's beings."

– Robin Wall Kimmerer, *Braiding Sweetgrass: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge, and the Teachings of Plants*