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Good day, Paul,

Thank you for providing this feedback related to 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 Council and Planning Commission ahead of the continuation of the Hearing on Jan. 15th. This will also be added to the Index of Record.

Best,



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Clark County Council,

I live in Brush Prairie/Hockinson. Please consider my comments below.

The argument for protecting Clark County's agricultural lands from Urban Growth Area (UGA) expansion rests on legal, environmental, and planning principles:

Sufficient Existing Capacity: The county has adequate space within current UGAs to handle future housing and job growth, eliminating the legal necessity for expansion.

Food Security and Climate Resilience: Paving over 519 acres of prime agricultural land for development is counterproductive during a climate emergency. These farmlands are an essential resource for local food security and building climate resilience.

Compliance with Law: The county is legally obligated to ensure a sufficient, sustainable supply of agricultural lands.

Scientific Justification: The Agricultural Lands Study confirmed that 96% of existing designated agricultural resource lands are classified as commercially significant prime farmland, supporting the argument that they should not be developed.

Avoiding Further Erosion: Continued development of farmland undermines the agricultural sector's productivity and long-term viability. The council should respect the Agricultural Advisory Commission's vote to protect all current designations and prioritize the county's collective future over short-term development interests.

Together we Thrive.

Regards,
Paul Mansur