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Subject: RE: 1/15 comp plan hearing written comment
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Good day, Sara,

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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Washington's Growth Management Act was created to address rapid population growth, urban sprawl, increasing traffic, school overcrowding, and the loss of farmland, forests, and wetlands by requiring fast-growing areas to plan for sustainable development, directing growth within urban growth areas. A city cannot claim to be adhering to the GMA at the same time seeking to expand its UGA...thereby undermining the very purpose of the GMA. 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 and will be accommodated within current UGAs. There is no legal reason to expand UGAs. Furthermore, the council should honor the recommendations of the Agricultural Advisory Commission, which unanimously voted to maintain all existing agricultural designations.

Sara Lawrence
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