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Good day, Ashley,

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 be brought to the attention of the Planning Commission and Council 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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Dear Clark County Council Members,

My name is Ashley Flapper, and I am a resident of Clark County. I'm writing to urge you to protect our remaining agricultural lands and stop continued development from encroaching on farmland, especially in and around Ridgefield.

Over the decades since the original Comprehensive Plan, agricultural land in Clark County has steadily been eroded. Any further de-designation of agricultural land for unnecessary UGA expansions would continue to undermine our farming community and weaken long-term access to local food. Our residents need housing and jobs, as well as quality food.

When development moves in, more development follows. Using surrounding development as justification to remove agricultural designations is creating a cycle where farmland is always the next area sacrificed, which goes against the conservation purpose of these designations!

I support the Agricultural Advisory Commission's recommendation to maintain existing agricultural land designations and avoid de-designation based simply on proximity to urban development.

Please prioritize farmland preservation in the Comprehensive Plan Update, protect Ridgefield's agricultural identity, and stop development pressures from destroying working farmland that we cannot replace.

Sincerely,
Ashley Flapper, Ridgefield, WA

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