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Good day, Kevin,

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 Kevin Flapper, and I am a resident of Clark County who was born and raised in Ridgefield. 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, Clark County has steadily taken away agricultural land. Any further de-designation of farmland for unnecessary UGA expansions will continue to undermine the farming community and weaken long-term access to locally grown food. Our residents need housing and jobs, but we also need quality food and the farmland that provides it.

From growing up here, I've seen how this works: once development starts creeping in, it doesn't stop! It keeps pushing farther out. Using nearby development as a reason to remove agricultural land designations creates a cycle where farmland is always the next area sacrificed, which defeats the entire purpose of protecting it in the first place.

I support the Agricultural Advisory Commission's recommendation to maintain existing agricultural land designations and avoid de-designation based simply on its distance 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,
Kevin Flapper, Ridgefield, WA

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