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Good day, Heidi,

Thank you very much for providing this comment letter ahead of the Joint Hearing to select the Preferred Land Use Alternative for the 2025 Comprehensive Plan Update..

This will be brought to the attention of the Planning Commission ahead of the Hearing and will be entered into the Index of Record.

Best regards,



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Hello,

I am attaching a comment letter asking Clark County Council to conserve our remaining ag lands on behalf of:

NAACP Vancouver  
Fourth Plain Forward  
Alliance for Community Engagement SW WA  
Vancouver Metro LULAC Council #47026  
Vancouver Audubon  
Odyssey World International Education Services  
Sierra Club - Loo Wit Group  
Washington Conservation Action  
Columbia Riverkeeper  
Native American Youth and Family Center / Native American Youth Center Action Fund  
SW Washington Equity Coalition  
Vietnamese Community of Clark County

Thank you,  
Heidi Cody



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Heidi Cody testimony on behalf of 12 community based organizations

## **Joint Clark County Planning Commission & Council Hearing part 2**

Good evening Councilmembers, Commissioners and staff. My name is Heidi Cody. I live in Vancouver and work for Washington Conservation Action. I am following up on the testimony of Alondra Abrego-Viveros of SW Washington Equity Coalition at last week's hearing. Alondra asked Council to **not de-designate any ag lands** on behalf of 12 groups, mostly local community-based organizations of color, who submitted [a letter](#) to County Council on Dec 15th. That letter asked Council to support and protect farms, forests, open spaces and connected wildlife habitat, and to **not grant urban growth area expansions to the cities requesting them.**

The groups asking this are:

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Fourth Plain Forward

Alliance for Community Engagement SW WA

Vancouver Metro LULAC Council #47026

Vancouver Audubon

Odyssey World International Education Services

Sierra Club - Loo Wit Group

Washington Conservation Action

Columbia Riverkeeper

Native American Youth and Family Center / Native American Youth Center Action Fund

SW Washington Equity Coalition

Vietnamese Community of Clark County

Together we ask Council to conserve our remaining ag lands for our food security, our climate resilience and our children's futures. Clark County residents need to have autonomy over our local food supplies for future emergencies. We agree with the Ag Commission that we need to put the brakes on ongoing loss of high-quality farmland.

Our Comp Plan must protect folks in Clark County who continue to be impacted by systemic racism, discrimination, poverty and environmental injustice. Conserving farmland aligns with the Growth Management Act requirements of reducing sprawl, protecting the environment and climate change and resiliency—specifically, that comprehensive plans and development regulations adapt to and mitigate the effects of a changing climate.

Since Ridgefield and LaCenter's Urban Growth Boundary expansion requests are close to Tribal lands, the Cowlitz Tribe ought to be included in this decision-making process.

You can't have food security or climate resilience without land for farms, forests and connected wildlife habitat. Once the farmland is gone, we can't get the land back.

Thank you for your consideration. On behalf of the groups mentioned in this comment letter,

Heidi Cody

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