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Support Growth Management Alternative 1

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**Comment**

I was a citizen on the original GMA Citizens Advisory Committee. I strongly support Alternative 1. DO NOT expand the UGA.

This county will never have enough acres to satisfy requests to pave over designated prime ag lands and farmlands and ag-quality rural lands. These lands represent an invaluable community resource as we consider the need to feed our growing population, local food security and climate change resiliency, and the future of the farming industry and jobs in the agricultural sector as a whole.

Clark County must match the City of Vancouver's greenhouse gas Emissions Goals, as the recommendations made by the Clark County Climate Community Advisory Group (CAG) will be rendered toothless without an explicit greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction goal. Clark County, as well as the world, are far behind in acting meaningfully to address the climate emergency at the urgency and scale articulated by global scientific consensus.

Urbanization begets urbanization. To use encroaching development as a justification to de-designate land, will continue to chip away at agricultural land, which goes against the conservation purpose of the agricultural land designations. This de-designation risk has been articulated in Washington state law, and was recently noted by Clark County's own lawyer as

“the absolute definition of urban sprawl”.



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