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Hello Jeff,

Please see the below email/attachment for the April 27 hearing.

Thank you,
Rebecca



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Location: 1300 Franklin Street, 6th Floor

Vancouver, WA 98660

Date: April 20, 2026

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Support for Alternative 1: Preservation of Agricultural Land I strongly advocate for the adoption of Alternative 1, which proposes no change to the current Urban Growth Boundary (UGB). Preserving our remaining agricultural land is essential for several reasons:

- **Food Sustainability:** Maintaining local farms reduces our reliance on long-haul trucking and ensures a resilient local food supply.
- **Environmental Impact:** Orchards and fields play a vital role in mitigating climate change and reducing the "heat island" effect caused by excessive concrete and asphalt.
- **Existing Capacity:** Current reports indicate that we already have sufficient land within the existing boundary to accommodate projected population growth.

Addressing the Infrastructure Gap in High-Density Housing While I recognize the urgent need for more housing, new developments must be supported by adequate infrastructure. Currently, high-density projects are moving forward without sufficient consideration for:

- **Parking Reality:** Rising housing costs often require multiple adults per household to afford a mortgage, leading to an average of more than 1.5 vehicles per resident. Modern garages are frequently too small for standard vehicles or are utilized for storage, pushing more parking onto the streets.

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Proposed Building Code Revisions for Public Safety To ensure the safety and livability of our

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Thank you for your time and for your dedication to the long-term well-being of Clark County. I look forward to seeing these practical concerns reflected in the final Comprehensive Plan.

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