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Good day, Barb,

Thank you for your comments regarding the Council Hearing to select the Preferred Alternative for the 2025 Comprehensive Plan.

I am forwarding to additional members of Staff, including the Council's office ahead of the Apr. 27<sup>th</sup> Hearing. This will also be added to the Index of Record.

Best regards,



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Dear Clark County Council,

please do NOT change or expand the Urban Growth Area (UGA) in Clark County.

I have lived in Clark County, WA, with my husband and son for 35 years, but, I grew up in Oregon's mid-Willamette Valley and saw how important it is to limit urban growth areas to CONSERVE agricultural and farm land.

Once farm or forest land is reclassified as "NOT" farm/forest land, it is only a matter of time before it is sold and turned into packed housing, apartments and/or concrete and huge buildings. And it NEVER comes back.

Even more importantly, farm and forest land needs to be taxed at a LOWER level so that it can remain a viable and producing FARM or FOREST while providing food and corridors for wildlife, too.

After having lived in southern California and Texas, following my husband around during his Naval career, I really do not want to see the rest of Clark County's farms and forests turned into more housing. There is a LOT of room to build apartments and houses without losing the last of the farms and forests.

PLEASE VOTE FOR NO CHANGE AND NO EXPANSION to the Urban Growth Area (UGA) in Clark County.

Thank you!

- Barb Rider

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