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Good day, Natalia,

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. 27th Hearing. This will also be added to the Index of Record.

Best regards,



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Dear Jeffrey,

My name is Natalia Martínez-Patino, and I have lived in Washougal, WA for the past 10 years. I am writing in strong support of Alternative 1 — the No Change Alternative — for Clark County's Comprehensive Plan Update.

Over the past decade, I have come to deeply love this region and its landscapes. The open farmlands and natural surroundings are not just beautiful — they are part of what makes Clark County a special place to live. I am deeply concerned that expanding urban growth areas would permanently destroy hundreds of acres of prime agricultural land that our community depends on for food security, local farming jobs, and climate resilience.

The county's own analysis shows that our existing urban areas can accommodate all projected growth over the next 20 years. There is simply no legal or practical justification to expand our boundaries and pave over irreplaceable farmland.

I urge the Clark County Council to select Alternative 1, honor the recommendations of the Agricultural Advisory Commission, and commit to meaningful greenhouse gas reduction goals. Our community's future depends on protecting the land we have — not sacrificing it for unnecessary sprawl.

Thank you for considering my comment.

Regards,

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