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Good morning,

I have enclosed a letter to address the needs and some possible ideas for Alternative 1 and other needs of our community. If you could just let me know it was received, it would be greatly appreciated. I thank you in advance for taking the time to look at our concerns and possible solutions.

Thank You,

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To: Clark County Council

Location: 1300 Franklin Street, 6th Floor

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April 23, 2026

RE: Comprehensive Plan Update- Support for Alternative 1 and Addressing Infrastructure in High-Density Housing.

Good Morning Councilors: Yung, Belkot, Fuentes and Little

This is my letter input about the current Comprehensive Plan Update, as Clark County makes plans for future building and development. We (my community and I) are hoping the council will give precedence to the sustainable use of the land and the infrastructure needs of any of our citizens past-present and future.

Some points and ideas in Support of Alternative 1:

Proposal for no change to the Urban Growth Boundary, in an effort to preserve the remaining agricultural land that is essential for the for the following reasons

- **Food Sustainability:** Maintaining local farms reduces our need for long haul **trucking, ensures a resilient food supply and less reliance on food from other** sources (countries and areas).
- **Environmental impact:** Fields, orchards, forests and greenspaces all contribute to calming climate change and not having the “heat island” that happens with concrete and asphalt. Urban cities (Ex. Portland) are always hotter than the less Urban areas by 5 degrees or more. Which creates a need to cool people down. This also impacts the usage of energy, thus creating more greenhouse gas to generate the energy.

Existing Capacity: Current reports show us that we already have enough land within existing boundaries to accommodate population growth.

Addressing the Infrastructure Gap in High-Density Housing: While we are trying to fill infrastructure to go along with it. We now, moving forward with building should consider the following:

- **Parking:** Current and rising costs of housing require multiple adults with cars to live in a household. This is to afford a mortgage and other expenses related to home ownership. So, it can be 2-3 cars per home. Currently a lot of the newbuilds only

need to have 1.5 spaces each, including the garage!!! And most garages don't even fit an SUV. Causing more street parking, on streets built with no parking and none should a guest or 3 come to visit. Some parked in driveways too small, so cars are crossing over sidewalks.

- **Public Transit:** Our current public transit does not sufficiently support the all of the new building. Without adding more bus lines, **with turnouts** for the buses, so traffic is not stopped when the bus has to (creating more traffic issues), people must remain dependent on their vehicles. This makes not only the parking shortage worse; traffic too is worse.

Proposed Building Code Revisions for Public Safety: For the safety and livability of our neighborhoods, we ask the city council to exercise your power to update current building codes for street widths for public and private developments. Please note the following, to ensure safety and well-being for all:

- **Street widths:** 40 feet or more on all new developments. To allow adequate parking on both sides of streets and room for emergency vehicles to navigate streets without the blocking of parked vehicles.
- **Facilitate Flow:** So two-way traffic can drive on streets while cars are parked.
- **Protect Infrastructure:** Prevent the blocking of fire hydrants and sidewalks, so pedestrians (children included) and first responders can all be safe.
- **Surrounding Infrastructure:** It's not just about the new building happening, but what it affects in the surrounding areas. High density housing, means more cars. The current roads surrounding them need to be evaluated. Wider roads four lane instead of two lanes, more turn lanes, speeds of traffic, stop signs, stop lights, roundabouts and ADA compliant sidewalks may need to happen. You can't just plop 30 dwellings on 3 acres of land and not have the infrastructure to support it. It's not just about the place where you live, but the quality of life of where you live.

We thank you for listening to our concerns and taking care of our wonderful county. We are hoping with all of this growth you can see and understand our concerns. Your time and dedication are much appreciated. We hope you listen and understand what we are saying.

With Much Gratitude,

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