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Good day, Heidi,

Thank you very much for providing this group comment and feedback ahead of the Council Hearing to select the Preferred Land Use Alternative for the 2025 Comprehensive Plan Update.

This will be entered into the Comprehensive Plan Index of Record.

Best regards,



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Good morning Clark County Councilmembers and staff—

On behalf of 83 individuals and 11 organizations, attached is a community sign on letter to Clark County Council advocating for you to adopt Land Use Alternative 1.

The organizations who signed on are:

- Alliance for Community Engagement (ACE) SW WA
- Vancouver Audubon
- Washington Conservation Action
- Cascadia Climate Action Now
- Vancouver Metro LULAC Council 47026
- Loo Wit Group of the Sierra Club
- Mountain View High School Environmental Club
- Odyssey World International Education Service
- SW Washington Equity Coalition
- Vietnamese Community of Clark County
- Community Care Collaborative

Thank you for your consideration and for your work. Have a lovely day.

Sincerely,

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Dear Clark County Council,

Thank you for your work on Clark County's Comprehensive Plan. We are sharing this letter signed by 83 individuals and 11 organizations to show broad community support for equitable land use planning in our Comprehensive Plan. **We urge you to adopt Land Use Alternative 1, which will:**

- Plan for our futures
- Retain prime agricultural lands
- Protect farms and related jobs
- Provide local food security
- Allow us to elevate Indigenous food practices, [food forests](#) and [food sovereignty](#)
- Allow us to be better prepared for emergencies
- Create climate resilience, which complies with the Growth Management Act's [Climate Element](#)

Here's why we urge you to NOT adopt the other Alternatives:

- There is no legal reason to allow Urban Growth Area (UGA) expansions.
- Clark County already decided no UGA expansions are needed to accommodate projected jobs and growth.
- UGA expansions will not guarantee more affordable housing.
- Hundreds of acres will be paved over and developed with UGA expansions. That land will be gone forever.
- De-designating ag lands (expanding UGAs) was described by Clark County's Attorney Chris Cook as "the absolute definition of urban sprawl."¹

¹[Clark County Council work session, March 25, 2026 around 50:00](#)

Another reason to adopt Alternative 1 is it aligns with the Agricultural Land Use Study. Council should accept this Study's findings:²

- The stability of food bank networks and strong farm-to-market linkages are vital considerations for a resilient and equitable local food system.
- The continued conversion of (ag lands) to non-farm uses poses a direct risk to this system, as it may eventually undermine the viability of the local agricultural economy upon which these food security networks depend.

Alternative 1 also aligns with the Agricultural Advisory Commission's advice:

- To use encroaching development as a justification to de-designate land is to always be chipping away at agricultural land. This goes against the purpose of the agricultural land designations—the conservation purpose of that designation.

Land Use Alternative 1 will also:

- **Conserve birds and wildlife.**
 - Clark County's agricultural lands are important for migrating and wintering birds as a source of food, cover and nesting habitat.
 - Support higher bird density and diversity, which can be beneficial to agriculture.
- **Support cleaner air.**
 - Clark County should match the [City of Vancouver's greenhouse gas emissions \(GHG\) goals](#), as recommended by the Climate Community Advisory Group.
 - Air pollution disproportionately impacts communities of color and low income folks who live closer to sources of pollution.
- **Support equitable climate resilience.**
 - It is fundamentally inequitable for Clark County to keep building as usual and sacrifice our farmland for private interests who don't actually need it.

Adopting Land Use Alternative 1 will intentionally protect the future for all Clark County residents. The Clark County Council has the opportunity to right historical wrongs and protect our land for future generations.

²<https://friendsofclarkcounty.org/the-results-are-in-focc-call-to-action-on-the-2025-clark-county-agricultural-lands-study/>

We, the undersigned 83 individuals and 11 organizations, urge Clark County Council to adopt Land Use Alternative 1.

Sincerely,

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