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Good day, Peter,

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 Mr. Delapena,

Please forward these comments to the County Council regarding the preferred alternative for the Comprehensive Plan update.

I urge you to vote for Alternative 1 as the Preferred Alternative.

Alternative 1 avoids "urban sprawl". I grew up in Los Angeles in the 1950s. I've seen the negative impacts of sprawl. Los Angeles expanded its suburbs until there were no rural places left. The orange groves were replaced by endless housing tracts and traffic. The impacts on the environment and on civic life were immense and not reversible.

In the 31 years I have lived in Clark County, I've seen the beginnings of irreversible change to the quality of life here due to urban sprawl. This Comp. Plan Update is an opportunity to positively affect the quality of life in Clark County for the next 20 years. You can do that by accepting Alternative 1.

Battle Ground, Ridgefield, Camas and housing developers claim extra land is needed to accommodate future growth. But what gets built will be expensive and unnecessarily large single family homes and lots, more roads, congestion and environmental degradation. Growth needs to be confined to the current UGAs so we can protect our agricultural and rural lands and watersheds.

State law and the future of our children and grandchildren require a commitment to reducing carbon emissions. Staying within existing UGAs limits harmful emissions that cause climate change and is the best alternative for compliance with the GMA.

Please support Alternative 1.

Thank you.

Peter Fels