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Comprehensive plan update

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**Comment**

I am writing in regards to the upcoming vote on the comprehensive growth plan for Clark County. I unequivocally support alternative #1. This is the only option that does not expand the present UGA, which currently accommodates forecasted growth. There is no reason for change at this time. Change would be devastating to our community, our environment and natural habitats.

As long term residents of south Ridgefield, we are currently experiencing unprecedented levels of construction and population increases. We are surrounded on 3 sides by large scale construction: the 179th/29th intersection project as well as the adjacent 2 housing development projects, the 179th/50th housing development and the 29th/192nd housing development. This is going a one year already with no end in sight. Stress from the noise alone is excruciating. Daily noise levels can rise to airport levels; one cannot be outside and hold a conversation for the noise. The dirt, pollution and diesel smell as well as the loss of wildlife habitat is devastating. We are virtually unable be outside during construction hours. The stress of these long term projects is just one of the many drawbacks to this excessive growth. If you vote for expansion of the UGA it could destroy this area completely.

Growth has outpaced infrastructure exponentially. Based on the county's own data projected infrastructure will not accommodate current growth let alone expansion (see

179gridlock.com). Freeway traffic is already becoming untenable. There are no schools to accommodate new families, as they are already full beyond capacity and budget are being cut, not increased.

It is important to also note that there are FEW living wage jobs in this area. They are not coming any time soon, especially with AI taking rather than creating new jobs. The result of this is additional gridlock due to the necessity to commute to Portland for employment. This only adds to the pollution problems being created by growth and destruction of the trees and shrubs that remove pollutants from the air. We do not want to make the environmental mistakes of LA, where some days one can't see for the air pollution.

It is with emphatic pleas from our entire community we ask you to vote for alternative #1. Please do not allow further destruction of our agricultural lands and environment. Also, as an aside, please consider the wildlife habitats that have already been destroyed. One of the wonderful things about this area is the birds, deer, and all the small creatures living here. Someone needs to speak up for them as well.

Thank you for your time and consideration.  
Fran Swanson McBride



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