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**Comment**

I have been a resident of Clark County since 2013. We moved here from the SF Bay Area to escape the strip malls, urban sprawl and congestion there that occurred due to poor planning for needed growth and development, I am writing to support wiser planning here that will support balanced growth and the preservation of agricultural land. I am firmly opposed to any alternative allowing for urban growth area expansions, thus the only viable option is Alternative 1, the No Change Alternative,

According to the county's own research, there is already sufficient land set aside for all necessary growth for the next 20 years, Why should we embark upon further expensive development in rural areas when there is already sufficient land closer to the city centers that can be developed? Rather than reducing our dwindling agricultural resources, we should be creating the needed housing and commercial expansion near our city centers, to revitalize them and encourage commerce in those areas.

As it is, hundreds of cookie cutter homes are currently being built without consideration of the traffic congestion and road erosion that the additional population will create, This development is occurring on narrow, two lane roads, with deep ditches on either side, no appreciable shoulders and no bike lanes or side walks. Does this make any sense? Are we taxpayers going to have to subsidize the cost of expanding and maintaining the kinds of arteries necessary to accommodate this urban expansion?

Let's instead increase the density of the housing closer to the city center and develop the land

currently occupied by the paper mill. That would make Camas a more inviting place to live and work in.

Additionally, we have a responsibility to preserve our agricultural lands for our children and grandchildren. It is essential that the council remember the following:

The County is required by law to have a sufficient supply of agricultural lands to sustain a local agricultural economy. I support Friends of Clark County's vision for agriculture in Clark County to maintain and sustain a climate resilient local agricultural economy.

The Council should honor the recommendations of the Agricultural Advisory Commission, which voted to maintain all existing agricultural designations and requested a moratorium on upzoning of lands that meet the legal criteria for agricultural designation.

The Council should consider the needs of the entire county and our collective future, not reward cities for failing to propose alternatives for their cities that do not include paving over prime farmland..

I urge you to vote for Alternative 1, the No Change Alternative,

Thank you for protecting our quality of life and preserving what makes living in Clark County such a wonderful experience.

