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Name

April & Brad Thatcher

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Support Alternative 1

Date of Hearing

Mon, 04/27/2026

Comment

We live and farm in Ridgefield and are writing to express our strong support of Alternative 1.

We grow food for our Clark County neighbors because we, like the thousands of families we've fed over the last twenty years, want to live in food secure, climate resilient community..

We truly hope the Council will consider the needs of the entire county and our collective future, not reward cities for failing to propose alternatives that do not include paving over our critically important agricultural lands.

We've been down this road before.. History shows that de-designation incentivizes more de-designation.

It's time to draw the line.

We urge you to consider three things:

1. The more gas prices rise, the more food production within our county- by and for our own residents- becomes critically important.
2. According to the county's own modeling, all of our current urban areas have the capacity for expected growth over the next 20-year horizon.
3. A whopping 96% of our Ag Lands are classified as FARMLAND OF STATEWIDE IMPORTANCE or PRIME FARMLAND.

What more do you need to know?

Respectfully,

April & Brad Thatcher
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