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Good day, Emily & Joe,

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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Good Day,

We are writing in full support of Alternative 1 of the Clark County Comp Plan. It is the only reasonable solution at this time. Hundreds of these acres are invaluable prime agricultural land, and once they are paved, they are gone forever. In these times of food insecurity and increasing threats and damage from climate change, these lands provide resiliency for our community and create jobs. The beautiful tree canopies provide protection from heat, serve as habitat for wildlife, and reduce greenhouse gases for all of us. Why would we destroy what has been the backbone of this county for ages?!

Like some of our neighbors, we farm on 5 acres in south unincorporated Ridgefield and live in Clark County because of its natural beauty and wild areas. To better ensure resiliency, we grow as much as possible to minimize relying on grocery stores - many of which are foreign-owned and have proven to have unreliable supply chain issues in times of crisis. Food security is more important than ever.

There is room for us all here. Destroying prime agricultural lands is never the answer.

Thank you for supporting Alternative 1 and honoring the expertise of the Agricultural Advisory Committee!

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