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**Comment**

Dear Clark County Councilmembers,

I am a resident of Battle Ground, Washington. I have lived here for over 30 years and have watched the urban areas take over rural Clark County. I am writing to express my strong support for Alternative 1 in the Comprehensive Plan Update. This alternative represents the most responsible path forward to protect Clark County's remaining agricultural lands and ensure a resilient future for our community.

The amount of agricultural land in Clark County has already been significantly eroded by county actions over the decades since the adoption of the original Comprehensive Plan. Continued de-designation of agricultural lands to accommodate unnecessary Urban Growth Area (UGA) expansions would further undermine the long-term viability of our agricultural sector. These lands are not easily replaced once lost. Agricultural lands produce the food we eat, and supply locally grown produce to our tables.

Protecting agricultural land is not just about preserving open space—it is about safeguarding our food systems and preparing for a changing climate. Just as our residents need housing and jobs, they also need reliable access to locally produced food. A strong agricultural base is essential to food security and to our ability to adapt to the climate emergency.

Clark County is required by law to maintain a sufficient land base to sustain a viable local agricultural economy. Alternative 1 best aligns with this requirement. I support the vision put forward by Friends of Clark County to maintain and strengthen a climate-resilient agricultural

economy that benefits current and future generations.

I also urge the Council to honor the recommendations of the Agricultural Advisory Commission, which voted to maintain all existing agricultural designations and called for a moratorium on upzoning lands that meet the legal criteria for agricultural use. Their expertise and on-the-ground knowledge should carry significant weight in this decision.

Finally, I encourage the Council to consider the needs of the entire county and our shared future. Expanding UGAs into prime farmland should not be the default solution, particularly when cities have not fully explored alternatives that accommodate growth without sacrificing irreplaceable agricultural resources. The County should not reward jurisdictions that fail to plan responsibly by allowing expansion into these critical lands.

For all of these reasons, I strongly support Alternative 1 and urge you to adopt it.

Thank you for your consideration.



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