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Comment

Jude Wait here.

Thanks for your attention to existing, pre-submitted, adjusted, and repeated Testimony already in the record. We appreciate due diligence of the Council, Planning Commission, and Staff.

Several reminders:

- 1- Agricultural Advisory Commission recommendations.
- 2- Agricultural Land Study priorities, recommendations, and food security considerations.
- 3- Associates of Friends of Clark County and Watershed restoration experts regarding water availability deficits and water quality protections -- currently inadequate to mitigate current and future environmental impacts.
- 4- Incorporate the Climate Element policies and recommendations more fully into the preferred alternative. Policies include protections and programs addressing agricultural viability, the Right to Food, expanding and maintaining biodiversity, forest and tree cover, and most importantly--Equity in access and protecting vulnerable residents. Honor the hard work of the Environmental Justice Coalition and Climate Advisory Group CONSENSUS -- which is reflected also in the letter submitted by 11 organizations and 83 individuals (ala Heidi Cody tonight).
5. Rethink the housing and jobs projections to include and prioritize farm and food-related economic development opportunities. This includes urban, rural, and suburban agricultural operations and infrastructure--on Agricultural designations and the thousands of acres in Rural

zoning with existing and potential food and environmental stewardship.

6. De-silo County operations. For example PARKS and Rec is paving some of the best food-growing land and also removing very old trees for parking. Where is the Parks Commission testimony?

7. Unfortunately, "affordable" housing lacks on-the-ground reality in terms of expectations, an inequitable rent burden, landlord and corporate management schemes -- especially amid an economic crisis for fixed/low income families and low-income seniors, for example.

Finally --

Like farmers across the County, we are over-busy, with survival-first priorities, precluding our physical presence or even on-line participation, at the meeting. Please give farmers, Ag-commission, and their supporters -- priority in your decisions, as they deserve amplification because they represent hundreds of diligently working people in the PEAK preparatory (and lowest cash flow) season.

thanks for your attention and consideration,

Jude Wait



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