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Good morning, Jan –

This is to confirm receipt of your comments. I'll also add to the Council's record.

Best regards,



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Hello Victoria,

Please send this letter to all the members of the DEAB Board as I do not have all their email addresses.

Hello Rebecca,

Please place this letter in the record for me.

Thank you both for all your support of my efforts.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Jan

Best regards,

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August 9, 2026

Mr. Eric Golemo

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Mr. Ryan Wilson

Members of the Development Engineering Advisory Board (DEAB)

Clark County, Washington

Subject: Urgent Need for Code Revisions on Residential Street Widths and Parking Standards

Dear Gentlemen,

Thank you for your time, patience, and graciousness during the August 6, 2026, DEAB meeting.

I recognize that you are working diligently to advise the County Council and staff on what you believe is best for the local building industry and our residents. During the recent meeting, Mr. Golemo noted that the board is open to supporting many of the concerns raised by our group regarding the current shortage of realistic parking spaces for modern family vehicles in high-density developments.

While we understand that the DEAB cannot retroactively alter completed projects like Curtin Creek Meadows, that development serves as a glaring example of what code standards must avoid moving forward. This is not just a Clark County issue; it is a statewide challenge. Although the state Growth Management Act (GMA) must ultimately be amended to require wider rights-of-way for public safety and emergency access, Clark County retains the immediate oversight and duty to regulate the width of all new public and private streets within developing subdivisions.

The current standard of 1.5 parking spaces per household may satisfy minimum financing requirements, but it clearly fails to match the actual number and size of vehicles used in the Pacific Northwest today.

Key Recommendations for Code Updates

To ensure safe, well-planned communities, county codes must evolve to reflect reality:

- **Wider Streets:** Streets must be designed wide enough to safely accommodate two lanes of moving traffic *while* allowing vehicles to park on both sides.
- **Extended Driveways:** Driveways must be lengthened to reduce reliance on street parking and prevent vehicles from blocking sidewalks.
- **Realistic Planning:** The assumption that high-density developments will feature car-free households or short "Smart Cars" parking on only one side of a narrow street does not align with the lived experience of our county residents.

Next Steps and Requested Action

As I mentioned, we already have organizations and legal teams in Olympia researching how to amend the state GMA. However, because the Comprehensive Plan update prioritizes decreased parking and faces strict deadlines, **immediate local action by the DEAB is critical.**

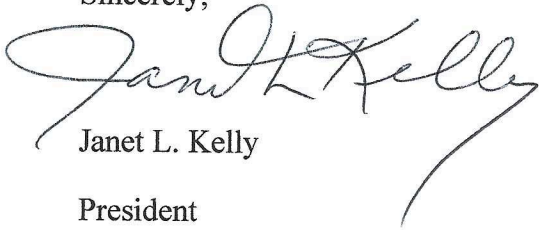
We ask the board to take the following steps:

1. Formally champion code amendments addressing street widths and parking minimums before the Comprehensive Plan update is finalized.
2. Advise the County Council on the urgent public safety necessity of these changes.

What specific steps will your advisory group take to move our request forward, and what additional data or assistance do you require from our group?

Gentlemen, we all share the goal of creating a safe, well-planned community. That vision starts and ends with proper planning and code enforcement—and that is where your leadership is urgently needed.

Sincerely,



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