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Good day, Terry,

Thank you for submitting comments regarding the 2025 Comprehensive Plan Update, related to UGA expansion into agricultural lands.

I am forwarding to additional members of Staff, and these will be added to the Comprehensive Plan Index of Record.

Best,

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Concerns related to the Comp Plan

Comments
The Comp Plan Update should reflect the county's prior decisions that all forecasted growth for housing, population, and employment can be accommodated within current UGAs. These have already been carefully evaluated. We all want to live in a sustainable community. The unnecessary expansion of the urban growth boundaries ultimately harms the liveability of our communities. Urban sprawl decentralizes services, increases commute time and traffic, reduces productive farmland, and takes out our protective trees, contributing to the global climate crisis. Additionally the more rural housing structures are, the more they are vulnerable to increased fire danger. There is no legal reason to expand UGAs. This fact has been reiterated in the county's own Final Environmental Impact Statement document, which states that, "Given the planning assumptions for growth rate and jobs/acre, the Preferred Alternative exceeds the land capacity needed to accommodate the housing and job growth projected for the next 20 years." IN other words, the Preferred Alternative is not an appropriate alternative at this time.

Requests by Ridgefield, La Center, Battle Ground, and Camas to pave over designated prime agricultural lands and farmlands of statewide importance. These lands are an invaluable community resource essential to ensure local food security and climate change resiliency, and need our protection for the good of us all. It is concerning how much agricultural land in Clark County has been eroded by the county's actions over the decades. The de-designation of any agricultural land for unnecessary UGA expansions undermines the capability of our agricultural sector to rise to its highest levels of productivity. A healthy sustainable source of food is essential for healthy resilient communities. Failure to protect our productive farmland jeopardizes our communities relevant to successful adaptation to the climate emergency. The County is required by law to have a sufficient supply of agricultural lands to sustain a local agricultural economy. I support Friends of Clark County's vision for agriculture in Clark County to maintain and sustain a climate resilient local agricultural economy.

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