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Good day, Cathy,

Thank you for submitting comments ahead of tonight's Public Hearing for the 2025 Comprehensive Plan Update.

I am forwarding to additional members of staff. These comments will be added to the Index of Record and brought to the attention of the Planning Commission.

Best regards,

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Comments
Thirteen years ago, the University of Washington published Climate Change Impacts and Adaptation in Washington State. That study predicted most of what we are now facing: increased temperatures and heatwaves, more severe rainfall events, increased areas burned by fires, drought, lower snowpacks, decreased streamflows, increased tree mortality in our forests, rising sea levels, worsening impacts on salmon, trout and steelhead and habitats and much more.
We have many more days of poor air quality due to wildfire smoke. Those predictions have come true. In other words, climate change is here, globally and in Washington. “How much and how fast climate changes occur depends on both the amount of greenhouse gas emissions and how the climate changes in response to those emissions.” (Climate Change Impacts, 3-1)
The legislature required consideration of climate change as part of the comprehensive plan process. Clark County should be doing its part to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and help us all have healthier lives and a healthier planet.
Your Citizens Advisory panel recommended the County adopt the same GHG emission standards

as Vancouver. We all live in the same airshed and we all are equally impacted by what happens in the City and the County. I urge you to adopt the same emission standards as Vancouver.
The legislature required the County to have a sufficient supply of agricultural lands to sustain a local agricultural economy. I believe Clark County has the potential to have an even more vibrant agricultural economy by supporting local agricultural and value added crops such as wine grapes, organic vegetables, and the many things our local farmers are already producing. However, they cannot be sustained without full use of all available agricultural land. The County should withdraw its approval of extensions of the urban growth boundaries for Camas, Battle Ground and Ridgefield. Allowing upzoning of agricultural lands not only harms the ag economy but also increases the need for more vehicle miles traveled and reduces the benefits of more density toward reducing GHGs. Please honor the recommendations of the Agricultural Advisory Commission.
I also urge you to consider working with C-Tran to subsidize fares so all bus travel within the county is free. You will increase ridership at a small cost (fare income is only about 15% of total C-Tran revenues), also improving GHG reduction by increasing use of mass transit.
I have lived in this County for over 30 years and watched increased urbanization and reduction of agricultural and farm lands. The quality of life has suffered. I am concerned about the future my children and grandchildren face. Please recommend adoption of policies that will begin to reduce the trends of climate change.

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