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Good day, Steve,

Thank you for submitting comments related to 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 prior to tonight's Hearing.

Best regards,

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Dear Planning Commission,

Please accept these comments to help you in your deliberations.

Please consider the following comments for the Environmental Impact Statement portion of the Comprehensive Growth Management Plan for Clark County.

A Public Benefit Rating System (PBRS) for the county will dovetail nicely with HB1181, which encourages tree crown cover, reduction of greenhouse gases, improvement in air and water quality and enhances the quality of life of residents.

Trees benefit long-term health of the local neighborhood citizens, improve neighborhood value, decrease summertime energy use and costs, and have an unmatched positive benefit-cost ratio.

See my 8/20/2026 e-mail submission to the planning commission for further details.

I encourage the Planning Commission to recommend adding a recommendation for the adoption of a PBRS to chapter 4, the Environmental Element, of the county's proposed Comprehensive Growth Management Plan, particularly sections 4.3, 4.4, 4.5 and 4.10.2.

- my PBRS proposal (https://clark.wa.gov/sites/default/files/media/document/2026-08/ag-comm-pbrs-presentation-2026-08-26.pdf) is based on the 2019 PRBS proposal, and about 95% of both proposals are identical.
- I have reviewed and collated the PBRS rules and regulations for all 16 counties that have adopted a PBRS (334 pages of fine print) - Clark County is one of the 23 counties without a PBRS.
- my proposal has taken the best features from each county and included them in the proposal.
- the 2019 PBRS proposal was supported by the assessor's office and the County Council, but then Covid occurred and a change in County Council membership resulted in no further action at that time.
- the current County Council is in favor of a PBRS and would like the support of the Planning Commission.

Sincerely,
Steve Thalberg