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Greetings—

I am writing to you today regarding the upcoming decision by the Council about updates to 2025 County Comprehensive Plan Update (2025 Update). I am writing to you today because I believe you all, as our elected representatives, have a duty and responsibility to listen to our community and act on our behalf, not the loud but well-funded minority voices of business.

I have lived and paid taxes in Clark County for the past 45 years. I raised my 2 children in Vancouver public schools and now see my 2 grandchildren in the same schools. During those 45 years, I have seen Clark County grow, at the price of expanding urban growth. The farmlands where my family used to get the majority of its fresh fruit and vegetables are now gone - replaced by housing and commercial development. In the past 45 years, I have witnessed the result of past comprehensive plans that literally allowed developers to pave paradise and put up parking lots.

My questions to you today are:
- Why must market-driven urbanization transgress common sense?
- Why has growth become a substitute for responsible land planning and climate ethics?
- Why does the Council want to become an active accomplice in the destruction of our agricultural periphery?
- Why does a weak, timid, unimaginative use of your decision-making power reward developers and punish farmers, while doing nothing for the environment or the majority of Clark County residents?
- Why does the Council not see that the loss of agricultural that will be replaced by expensive utilities and schools and roads, low-density housing, and limited public transportation planning benefit only a few?
- Why is the Council not taking to heart the Washington State Department of Commerce's September 22, 2026, letter that states current Urban Growth Boundaries (UGB) are sufficient to accommodate growth, while questioning the evidence provided to expand them and de-designate protected agricultural lands?

I join a coalition of individuals and organizations asking you to please, in your roles as Clark County Councilors, take the following actions:
1. Align greenhouse gas emission targets with the City of Vancouver's reduction targets
2. Do not vote to expand UGBs or de-designate agricultural resource lands
3. Draft a supplemental Environmental Impact Statement with appropriate - not imagined - housing and employment targets

Thank you for the work you do to ensure our county remains a desirable and livable community.

Sincerely,
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