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Good day, Bailey,

Thank you very much for submitting comments related to the 2025 Comprehensive Plan update.

This will be added to the Comprehensive Plan Index of Record.

Best,

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Dear Chair Marshall, and Councilors Belkot, Fuentes, Little, and Yung,

The Washington State University Vancouver (WSUV) Environmental Science Club are writing to strongly urge you to adopt greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions reduction targets aligned with the City of Vancouver's reduction targets and to draft a supplemental EIS that creates a viable alternative through appropriate up-zoning that limits urban growth boundary (UGB) expansion and protects agricultural resource lands in the 2025 Clark County Comprehensive Plan Update (Comp Plan Update).

Members of the WSUV ESC are all university students, many of whom are pursuing degrees in biology, geology, hydrology, ecology, or other natural sciences. As young adults invested in environmental science, we are not only intimately cognizant of the dangers of climate change, but will also bear the brunt of the consequences of today's choices over the coming decades. In addition, many of us are locals and have spent all or most of our lives in and around Clark County.

We in Southwest Washington are privileged to be surrounded by a unique, wonderfully diverse, but also, a deeply threatened natural world. Our ecology and environment are both valuable draws for ecotourists as well as crucial refugia for countless plants and animals. As rampant expansion and overdevelopment in the pursuit of financial interests continues to devastate natural habitats, more organisms rely on undeveloped and rural land for survival. Farmland, open spaces, and increasingly even neighborhoods are the last remaining harbors for numerous species, including serving as crucial stopovers for many federally protected migratory birds.

Preserving and investing in our local farmland and young farmers and gardeners is also of increasing importance to us. Members of the ESC work closely with the student gardens at WSUV, to bring more food security onto our campus. As regional and global food supply chains are increasingly unstable and unpredictable, many of us are heavily relying on our local farmlands and agricultural lands to aid in our own food security over the next decades and increasing our individual agency to tend to agricultural and farmlands. Students attending WSU-V have historically been known to stay within the region after graduation, to build our lives and careers here. Many of us are the young adults who will be pouring back into this county while the next comp plan will be in place. We urge you to heavily consider how we are relying on the protection of our local agricultural resource lands in this county, to aid in our food security as the climate crisis continues to negatively impact our external food systems over the next decades.

We have known the risks of carbon emissions altering our atmosphere for over 200 years, and it has been 38 years since the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) was formed to address it. Despite this, each year marks a new record high for emissions, fossil fuel consumption, and global average temperature. We are witnessing these changes in real time across the globe, and even in looking at our own regional climate records, where we can only hope the warm winter of 2025-2026 was simply an anomaly, along with numerous other increasingly warming seasons over the years, and more frequent and intense wildfire seasons. Our federal governments and international organizations have

failed us, and therefore it falls to us at the individual and local level to make the needed changes before it is too late.

We, the Environmental Science Club of WSUV strongly urge Clark County Council to prioritize the preservation of our local nature by adopting the greenhouse gas emission targets of the City of Vancouver and drafting a supplemental EIS that creates a viable alternative that limits urban growth boundary (UGB) expansion and protects agricultural resource lands in the 2025 Clark County Comprehensive Plan Update.

- Bailey Green, President of the Environmental Science Club at Washington State University Vancouver