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Columbia Riverkeeper Comments on the 2025 Clark County Comprehensive Plan Update

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**Comment**
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To: Chair Marshall and Clark County Councilors Belkot, Fuentes, Little, and Yung

Subject: Columbia Riverkeeper Comments on the 2025 Clark County Comprehensive Plan Update

Dear Chair Marshall and Councilors,

On behalf of Columbia Riverkeeper, I am writing to urge the Clark County Council to adopt stronger greenhouse gas emissions reduction targets, limit unnecessary urban growth boundary expansion, and protect agricultural resource lands as part of the 2025 Comprehensive Plan Update.

Columbia Riverkeeper supports the following actions:

1. Adopt stronger climate targets.

We urge Clark County to align its greenhouse gas emissions reduction targets with the City of

Vancouver's goals of an 80% reduction by 2030 and carbon neutrality by 2040. Stronger targets would support regional coordination, reduce pollution, and help protect the health of our communities and the Columbia River.

2. Protect agricultural lands and limit urban sprawl.

Clark County's agricultural lands are essential to local food security, environmental resilience, and the region's long-term sustainability. We urge the Council to avoid unnecessary urban growth boundary expansion and the de-designation of protected agricultural resource lands. Housing and employment growth should be accommodated through appropriate development and zoning changes within existing urban growth areas.

3. Prepare a supplemental Environmental Impact Statement.

We urge the Council to prepare a supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) that evaluates a viable alternative using appropriate up-zoning to accommodate projected housing and employment growth while minimizing urban growth boundary expansion and protecting agricultural lands.

Columbia Riverkeeper recognizes the importance of addressing our community's housing and economic needs. We believe Clark County can accommodate responsible development while protecting farmland, reducing greenhouse gas emissions, and safeguarding natural resources.

The decisions made through this Comprehensive Plan Update will shape our communities for generations. We encourage the Council to adopt a plan that protects the Columbia River, supports healthy communities, and preserves the region's valuable agricultural lands.

Thank you for considering Columbia Riverkeeper's comments.
Sincerely,

Juan Monje
Community Organizer
Columbia Riverkeeper



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