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Please do not adopt the 2025 Comp Plan update

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Comment
Good evening,

I am writing to the council as a resident of Clark County, having moved here from El Dorado County, California over two years ago. I am urging you to please not adopt the 2025 Comprehensive Plan update that will allow for the de-designation of agricultural resource lands and the expansion of Urban Growth Boundaries. Throughout my preceding decades in El Dorado County, I witnessed firsthand what happens when local governments prioritize the short-term benefits of sprawling growth and development in former ranch and farming lands. Instead of encouraging creatively dense modern developments, local government entities opened the door for beautiful and productive lands to be paved over and built up with oversized single family homes-- ancient oaks and hedgerow habitats replaced with lawns, grazing lands once dotted with cattle and sheep turned to shopping centers and pickleball courts. Necessarily connecting all of these developments were ever-more roads, which were continually filled with the bodies of wild animals whose rural habitats had been dissected by asphalt. Working class families already living, working, and paying taxes in the county, such as my own household, were not able to afford these new homes; corporate executives and high wage remote workers from the Bay Area were the primary beneficiaries of this low-density suburban sprawl.

I very much do not want Clark County to undergo the same experience, one that has befallen so many lands and communities up and down the West Coast. This community is truly fortunate to have such bountiful lands and people who are willing to tend them. In an era of rising food insecurity, Clark County's agricultural lands are its true wealth. Selling out this land to be permanently ruined by any short-term benefits of sprawl would be truly tragic. Please do not adopt a Comp Plan that will allow for this irresponsible development.



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