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Comment
Dear Clark County Councilors:

As a 71-year resident of Vancouver WA, with only a handful of years residing elsewhere, I believe it is healthy for my community that I obey Washington state and local laws.. As you complete the 2025-2045 Comprehensive Plan and Development Regulations, it is important to me that you respectively and fully follow state laws consistent with the Growth Management Act.

My comments will focus primarily on the notice from the WA Dept. of Commerce received by the Council 9/9/2026 designated "Re: 2026-S-14100 and 2026-S-14101 60-day Notice to Adopt - Periodic Update to Clark County's Comprehensive Plan and Development Regulations." The Commerce Department's comments here include issues that are particularly important to me.

Regarding paragraph 1.
Over the last couple of decades I have had many conversations with friends and neighbors across Clark County about the difficulty of finding affordable housing. Most of the people I have talked to have identified finding affordable housing as the most difficult issue they or their family members have experienced. Therefore, I believe that the recommendations in this

paragraph are very reasonable and important. Please make sure that the Comprehensive Plan quickly results in adequate affordable housing and documentation that will assure Clark County residents this will be fulfilled over the next 20 years.

Regarding paragraph 2.
Of, course this is connected to paragraph 1. Justifying urban growth expansion only when needed is very important to me because I spend a lot of time in the rural areas of Clark County, U-Picking our luscious berries and recreating. We must protect our agricultural areas. More healthy local food should be found for perpetuity in our farmer's markets.

Regarding paragraph 3
The recommendations in this paragraph will support my concerns in the previous paragraphs and should be followed carefully. Also, as I said, it is important to follow the law.

Regarding paragraph 8
This paragraph is very important to me. I believe that in order for my County to be as strong as possible, we need to identify policies and regulations that reduce racial disparate impacts. These policies must be documented.
I am encouraged by the comments in 8.b., but I would like to see our plan to be "more consistent" with the law.

Thank you for listening to my comments. I know that completing the Comprehensive Plan and Development Regulations is a complicated process and you will hear a range of different preferences. I appreciate the hard work you are doing.

Sincerely,
Mike Ellison
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