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Hello Violette,

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

Confirming this has been received and will be added to the Comprehensive Plan Index of Record. This will also be forwarded to be shared with the council prior to tonight's Hearing.

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Comment on Comprehensive Plan Update

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

As a member of Washington State University Vancouver's Environmental Science club, I am imploring you to adopt the City of Vancouver's Greenhouse Gas reduction targets and to create a supplemental EIS that limits Urban Growth Boundary expansion and protects agricultural resource lands.

Personally, however, I want to urge you to make an alternative, not just for environmental reasons, but for cultural ones as well. I have been living in Clark County for a relatively short time, as I have only been here for the better part of five years. In those five years, I have seen just how important the presence of agriculture is to the culture of Clark County. One thing I noticed immediately after moving here from a nowhere town in Northwestern Utah is just how important the farmers markets are here. I can't say that I know anyone that doesn't go to Vancouver's farmers market at least once a year. The fresh produce, the crafts, and the performers attract thousands of people every day the event is going. Many of the vendors that appear at this market are people that own agricultural land and will be affected by the expansion of urban sprawl.

I know this to be true because I know many of these people personally. I live in Yacolt and I went to high school in Battle Ground causing me to meet many people who worked on or owned agricultural land in Clark County. This expansion will heavily impact their livelihoods, as they

already have to walk a tightrope to make enough money to not only support themselves financially but to also guarantee a harvest next season. The loss of land to urban expansion, even if it were just an acre, can be absolutely devastating to many of these farms, and I do not want to see people in my community led to financial ruin over largely avoidable urban growth.

I'm sure you have largely gotten comments focusing purely on the environmental consequences of this plan, which are all very present and real, but it is far too easy to chase dollar signs when presented with the boogeyman that is global warming. I want to appeal to your empathy. Surely with your position you have come into contact with many local farmers. Surely you have shook their hands and told them you have their best interests at heart. Surely you looked them in their eyes as you said it. I want to ask you, if you agree upon this plan, could you look them in the eyes again?

I, as a resident of Clark County and a member of your community, urge you to adopt the City of Vancouver's Greenhouse Gas reduction targets and to create a supplemental EIS that provides an alternative to limit Urban Growth Boundary expansion and protects the livelihoods of our farmers.

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