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Thank you for this, my final opportunity to comment on the Comprehensive Plan. On Monday Sept. 14th, your council held a Priorities Workshop. I was happy to hear Councilors Little and Young both express a desire that their long-range goals were, that their grandchildren could experience Clark County as it is today. I also share that hope, and now, remind them of their words. I believe if the current preferred Alternative is accepted that priority will not be possible.

I have five requests for you. **One**, do not expand the current UGA's. VBLM data indicates there is more than enough existing land to accommodate projected county and cities growth. An alternative with no urban growth area expansions is the only responsible choice.

Two, do not de-designate existing Ag-lands. State law says you cannot legally do so. So has your newly created Agriculture Advisory Committee.

Three, on priorities day, Councilor Fuentes made a compelling argument to accept Vancouver's climate goals as your own. I think this makes great sense. Please do so.

Four, resolve the Concurrency issue. The GMA states development should not proceed until infrastructure is in place. Currently there is a $500 M road deficit with the current transportation plan. This shortfall doesn't even address new projects.

Five, the deficit in parklands needs to be addressed. We are at 30% funding for communities of our size. Parks are a small price to pay to increase our quality of life.

Finally, your ex-legal counsel, Chris Cook, and the Department of Commerce, both advised you, that accepting the current preferred Alternative is likely to be litigated. The County is likely to lose this appeal. Litigating the preferred Alternative in its current form will financially encumber the County; as current legal staff have minimum experience, and the County will have to rely on expensive outside counsel. Taxpayers will hold accountable those who voted to put them in frivolous law suits at high cost. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely

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