My name is Brandi Cole. I reside in District 2. I am speaking to you today as part of a coalition of 61 individuals and 17 organizations including: iUrban Teen, WSU Vancouver Environmental Science Club, Southwest Washington Equity Coalition, Fourth Plain Forward, Southwest Washington LULAC, Vancouver Metro LULAC, Vietnamese Community of Clark County, Hispanic Disability Support SWWA (Pasitos Gigantes), Pacific Islander Community Association of WA (PICAWA), SW WA Victory Food Project, Western Institute for Agriculture and Food Security Foundation, Columbia Riverkeeper, Vancouver Audubon Society, Sierra Club Loowit Group, Cycle Vancouver, Alliance for Community Engagement (ACE), and Green Party of Southwest Washington.

Our coalition **strongly urges you to adopt greenhouse gas emissions reduction targets aligned with the City of Vancouver's targets and to draft a supplemental EIS that creates a viable alternative through appropriate up-zoning** that limits urban growth boundary expansion and protects agricultural resource lands. Again, I am asking you to **thoughtfully consider not only these requests but who is being represented by our coalition.**

Since my time is limited, I will just highlight a few parts of our comment:

We feel strongly that establishing more ambitious GHG emissions reduction targets could create the necessary sense of urgency and innovation while allowing more time to adapt further if the County falls short of interim goals.

We also strongly believe that based on the County's own data, UGBs should not be expanded and ag land should not be de-designated. As accelerating climate change impacts the global food system, our reliance on our local food system will become more important than ever.

We urge you to call for a supplemental EIS. Again, to be clear, we are not anti-development. We are simply calling for appropriate and responsible development in compliance with the GMA.

I would like to again echo the note I sent to you this morning from Tim T of Futurewise:

"Because the county has adequate capacity in the UGAs and the supplemental ask is for more affordable housing, ***I do not think the county needs to delay the adoption of the comprehensive plan. They can adopt the plan, do the supplemental, and then do some upzones afterward.*** *So Futurewise is certainly not requesting any delays."*

Neither are we. Again, I kindly request that if the Council plans to complete an SEIS, that they are very clear about that during this Hearing. **Having reassurance in plain language will be appreciated by all.**

We are urging you to stand with us--not only as our elected representatives and fellow residents and neighbors--but also as fellow parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles. Your decision in this moment will impact generations to come. Let's act together as responsible stewards of our community and this land to protect them for future generations.