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Please see Ann Foster's email below and attached comments as well.

Thank you!

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DEar Councilors, County Manager Otto and Dr. Orjiako,

Attached please find our comments regarding the final Comprehensive Plan Update, to be adopted officially Tuesday, October 13, 2026. Thank you for enabling

additional time following last week's hearings and council meetings for public participation.

Please place it in the public record.

Best,
Ann Foster

Friends of Clark County

PLANTING THE SEEDS OF RESPONSIBLE GROWTH

TO: Councilors Marshall, Fuentes, Little, Yung and Belkot, County Manager Otto, Community Planning Director Orjiako

Cc: Rebecca Messinger, Staff

Dear Clark County Councilors and Staff:

Friends of Clark County congratulates the Clark County Council and its staff for the completion of the 2025 Comprehensive Plan Update, scheduled to be adopted on Tuesday, October 13, 2026.

We are submitting final comments below:

- We remain in support of the Growth Management Act that protects and preserves agricultural land and we continue to oppose the Council's majority that does not seem to understand the law's requirement to protect that land by not allowing de-designation of it.

- We remain in support of the many voices you heard from the community decrying the unnecessary expansion of the Cities of Ridgefield and La Center. We remain in opposition to the unnecessary expansion, leading to sprawl and urbanization of our rural areas. Three cheers for rural residents, who avoided business park expansion in the rural and environmentally sensitive areas east of WSU and north of 199th Street.. .

- We support the denial of expansion into ALLTCS east of Camas

- We believe that the expansions allowed, especially as to residential lands, will unnecessarily create a surplus of housing units by thousands of units where the current UGAs can, with few exceptions, be accommodated within the existing UGAs.

- Cheers to no more clustering of residential development on resource land. We support extending that decision to all rural parcels in Clark County.

- We strongly support the need to take action on the Ag Study showing lands that meet the legal criteria for Ag of Long Term Commercial Significance and issue a moratorium as recommended by the Agricultural Advisory Commission until the County can address those lands that meet the legal criteria

- As an ongoing issue, a review of the equestrian code is encouraged, along with the expectation that there be solutions that can be implemented within a reasonable timeframe.

- We agree on the importance of updating a Clark County Framework Plan prior to the next Comprehensive Plan Update. We would be interested in contributing to that effort.

- We support a Public Benefits Rating System as a tool to protect farm businesses.

- We support the recommendation to consider Ag 40, passed to the Ag Commission and to the Community Planning staff.

- Friends of Clark County supports the approval of a mobile home overlay and suggests a more aggressive timeline for implementation.

- We support BPAC's recommendations regarding active transportation projects, in line with FOCC's stated priorities and their inclusion in the Multi-Modal Update.

- With no data from the Department of Natural Resources with which to update mineral resources in rural areas of Clark County, the implementation of a "Mineral Resource Commission" or "task force" is premature. FOCC supports consideration of such a commission at a later time and not as part of this Comprehensive Plan Update.

- We hail the Council's approval of the Climate Chapter and, in particular, applaud the amendment matching the County's greenhouse gas emission goal to the City of Vancouver's more aggressive goal. Setting a target date of 2040, instead of 2050, to reach net-zero greenhouse gas emissions, reducing vehicle miles and the use of gas powered items in our own communities, is critical to equitably enhancing resilience to the impacts of climate change.

Friends of Clark County looks forward to continuing to work with the Council and its staff on the implementation of an updated Comprehensive Plan for our communities.

Regards,

Ann Foster, President
Friends of Clark County