

July 12, 2016 = Rec'd from Carol Levanen - LCT
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Clark County Board of Councilors
P O. Box 5000, Vancouver, Washington 98666

July 12, 2016

Dear Councilors,

Clark County Citizens United, Inc. is shocked at ongoing attempts by The Columbian newspaper and staff to degrade and discredit two county councilors and CCCU. The public must be very concerned over what the real reason is, for such inappropriate actions. Is it power? Maybe. Is it for personal hatred? Perhaps. Is it money? It could be. Is it corruption? It appears so. Is it all of these things? Most likely

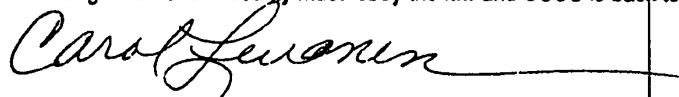
CCCU's research has confirmed that, long before 2013, Friends of Clark County, a special interest environmental group, spent over two years working with county staff to create a socialistic comprehensive plan that now is the newly adopted 2016 Plan. For the most part, this work was done behind the scenes of the public, under the guise of the Health Department and the Food System Council. Much of this work was financed by USDA grants as well as local tax dollars. Yet, county staff and counsel claimed that the 2016 Comprehensive Plan update began in 2013, when they first presented information to the commissioners in a work session. Little did the public know that the Plan was already created, and only a select few were aware of its existence. On the other hand, CCCU met with staff four times to ask them to consider rural landowners requests. When those pleas were ignored, CCCU again lobbied the commissioners to consider rural and resource zone changes. Two councilors directed staff to consider it, but that was ignored. As time closed in, one councilor volunteered to ask GIS for data to look at possibilities for rural and resource zoning to allow a fourth alternative for the public to consider. Rural landowners were asked for specifics and confirmation of maps. Open houses were scheduled and the full public process was met. It was a majority vote of the commissioners to allow this fourth alternative to be included with the other three.

In addition, the use and distribution of money collected through fees and taxes, designated for particular programs, has become a concern. CCCU's research has uncovered questionable use of the Rural Road Maintenance Fund (state gas tax), Clean Water Fund (clean water fees on tax statements), Conservation Futures Fund (real estate excise tax) USDA Grants (federal income tax) and other local, state and federal funding sources. The county manager's educational background is a degree in public accounting, and it is his responsibility to assure county funding mechanisms are correctly applied.

With the new Home Rule Clark County Charter, championed by Craig Pndemore and other government figures, the executive branch is the County Manager and the legislative branch is the County Councilors. It's understood in state law, that the Manager is to work at the "pleasure of the Board". He is to maintain the daily workings and report these actions to the Board. Under state law, the Board is exclusively responsible for legislative actions and policy making, and cannot designate them to any other person.

Most alarming is that all this degradation of persons stems from an original request by rural people for a Plan that includes them. CCCU stressed both Superior Court and the Court of Appeals said the county used an illegal unauthorized formula for zoning and the law does not allow a cap on rural growth. The county has ignored those orders and continued to use an even more restrictive formula with extreme limitations on rural growth. Clark County must obey the law and CCCU is back to ensure that happens.

Sincerely,



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Schroader, Kathy

From: Orjiako, Oliver
Sent: Wednesday, July 13, 2016 3:07 PM
To: Albrecht, Gary, Alvarez, Jose, Anderson, Colete, Euler, Gordon, Hermen, Matt, Kamp, Jacqueline, Lebowsky, Laurie, Lumbantobing, Sharon, Orjiako, Oliver, Schroader, Kathy, Wiser, Sonja
Subject: FW: Levanen Comments
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FYI Kathy, please index as public comments after the completion of the 2016 plan update. Thanks

-----Original Message-----

From: Tilton, Rebecca
Sent: Wednesday, July 13, 2016 12:49 PM
To: Orjiako, Oliver, Schroader, Kathy
Subject: Levanen Comments

Hello,

I'm forwarding comments submitted from Carol Levanen during the public comment portion of the board's July 12 hearing.

Thanks,
Rebecca