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The discrediting of rural land owners, and eliminating them as stakeholders, whether in discussions for the Discovery Corridor, or the County's update of the Comprehensive Plan reveals an absence of any responsibility to the needs and desires of rural land owners. This fits a pattern.

Plans are drawn up, strategies are discussed, and decisions are made regarding the future designs for our rural private properties. But, it isn't a team effort. The future designs for our properties exclude the property owners. The comprehensive planning process should also be about rural hopes, rural futures, rural lives and families, rural affordable housing, rural jobs, and rural economies that support thriving rural communities. We don't have the resources, the political stature or a strong voice to turn this policy towards a better, inclusionary approach. In my view, this is the most critical flaw of the county's planning process.

This is symptomatic of a much larger issue. A planning process that is allowed to go unrestrained by any moral compass, any sense of moral restraint, where bias prevails, and folks are excluded, where urban supremacy reigns above all common sense and decency. . . this is just wrong.

I believe the planning process was all about advancing a no-growth urban and rural agenda, and promoting the erroneous formula that caps rural growth anyway possible and at all cost. . . regardless of the laws, regardless of rural land owner's pleas, regardless of Superior and Appellate Court Orders, who cares if you stiff Clark County Citizens United and leave those Court Orders hanging out there incomplete. Those orders linger like the memory of a severed limb. This is indecent and destructive in that it shows our government to be non-responsive and dishonorable.

This is another way in which rural culture and communities are disadvantaged and degraded. As long as there fails to be some sense of a moral vision in place in the planning process to provide oversight and check the motives of staff, this is what the citizens are left with.

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With liberty & justice for all,
Susan Rasmussen