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FOR THE PUBLIC RECORD OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, ANY AND ALL COUNTY PUBLIC RECORDS

What if the tables were turned and the county had eliminated hundreds of testimony, factual reports, and maps supporting the status quo of maintaining the old large lot zoning regulations extending to 1994? Would the county chose to defend the folks whose large body of work had been eliminated? Would the County readily agree to supplement the record and allow their important work to be included in the record, or would the county push back and argue against critical supplementations? I'm asking the Board to examine the principle and not the specific issues.

It appears to me the county mounted an advocacy campaign well before the formal process of the update began with the goal of maintaining no rural growth. Please note, as pointed out in previous CCCU testimony to you, The Growing Healthier Report, 2012, was drawn up by county staff and the Health Department. It includes social services, health, food and land use policies. But no representatives were present from construction, real estate, engineering, banking, or property rights were present in discussions. July 2015, staff were told by the sitting Board not to advance the report before the P. C. Yet, the frivolous report has become a foundational document for the plan. This infers the public participation process was a pointless exercise that had no chance of influencing the outcome. . .it was meaningless.

CCCU's large body of data could be seen as a threat to the pre-determined campaign's goal to buttress the text that had already been decided for the plan. The editing and manipulations of the public record could be a tool used to hammer-down a potential threat to a pre-determined scheme. These acts are censorship. The decision to manipulate the record crossed a line and jeopardizes non-compliance to a GMA goal. Most importantly, the act insults a coveted right of citizenship. The issue of censorship raises further concerns about the campaign's tone of discrimination against a particular community of County citizens. Citizens that have a storied history in the Courts with county planning, own property, vote, pay taxes, provide jobs, and support local businesses and schools. The county has insulted the citizenship of your rural constituency.

The county's campaign tactic paid off. The self-devised goal of the lobbying blitz was a success. The emergency moratorium ensures the goal's viability. However, if you want affordable housing in Clark County, are you enabling that to happen, or putting up barriers? Are you working to make safe affordable housing accessible to all. . . rural and urban? Are you stifling the growth of rural jobs and the well-being of rural citizens? A variety of rural densities and

support of rural communities and lifestyles are bolstered by the GMA. Closely examine the principle here and the tactics used that undermine citizenship. All should be concerned.

Examine the evidence:

A pointless public participation planning process

Non-compliance to Superior Court and Court of Appeals

Running out the clock and denying CCCU's compliance opportunity.

Holding off updating all rural and resource lands over 20 years

Constructing committees and writing reports long before the public process was actually written and in place.

Submitting an incomplete public record that demonstrates a clear bias for the county's devised plan.

An emergency ordinance that puts a moratorium on all rural land division.

Unrealistic population projection figure that fails to account for an additional 60,000

A scarcity of easily buildable land that can be built on at average costs.

Much land is tied up in buffering, critical areas, and now the moratorium.

Respectfully submitted,

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