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RE: Support of CPZ 2017-00023 Comprehensive Growth Management Plan 2015-2035 response to GMHB decision.

Dear Councilors,

I know you have had endless comments and criticism from people representing special interests.

Those people want to develop more areas in rural Clark County, destroy the agricultural and resource lands forever, just to see to their own financial gains.

Friends of Clark County also represents special interests. The tax payers. The residents who value quality of life, like open spaces, wildlife, fresh food, clean air and water and who pay for our infrastructure like roads, power, water, safety, fire departments, etc.

The Clark County Council has spent a lot of the tax payers money over the past two years by trying to please the other special interests by allowing more houses in rural areas where the infrastructure costs so much more, the water supply is running out, and our ability to grow our own food locally is becoming increasingly difficult.

I'm hoping that at this point in the process, you, on the council, will place the concerns of the citizens who live in this area and love it, at the forefront. Please abide by the Growth Management Hearings Board's decisions and let us move on to addressing the other more important issues like safety, mental health, education, and a clean environment. These are the concerns of most of your constituents.

By the way, Ann Foster couldn't be here to speak today in support of the moratorium and protecting agricultural lands because she and 6 farmers, and 18 small businesses who farm or produce food that feed us, are at a farmers market in Clark County, contributing to the local economy and building a healthy food system in SW Washington. No farms, no food.