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Clark County Planning Commission

Board of County Councilors

Kathy Schroader

For the record for the Planning Commission Hearing of 12/17/15

Dear Councilors, Staff and Planning Commission,

As a rural landowner, farmer and board member of Friends of Clark County, I want to ask that you reflect on the long term result of de-designating some of the finest ag land in Clark County. I can understand the situation that Dennis Lagler has with his parcel, but I'm hoping that you will find a way to help him, and yet save much of this land to provide food for our county residents. It is large enough that huge amounts of produce could grow there to supply our grocery stores in case of earthquake, the loss of the CRC and being cut off from trucking from California, where most of our produce comes from, except for that grown locally. One of the limiting factors in growing food here and keeping it in the county is the lack of a processing plant. We used to have the Robinson Cold Storage on NE 10th Ave, Ridgefield. The plant is still there, but being used for a winery now.

It would be helpful if some of the Lagler property could be used for a place for farmers to take their produce for freezing or canning and keep the money here in Clark County. I know of one berry farmer who has to take her produce to the Willamette Valley for processing and I assume most others do too. The berries grown in the Woodland bottoms would also be a good potential for such an endeavor.

I'm hoping that your priorities will be for the future and not for a short term break that will cost us all. Let's use up the other industrial land first.

Thank you,

Val Alexander

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