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I just got the notice about tonight's meeting from Ann Foster. Because I am not able to attend I would like to react to Liz Pike's proposal to allow light industrial development along the route of the railroad spur.

1) I believe light industrial development should be planned and clustered, not spread willy nilly along the length of a rail spur.

2) I am especially concerned about the Lagler Property. As I have expressed to you both publicly and in a recent email, this property is unique in Clark County in being a large parcel of prime agricultural land on the city's urban growth boundary.

If you were to consult a disaster management expert regarding the disruption that extreme geological or weather events pose, I feel certain that person would remind you of just how cut off this community could

be in the event of, say, a megaquake that geologists and geophysicists say is overdue. The Cascadia Subduction Zone is capable of delivering a quake/tsunami of at least the size of the 2011 quake in Japan that disabled Fukushima and is still leaking irradiated water into the Pacific. The geologic timing of Cascadia's northern 2/3 is every 300-500 years, with the southern portion, more frequent, and the history indicates the events have been, and will continue to be, magnitude 9+ . The last one was January of 1700. Oregon transportation folks predict that when this happens, unless there is adequate time and a lot of money spent prior to the event, that only a couple of bridges on I5 would survive.

The PNW is not prepared like Japan is and still Japan suffered catastrophically. As the governing body for our county it is incumbent upon you to plan for the future, just as workers should plan throughout their working lives for their retirement. You are doing that in setting aside park lands, knowing that Clark County is growing so rapidly that the open spaces we take for granted, and that wildlife depend on, will be gone. I applaud you for that decision. It is just as important, if not more so, for you to consider how this community could be resilient in the face of disasters that impact transportation. Food and water security should be at the top of your list.

I urge you to at least form a study group to examine how the Lagler property could be used to help ensure food security for the county. It only takes time. You can then make an informed decision about that property and the rail spur that runs through it, not a decision based upon a dearth of knowledge that could result in forever burying the potential for food security under asphalt.

I would urge you to not allow light industrial development all along the route of the rail spur and certainly not on the Lagler property. Ann has pointed out to me the need for food storage facilities. If that were to be developed in conjunction with farming on those parcels there may be a role for the spur to play in transporting food products to the core area.

Think creatively and reach out to experts and the farming/farmers' markets communities and don't be afraid to start a conversation about this. It may go nowhere, but than, again, it may prove to be an incubator for something great. Think of all the truck farms around NYC that provide food for that city. We have an opportunity now to show that same foresight. Don't let the opportunity slip through your fingers. Don't let it be something that you look back on and regret that you failed to consider more than the obvious possibilities.

Best Regards,

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"We can either have democracy in this country or we can have great wealth concentrated in the hands of a few. But we can't have both." - Justice Louis Brandeis

"Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about the things that matter." - Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.