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Public Comment: Public Participation Plan

Dear Ms. Kamp:

On behalf of the Building Industry Association of Clark County (BIA) and our more than 750 business members, we would like to thank you for the opportunity to share our comments relating to the proposed Public Participation Plan associated with Comprehensive Plan 2025 Update.

The BIA recognizes the incredible undertaking it is to update the Comprehensive Plan and the criticality of public involvement. As with any community planning initiative, more perspectives can provide better outcomes. Below is some feedback to address the specific questions posed by your department in regard to public comments on the PPP.

- 1) Are there any specific organizations/groups that Community Planning staff should engage with as community partners/interested parties?

**Answer:** The BIA and our more than 750 member businesses comprise one of the most expansive and experienced associations of land development, building, and construction professionals in Clark County. Our members are eager to serve on technical advisory groups, conduct studies/surveys, participate in roundtable discussions, offer verbal/written comments to staff, and county council to support a reliable outcome to this planning process.

- 2) Given the limited resources of local governments, what other tools or approaches, not currently listed in the draft Public Participation Plan, should the county consider for communicating and engaging with the public?

**Answer:** There could be great benefit in offering a stationed, open house style informational meeting. Potentially, the open house could begin with an informational presentation followed by an opportunity for attendees to visit multiple stations to ask questions and provide comments on specific subject matter.

Comprehensive Plan process. It is difficult to imagine too much community engagement in this very important process. Our organization recommends that there be a process by which the workgroups and technical advisory groups can present their findings directly to staff and Council.

As is clear with any study, especially one of this magnitude, collaboration and partnership provides the best opportunity for success. The BIA is committed to participating wholeheartedly in Clark County's Comprehensive Plan Update.

The BIA is always available to serve where needed and ready to contribute to this planning process. Thank you for your time in advance.

Sincerely,

*Noelle Lovern*

Government Affairs Director