

# Vancouver/Clark County Joint Interlocal Planning Agreement

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2017 Policy Issues Identification



# Situation in 2007

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- GOAL: Minimize challenges to the 2007 adopted plan.
- Situation:
  - Contentious comprehensive plan process.
    - Large expansion of Vancouver UGA
    - Disagreement over method used to calculate growth capacity
  - Commitment to joint planning, regulation and services for efficiency, economy and convenience of citizens.
    - Parks
    - Traffic impact fee areas
    - Development regulations
    - Permit system



# Situation in 2007

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- Desire to reinforce cooperative relationships.
- Tradition of annexation agreements to balance impacts of annexation.
- Desire to make annexation proposals more transparent to the county in advance of processing.
  - Acknowledgment of role of covenants in annexation
  - Acknowledgment of county's limited authority to stop or shape annexation proposals
  - Acknowledgment that annexation is a tool to implement the GMA plan



# Agreement success

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- Aligned codes and standards
- Coordinated growth capacity estimates
- Coordinated annexation with more notice to the county
- Fewer challenges to growth plan
- Reinforced cooperative relationships



# Council discussion 2017

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- The agreement expires in December 2017. In an August work session, council decided to let the agreement expire and negotiate anew in 2018.
- What has changed since 2007 that might alter the purpose and topical areas of the agreement?
  - For example: General policies in the annexation chapter of the comp plan commit the county to support annexation.
  - For example: Fewer joint services are provided today, parks and transportation impact fee districts are separate, and the permit systems are different.
  - Others??
- Which policy areas are important for discussion?



# Next steps

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Steps in 2017

Steps in 2018



# Thank you!

## Comments and questions

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