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Dear Don:

Thank you for your comments related to the 2025 Comp Plan. Your comments have been forwarded to staff and will be added to the 2025 Comp Plan Index of Record. Your name and email are in our database to receive future communications related to the 2025 Comp Plan. Please let us know if you have further questions. Thank you.

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Please see the below public comments for tomorrow's public hearing re: the Public Participation Plan for the GMA Climate Amendment.

Thank you!



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Public Participation Plan for the GMA Climate Amendment

Date of Hearing

Tue, 11/07/2023

Comment

(I'd like to speak during the meeting from my computer, but I'm sending my comments now, because you need time to think about them.)

Hello, my name is Don Steinke. I'm a retired physics teacher, having taught in Clark County for 36 years. I'm a member of the Alliance for Community Engagement, an alliance of about 12 environmental organizations in Southwest Washington.

I applaud staff for their work responding to the Climate Amendment to the Growth Management Act!

That amendment requires Clark County to develop a resilience plan for the impacts of climate change. It also requires us to reduce emissions and vehicle miles traveled.

Staff is proposing a 12-page Public Participation Plan. Education needs to be added to the plan, starting with the committee members.

The documents they need to have and discuss are:

- The Guidance Document Prepared by Commerce for this work.
 - The Clean Energy Transformation Act SB 5116
 - The Washington Clean Buildings Act HB 1257
 - The state goals for emissions reduction (HB 2311)
 - The Zero Emissions mandate for electric trucks, buses, and cars. SB 5811
 - Our two cap and trade programs
 - And the White House Guidance Document for Clean Energy Grants
- Most of those policies include mandates for equity.

The Timeline for the Proposed Public Participation Plan indicates that in early 2025, the Advisory Groups are

supposed to submit a Draft Climate Element to the Planning Commission and eventual adoption by you.

But three huge topics are missing from the conversation:

- The need to stop increasing emissions,
- The need to built lots of solar energy production in Clark County,
- And the unprecedented level of grant money available for clean energy projects. The problem is not a lack of money but that so much is available that funds are likely to be left on the table if we don't prepare and apply for them.

The Department of Commerce has disbursed \$800,000 to Clark County to use in the planning work. It is of utmost importance that some staff time be allocated for grant writing.

Fleet electrification needs to be planned for and buildings need to be chosen for solar panels. The grants will go to those who are ready first.

The Washington State Department of Commerce will be hosting a webinar on grants for electric trucks, on November 16.

Thanks for your consideration.

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