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**Subject:** Comment on Nov 7 hearing on Public Participation Plan

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Dear County Councilors,

I am writing with some comments on the Clark County Public Participation Plan for development of a Climate Change and Resiliency Element as part of the Comprehensive Plan 2025 periodic update. My comments are regarding Public Participation Plan Exhibit 1.

Generally, the PPP is well done and I appreciate work of staff and commissioners.

1. (Pg 8) I believe that the Environmental Justice Coalition group proposed in the plan is particularly important. While I feel this is important, I want to mention that I am White. I encourage you to include that it is important to provide regular opportunities for feedback on how the members of this group feel about how effective their feedback is. There should be regular opportunities to adjust the education and communication processes based on felt needs of the group members as they represent their communities. Certainly, other aspects of my concerns here are present in the PPP, for example, the members will be hired.  
I also encourage you to include in the actual growth management plan for 2025-2045 what you learn from how the EJC functions and include a mechanism for continued public feedback from these communities throughout the 20 years of our plan. Effectively managing public input on county policies is a challenge and there will be more to learn. I hope that the trust and knowledge gained in this PPP will be a great asset in our future.

I reviewed the comments submitted by the Alliance for Community Engagement and want to add my support to some of their comments. I find all of their comments very helpful.

2. I strongly support their final comments on page 2 regarding "Bullet 3 ..." In addition, it is very possible that the current state 10-year interim goals, will be adjusted based on changing science-based predictions. Allowing for updating our goals over time in our Comprehensive Plan is important.
3. Also, on page 3 of their document – they highlight engaging with the Chinook Tribe and the Yakama Nation in addition to the Cowlitz Tribe. This is important.

Sincerely,  
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