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Hello Clark County Councilmembers and Staff,

Attached please find a letter from Alliance for Community Engagement SW WA (ACE), regarding your Public Participation Plan. I plan on attending tomorrow and will use this as my testimony.

Thank you for your consideration. Have a nice evening.

Heidi Cody, on behalf of Alliance for Community Engagement

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Alliance for Community Engagement SWWA (ACE)

Dear Clark County Council and Staff,

Thank you for your work creating a Public Participation Plan. This is a first step in an important process to incorporate a climate element into your Comprehensive Plan update, as state law mandates. This process will affect our collective future.

Will it be business as usual for Clark County? From the letters submitted to you, it's clear that fossil fuel interests and other powerful industries are hoping so.

We have serious concerns about representatives from the fossil fuel industry and other industries who have vested interests in slowing our transition to a genuinely clean energy economy. We expect they will exert an outsized influence in the process. We have to reduce pollution and greenhouse gas emissions. The only way to do that is to reduce burning of fossil fuels.

According to the [federal government's National Climate Assessment last week](#), "The faster the U.S. and the rest of the world cuts emissions, the quicker the risks diminish. The immediate benefit — and the benefit to future generations — will far outweigh the costs those changes would impose."

Creating this plan is urgent. We have to stop increasing and start decreasing emissions as soon as possible.

It is crucial that voices from communities of color and lower income communities are heard. These communities are disproportionately impacted by the health hazards created by fossil fuels.

Use Washington State's emissions reduction goals as a guideline, with interim goals.

Support our transition to clean energy. It will save money and our future.

This can be a great opportunity to start planning for a clean economy that protects our health and safety. To do so, Clark County needs to prioritize its citizens—not industry interests. Please vote yes on the Public Participation Plan without further delay.

Thank you.

Alliance for Community Engagement