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**Comment**

Comment's submitted by others: To move forward would be irresponsible and wrong. Would stop economic development: Steinke's response: The clean energy economy means jobs for small businesses. Jobs' for electricians, jobs for solar installers, jobs for heat pump installers, substation developers, solar project developers, battery manufacturers (eg Wilsonville OR), and EV parts makers (eg Photonics in Camas), That's economic development.

Others said: This vision (to reduce vehicle miles traveled) will force people into high density residential. Steinke's response: Those who profit from sprawl will promote sprawl until we have no good land left for farming or for wildlife. A need to own a car drives up the cost of living.

Returning to a comment by others that we need a quantum improvement on battery capacity and charging speed. Toyota boasts new battery technology with 745-mile range and 10-minute charging time — here's how it may impact mass EV adoption (msn.com)

Others said: The green plan is to ban personal vehicles: Steinke's response: No one is proposing a ban on personal vehicles anywhere in the world, least of all in Clark County. However, if we do a better job of community development, the taxpayers will save money if we didn't need to build \$100 million highway interchanges to serve sprawled communities, eg in Orchards and near the Fairgrounds.

Others have commented: The Growth Management Act is being used to stop rural development – Steinke’s response: Every County on the planet understands the importance of protecting farm and forest land and wildlife habitat. Comments by others: The Growth Management Act is being used to limit access to energy and other resources for people who do not comply with the edicts. Steinke’s response. The sun shines everywhere. I know people that charge their Tesla Walls, and EVs with their solar panels. Vermont has already installed home batteries in 4000 home and plans to do so in 250,000 more.

Comment by others that there is no Climate emergency: Steinke’s Response: The document linked to that claim begins with incoherent nonsense. It says that global warming doesn’t cause climate change. Does that mean they agree we have global warming? Are they OK with global warming? Climate change is just another name for global warming. The science is simple. The temperature drops much less overnight in humid air than in a dry desert because water vapor is a greenhouse gas. CO2 is also a greenhouse gas. Water vapor precipitates out of the air rather quickly but CO2 accumulates in the air.

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