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Clark County Council Hearing on Climate Change and Resiliency Public Participation Plan

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**Comment**

County Councilors,

JLA Public Involvement's survey results have indicated that "the public and stakeholders lack trust with the county and don't see it as transparent in its processes and projects..."

As two sitting councilors have signed off on plans for a batch plant near a residential area in recent history and continue to push for the destruction of our community for the benefit of a private rock mining company and rogue rail operator via our publicly owned railroad, there's a lot of progress to be made in the area of public trust and ensuring that our councilors work for us. It is no secret that the public feels that moneyed interests run the show in this town, and so this council should start regaining public trust and achieving a real emissions reduction and resiliency plan by ensuring that NO representative of the fossil fuel industry sits on this Community Advisory Group.

NW Natural's product is methane, which is the most potent greenhouse gas in the short term. Their very existence depends on increasing emissions, which is why they heavily greenwash to the public. Additionally, commercial builders, who, for years, have fought improvements to energy codes such as the Southwest Washington Contractor's Association and the Clark County Association of Realtors, should not sit on the Community Advisory Group because they represent a private interest that is antithetical to the public interest of protecting carbon sequestering forest and agricultural lands,

reducing consumption, and reducing emissions.

Anyone who cares about our children and the dire future they will suffer if we do not act boldly should take these recommendations seriously. Thank you.

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