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Subject

Growth Management Act

Date of Hearing

Tue, 11/28/2023

Comment

Dear Council members,

I can think of nothing more important or overwhelming than dealing with Climate Change; as policymakers, you can have no greater task than addressing this issue. When I thought about what public comment to submit, even that was overwhelming because the crisis is existential.

As our climate continues to change, we will experience more growth here in the Pacific Northwest, and Vancouver needs to be ready in every capacity -- from assuring we maintain our precious water supply, clean our air (through eliminating emissions and planting/preserving trees), embrace and build green energy, and support and protect the crop farmers who grow our food.

Human brains didn't evolve to worry about things on such a massive scale as climate change. We evolved to worry about running from a predator and finding food and a mate. But the science is crystal clear that this problem is upon us already and will only get worse which is why we need to do as much as we can now. Exxon's own scientists confirmed back in the late 1970's that the burning of fossil fuels was causing global warming. But the Exxon decided to ignore that data and change the narrative in favor of profits. The legacy has been decades of denial and more damage.

I hope you have staff or can hire staff who can dedicate time to writing grants to get some of the wealth of funds available through the Inflation Reduction Act. These grants can help with many environmental projects for our county; someone just needs to write the grants!

The staff must educate committee members on documents such as:

- The Guidance Document Prepared by The Department of Commerce for this work.
- The Clean Energy Transformation Act (SB 5116)
- 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
- The White House Guidance Document for Clean Energy Grants

Thank you for your time and for addressing this more important, all-encompassing topic!

Sincerely,
Tracy Ceravolo

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