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Please add this to the record for the Council meeting on 11/28.

My name is Brenna Collins and I am a resident of the County, specifically North Clark County.

My property sits along the railroad tracks in Chelatchie, and in very close proximity to the Council approved Surface Mining Overlay area.

Recently the stream that ran through our property was cut off from the natural springs from which it is fed by the unlawful and neglectful construction of a roadway by the railroad operator, Portland Vancouver Junction Railroad.

As I pour through public records requests of emails and documents, I realized the plans of certain Clark County Council members to industrialize areas in our county with delicate lands, and sensitive populations.

I find the 'Clark County Climate Change and Resiliency Element' interesting.

The document states:

"The resilience subelement is intended to avoid creating or worsening localized climate impacts to vulnerable populations and overburdened communities."

"Climate resilience is the ongoing process of anticipating, preparing for, and adapting to changes in climate and minimizing negative impacts to our natural systems, infrastructure, and communities. [RCW 70A.65.010]"

"These actions must: 1) identify, protect, and enhance natural areas to climate impacts"

"enforcement of environmental laws, regulations, and policies."

So, I ask, if the plan is to create enhanced environmental protections in the face of climate change, than why are we willing to increase industrialization from 500ft to 1 mile on both sides of the rail tracks, and blow up over 400 acres of green space and sensitive waterways throughout the county?

This makes no sense. It is a mockery of the intelligence of the citizens of the county. And it will burden the future generations with a mess of problems to overcome.

It is a lack of creativity that has allowed for this to be a conversation about 'jobs' or 'aggregate.'

It is a predatory act against the community to claim insurance of planning for climate change.
All while continuing to allow Eric Temple to deceive the public with his lies, purchase the votes of our Council members, and destroy our environment.