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From: Jenna Kay
Sent: Tuesday, November 28, 2023 12:53 PM
To: Cathryn Chudy
Cc: Rebecca Messinger
Subject: RE: My testimony to Clark County Council re: Public Participation Plan

Hi Cathryn,

Confirming receipt. I've copied the Council Clerk to add it to the hearing record.

Regards,
Jenna



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From: Cathryn Chudy <chudyca@gmail.com>
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Hi Jenna,

I submitted this before the hearing this morning for the hearing record - I did not get a confirmation email back - I am thinking you were not able to upload this, but hoping it will be part of the record - I am online waiting to provide this in oral testimony as well.

Thank you for all you are doing!

Cathryn

My name is Cathryn Chudy. I am a 30 year resident of Clark County and I urge you to move forward today with a Public Participation Plan that ensures our county will move forward quickly and effectively to cut greenhouse gas emissions in light of what the [Seattle Times](#) detailed about the recently released National Climate Report and what it says about our Pacific Northwest. The report lists alarming trends related to the pace of climate disruption and yet points out that while the window for countering the negative impacts of climate change is narrowing, we still have time. We need to use that time to act now to shape our future, for better or worse.

The narrowing window that the report notes, for acting decisively, means that there is no room for the kind of climate catastrophe "denial" and its crafty companion, "delay" that fossil fuel interests use deliberately, relentlessly and deceptively, in order to slow down and dilute the meaningful actions that we must mobilize NOW in order to cut emissions, ending as quickly as possible our deadly reliance on burning fossil fuels for our energy needs.

We need our elected County Council representatives to actively resist the pressure currently being exerted by fossil fuel and building industry interests, seeking an outsized influence on the process by asking to be included in the Community Advisory Group. Please keep the process protected by saying no to those requests.

We need cleaner air and water, and the move away from reliance on fossil fuels will give us that, along with mitigating the worst outcomes of the inexorable impacts of climate disruption heading our way. If you, as our elected representatives, are genuinely invested in helping our community prepare for a "better" rather than a "worse" future, you will act today to adopt a strong and clear pathway forward that honestly engages citizens through a Community Advisory Group that is free from undue influence by those who are most likely to question and undermine, rather than actively and honestly support the clear direction that our state is taking to ensure a genuinely clean energy future, whose benefits will clearly outweigh the costs, for all of us.