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**Name**

Susan Saul

**Subject**

2025 Update Public Participation Plan

**Date of Hearing**

Tue, 11/28/2023

**Comment**

As I reviewed the public comments submitted regarding the Public Participation Plan, particularly those from the fossil fuel and real estate industries, I was alarmed that they seem to miss the Plan's spirit and intent to facilitate "a thoughtful, open and equitable process to provide residents, workers and other interested parties meaningful opportunities to discuss climate change and resiliency and shape policy recommendations..." By demanding "executive" roles on the Community Advisory Group, rather than following the open recruitment process outlined in the Public Participation Plan, they clearly expect to steamroll the recommendations and shape them to their industries' financial objectives, which involve slowing the transition to clean energy and undermining the intent of the Legislature in its amendment to the Growth Management Act. Their disdain for the target "vulnerable [to climate change pollution and climate impacts] community member representatives" to have the knowledge, understanding and ability to develop recommendations without their guidance is explicit in their comments.

I urge you to adopt the Public Participation Plan as it is written and to adhere to the policies and procedures in it, including the open recruitment process to identify members of the Community Advisory Group by a neutral party. If you intend to yield to the demands of the fossil fuel and real estate industries to give them executive roles on the Community Advisory Group, you should change the Plan accordingly. Then we will know that "public participation" is a sham and that "a thoughtful, open and equitable process" for all the other citizen interests identified to be part of the Community Advisory Group will not happen.

I urge you to adopt the Public Participation Plan without delay. I look forward to helping plan for a clean fuels future that

protects our health, reduces our greenhouse gas emissions, and makes our county more resilient against climate change.

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