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Good day, Jude,

Thank you for your comments. I have forwarded to additional staff, and will add these to the Index of Record.

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Dear Oliver (and the Comp.Plan team), Jenna and the EJC and CCPH team, and select food justice oriented community friends,

This is my first response to "County's intent to prepare an EIS on the proposed update to the Clark County Comprehensive Plan. The environmental impact review process under the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) will be used to inform the public of the choices between the proposed growth alternatives."

My comments are mine.

However, I co-organize the Farm & Food Justice Network, and we serve on the Environmental Justice Coalition (County Comp Plan Climate Action element). As such, I participate in EJC meetings and processes and would like that public process be integrated into the ISSUES and concerns for the EIS.

EJC voices, issues, participating organization missions, goals, and community voices deserve to be heard throughout the Update and EIS processes.

I am hereby requesting that the County incorporate, into the Public Record for SEPA Scoping Issues, AT LEAST the issues raised in following documents:

1. the Clark County Climate Change Planning Environmental Justice Coalition Meeting NOTES, such as #4 and other [meeting-summary final-draft.pdfs](#). Meeting powerpoints help to illustrate the issues important to discussion, Notes from #1-5,
2. The Equity Lens being refined by the EJC, as well as the guiding [gare-racial equity toolkit.pdf](#)
3. Several CAG documents and CAPA presentations were presented at EJC meetings. EJC participants reflected and commented. ALL the issues raised should be entered as part of the Public Scoping for the EIS. All the documents as well. DRAFTS are fine.
4. There are additional EJC perspectives which were not fully explored, but should be part of the EIS analyses. EJC should be able to ask County GIS / CAPA consultants for specific map overlays of indicators.
5. EJC input from our community outreach and engagement are ALL issues of concern for the EIS. They are outlined in workplans and discussions, but are NOT complete, so need to be placeholders in the EIS scoping. All the topics in All the surveys, focus groups, outreach processes, are Issues for SEPA analysis in the EIS. These are already Public Record. Shared in trust that community voices matter.
6. ****Because the timing is URGENT, the deadline Tomorrow, I am also asking that the Deadline for Scoping comments be extended so that ALL of the EJC member organizations may submit their own comments.**
7. Are CAG members aware that their discussions are not automatically submitted to the EIS scoping? Was SEPA on the CAG agenda?

** I was shocked to discover that EJC voices are not automatically being entered into the SEPA scoping process. Although Jenna said she brought up the issue last month, I do not see that statement in the Slides or Notes. I do appreciate Jenna sending everyone notice on all County processes. But how could EJC members know that all of our hard work re EJC was not crossing over into Issues and Concerns for EIS scoping? I apologize if I have missed the prompt until yesterday. We are ALL busy with our work in the community, working for social-environmental justice, climate resilience, basic needs security, and equity!

Please share this or something with EJC members so that they may have the opportunity to have their voices directly reach the SEPA scoping. Hopefully you can send them an email saying they have more time to submit comments.

Please do not hesitate to ask for clarification on any of these points. Pardon the rush and urgency.

I do have several other comments -- more directed to issues intersecting Farm and Food Justice. But again, we do not have time to engage the Network in the SEPA scoping

before tomorrow. AND **again ask for an extension of the deadline**. The fact that SEPA scoping was not built into Every Workplan and the EJC agenda debunks the intent of having an Equity lens.

With great respect for you and your challenging jobs, and appreciation for all you do, I submit this first public comment.

Sincerely,

Jude

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