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Good day, Marjorie,

Thank you for your comments regarding the 2025 EIS Update. I have forwarded them to staff, and will add these to the Index of Record.

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## Clark Co Comp Plan Environmental Impact Statement

### Comments

Dear Clark County Councilmembers:

Thank you for asking for public input on the County's Comprehensive Plan Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). This is a somewhat abstract concept for a lot of people. I agree with what Peter Fels and Don Steinke have already submitted to you about this. I also agree with what Heidi Cody has submitted. Her statement is repeated in the following paragraphs. I would just like to add that I have lived in Vancouver for over 30 years, and I would like the city to complete an EIS that will consider all the relevant criteria implicated in Washington State's overall plan to reduce emissions and preserve the environment, not only for our own health and safety, but for the generations to come. We have the chance to do this right, and we will need to do things differently, and soon, if we are to safeguard the physical environment, the pure water, and the clean air we will need to survive. Please make this a meaningful process that measures the criteria that will allow us to chart a successful future in terms of survival, quality of life, and preservation of the environment.

Keep our Washington State goals for greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions reductions in mind as you make major decisions.

By 2030 Washington State's goals are to reduce overall GHG emissions to 45% below 1990 levels; and

By 2040, reduce overall emissions to 70% below 1990 levels; and,

By 2050 reduce overall emission to 95% below 1990 levels

Additionally, the Clean Energy Transformation Act (CETA) commits Washington to an electricity supply free of greenhouse gas emissions by 2045.

As Peter Fels states: "How can we plan for expected growth? We should not plan for heavy industry or extraction of natural resources (rock, gravel, timber, water, etc.) because doing so degrades the environment and quality of life. Expansion of the industrial area around the Clark County rail line will foolishly cause increased emissions, destroy natural landscapes and generally harm the quality of life the citizens now enjoy. Industry and housing should be confined to current Urban Growth Areas."

As Don Steinke says: "Development regulations should be adopted, such as to make all new buildings solar ready, all-electric ready, EV ready and accompanied by amenities such as schools, jobs, sidewalks, grocery and hardware stores."

Generally we need to:

Reduce emissions wherever possible

Increase public transit

Reduce vehicle miles traveled

Increase urban and suburban density (more multifamily homes, ADUs, etc)

Increase truly affordable housing– this should not simply be 10% below market rate

Provide cooling and disaster centers for climate resilience

Preserve and increase tree canopy. Don't cut down mature trees unless absolutely necessary.

Thank you for your work on the Comprehensive Plan.

Sincerely,  
Heidi Cody



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