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More EJC and Public comment:

Here's an example of policies that could address concerns and EJC feedback. Just in the Energy sector -- i'm sure there are other sectors:)

If the CAG and County would think out of the urban development boxes and building industry, we could play a significant part in acting local and intersecting with EJ Goals and Objectives:

<https://frontandcentered.org/energy-justice/>

Our Energy Justice Goals and Objectives

- Universal access to enough power to thrive. Washington must guarantee that all residents have access to the power they need to survive and thrive, both as a right and as a responsibility to share and not take more than we need.
- Affordable energy for all. While there are existing protections that mandate utility assistance targets, service disruption penalties, and seasonal protections against shutoffs, we must overhaul how our energy system is controlled and how rates are set so that everyone has consistent, dignified access to necessary energy regardless of ability to pay.
- Eliminate fossil fuels. We must accelerate the transition off of high greenhouse gas-emitting, deeply extractive fossil fuels and the dig, dump, and burn cycle they require.
- Community-controlled renewables. Electricity must be generated from clean, renewable sources that center communities and local places through community-controlled generation, community governance in transmission and storage planning, and an equitable distribution of benefits.

We can contribute at the County level to implement A Washington Energy Assistance Program that would:

- Collect and analyze critical energy consumer and provider data to gauge needs relative to services.
- Offer technical assistance and capacity to support utility companies and assistance providers to meet their obligations.
- Provide a statewide resource for bill, weatherization, and efficiency program participation assistance for eligible households whose need is not otherwise met.

thanks!

Jude Wait, Ph.D., MiM

On Tue, Nov 26, 2024 at 1:06 PM Jenna Kay <Jenna.Kay@clark.wa.gov> wrote:

Hi Jude,

Thank you for your note. Confirming receipt.

Regards,

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County team,

I am checking this out just now:

Interesting [model for public participation](#)

Especially considering where EJC is on this [spectrum of community engagement](#)

all this linked on the HEAL Act for [WSDA implementation](#)

EJC is in the CONSULT spectrum overlapping some Involvement. but all the power (besides the stipends) is relegated to the CAG and "community ownership or delegated power" could only come with policies that actually make communities part of the solution whereby they own some role in implementation.

Please share this with the EJC alongside any response, explanation, or intersection you find with the CCA implementation through the Climate project.

I imagine you have considered this "Facilitating Power" in your work:)

The communities are less likely to "own" results when subsumed into the "consensus" of the industry dominated CAG and planning commission. I suggest EJC members go directly to the Council (and through the Planning Commission) and not rely entirely on the CAG.

thanks,

Jude

On Mon, Nov 25, 2024 at 5:50 PM Nicole Metildi <nmetildi@kearnswest.com> wrote:

Hello Clark County Climate Project Environmental Justice Coalition members,

We are looking forward to our tenth Environmental Justice Coalition (EJC) meeting next Monday, December 2 from 3:30-6:30p, which will be held virtually over Zoom webinar. While we expect most members to join virtually, you have the option of joining county staff at the Public Service Center (1300 Franklin St, Vancouver, Room 698) to attend the meeting in-person. *If you plan to attend in-person, please let Jenna, Amy, and Lauren know at least one week in advance.*

Meeting purpose and desired outcomes:

- Apply the Equity and Environmental Justice (EJ) Lens to draft Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions reduction policies.

As you prepare for the meeting, please prioritize review of the Draft GHG emissions reduction policies (linked below). As you review the policies, think about what themes are missing or need to be highlighted. At past meetings, the following themes have come up: Concerns about (or impacts to) affordability or income, accessibility (disability and language access), geographic distribution, and how specific populations are mentioned or not mentioned. The following questions may also be helpful to think about as you review:

- What are the ways in which these policies could be modified to **enhance positive impacts or reduce negative impacts**? For example, how might they be modified to take into consideration affordability/income, accessibility, geographic distribution, or specific populations?
- How can we strengthen or adapt these policies so that they **give enough direction at a high-level** to guide implementation to benefit vulnerable populations and overburdened communities?

Meeting materials:

Linked below and on the [EJC webpage](#), please find:

- [Agenda for November 4 EJC Meeting #10](#)
- [EJC Meeting #9 Draft Summary](#)
- [EJC member comments](#)
- [Public comments received to date](#)
- [Draft GHG emissions reduction policies](#)

- [Equity and Environmental Justice Lens Memo: Background Quantitative Data](#)
- [Equity and Environmental Justice Lens Memo: Themes from Community Engagement GHG Reduction Feedback](#)
- *Background material (not required to review before the meeting)*
 - Draft Phase 3 Engagement Summary
 - [Report](#)
 - [Appendices](#)
 - Draft Phase 4 Engagement Summary
 - [Report](#)
 - [Appendices](#)
 - [Equity and Environmental Justice Lens](#)

How to join the meeting

Please refer to the [EJC webpage](#) or the meeting calendar invite for the Zoom webinar link and how to join.

A few reminders and action items

Below are reminders and action items we discussed at our last meeting in November. Please let us know if you have any questions.

- **AI Notetaking Tools:** Please disable AI notetaking tools (such as Otter AI) before you join the EJC meetings due to potential issues with their use and the Open Public Meetings Act.
- **Progress Reports and Invoices:** Please continue to send [invoices for meeting preparation and attendance](#) to Jenna, Amy, and Lauren.

Thank you and please do not hesitate to reach out to us if you have any questions. We're looking forward to seeing you next week,

Ben and Nicole

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