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Thank you so much Jenna and team! Great work!

Since not everybody knows everything all at once and new insights are constantly emerging because that's just how life works there is some information that I would love to share with you all and I will be bringing up at the CAG meeting.

The Great Simplification | Film on Energy, Environment, and Our Future | 32 minutes and 34 seconds

https://youtu.be/-xr9rlQxwj4?si=2MvDfP2Bv0KICc_T

Plug-and-Play Renewable Energy Hubs:

Rather than relying on large, complex power plants and an extensive, difficult-to-understand grid infrastructure, the simplified renewable energy system would be built around decentralized "energy hubs" that can be easily installed and used directly in buildings and neighborhoods. These hubs would combine solar panels, small-scale wind turbines, battery storage, and smart controls into compact, plug-and-play units - meaning they can be quickly set up and connected without specialized technical knowledge.

Automated and Intuitive Energy Management:

The renewable energy hubs would be equipped with advanced automation systems to optimize energy generation, storage, and distribution. Automation refers to the use of technology to perform tasks and processes automatically, without the need for manual human intervention. Residents and building managers would have simple, intuitive (easy to understand and use) controls to monitor and adjust their energy usage. The system would automatically balance supply and demand to maximize efficiency and resilience, taking the guesswork out of energy management. This straightforward, hands-on approach empowers people to take control of their energy needs, rather than relying on a complex, opaque (hard to understand) system.

Scalable and Flexible Design:

The renewable energy hub technology would be designed with flexibility in mind, allowing individual

components to be easily upgraded, repaired or replaced as needed. This modular (interchangeable, easy to change) design enables the system to scale up gradually as energy demands increase, without requiring complex, large-scale infrastructure overhauls. This flexibility helps reduce the overall environmental footprint and energy demands of the system, aligning with the principles of "The Great Simplification."

Community-Oriented Approach:

Rather than a top-down, utility-centric model, the simplified renewable energy system would foster a more community-oriented approach. Neighborhoods and community groups could collaborate to collectively manage their energy resources, sharing surplus generation and supporting each other's needs through a localized, peer-to-peer network. This decentralized, community-driven model promotes resilience and self-sufficiency, reducing reliance on distant, energy-intensive systems.

By embracing these principles of simplicity, flexibility, and community engagement, the renewable energy transition in Clark County can be made more accessible, efficient, and aligned with "The Great Simplification" vision outlined in the video. This approach empowers residents and businesses to take an active role in shaping their energy future, rather than being beholden to complex, opaque systems.

(My Signature 😊)

~You must always be willing to truly consider evidence that contradicts your beliefs, and admit the possibility you may be wrong. Intelligence isn't knowing everything, it's the ability to challenge everything you know. Let's all give up our fear as a justification for not to take action because we are the creators of our reality.

Sending healing vibes

Monica Zazueta

Concerned Mum



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Sharing energy,

1.

Doughnut Economics 7 Ways to Think Like a 21st Century Economist
by Kate Raworth

Free digital copy of the book,

<https://fenix.tecnico.ulisboa.pt/downloadFile/845043405579281/Raworth%20%282017%29%20Doughnut%20Economics.pdf>

2.

29 minute video explaining Doughnut Economics

"How radical ideas can turn into transformative practice. Stockholm impact week 2023"

<https://youtu.be/qwyzsAWRMcw?si=Hut8czYBLqAjOBpb>

3.

Nate Hagens: "Episode 100 - The Great Simplification"

<https://youtu.be/GocuMZX3hls?si=impadsCjN-aGZzk0>

On Sun, Feb 23, 2025, 9:38 AM Jenna Kay <Jenna.Kay@clark.wa.gov> wrote:

Good morning CAG Building & Energy Subcommittee,

This is just an fyi with the updated building & energy policies based on the group's last discussion. The first attachment shows a comparison of the policies as they were in Jan. compared to the revised Feb. version, with a brief explanation of the changes made and notes key agreements made by the subcommittee. The second attachment is the simpler document that just includes the revised, current version of the draft policies.

These are the materials we will share with the rest of the CAG this week and provide an update on at Wednesday's meeting. The full CAG will have an opportunity to weigh in on the policies between the Feb. and Mar. meetings via survey, with time for final discussion/negotiation/voting at the Mar. CAG meeting.

Thank you all for your time and input on these revisions! We look forward to bringing the rest of the CAG back into the conversation!

Regards,

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Good afternoon CAG Building & Energy Subcommittee,

Attached for your reference, please find two documents:

- Documentation of the agreements/direction the subcommittee provided to staff; and
- More detailed notes from the discussion.

We'll be working on policy revisions over the next few days and will share back next week.

Hope everyone's staying warm!

Regards,

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Subject: REMINDER & AGENDA: 2/13 Clark Co. CAG Building & Energy Subcommittee

Hi Noelle, Monica, Don and Nelson:

This is a reminder that we have our building & energy subcommittee meeting tomorrow, Thursday, Feb. 13, noon-1pm, on Teams.

Here is a brief agenda for the meeting:

- Review challenge subcommittee helping address and timeline for revisions

- Review each building & energy goal and its associated policies. (Proposed approach: look at goal 24 and associated policies as one item, then move to goal 25 and its associated policies, etc.)
 - Staff quickly reviews revisions made to each goal and its associated policies
 - Staff asks subcommittee for feedback on the following:
 - Can you live with the goal and policies associated with it as written?
 - If not, what is the issue that concerns you? (*Since Don will not be in attendance, staff will bring up Don's emailed considerations at this point in time in his absence.*)
 - As group, brainstorm, discuss, and seek agreement on ideas for how issue can be addressed.
 - Staff confirms with subcommittee approach agreed to for any additional revisions

- Confirm next steps and timeline

Sine this meeting runs through lunch time, please feel free to eat during the meeting.

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