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Hi Don,

These might make interesting discussion points for our Teams meeting tomorrow.

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**From:** Don Steinke <crvancouverusa@gmail.com>  
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From Don Steinke – Clark County Climate CAG member.

To the Home Builders Association c/o Noelle Laverne

Cc others

Re The Climate Element of the Growth Management Act

Hello Noelle,

In 2021, The members of the so-called *International Code Council* voted to support stronger energy efficiency standards. The members were primarily staff members from local government building departments. The ICC *Executive Board* threw out the vote. The *Executive Board* was dominated by The National Home Builders Association and by the American Gas Council.

In 2024, the Clark County Builders Association supported I-2066 and in December sued the State Building Code Council, insisting on enforcement.

Questions:

1. In 2020, our legislature passed [HB 2311](#) which says the State shall reduce emissions 45% below 1990 levels by 2030, and 95% below 1990 levels by 2050. What suggestions do the Builders have for meeting those targets in new construction?
2. Would you support the idea of using subsidies to cover the difference in cost between code compliant construction and super-efficient construction?
3. I'm trying to learn the real reason that Home Builders oppose higher standards for building efficiency. Can you enlighten me?
4. Are you encouraging builders to install gas furnaces and gas water heaters in new construction?
5. Is it accurate to say that the Climate Commitment Act will drive up the cost of natural gas heat?
6. Is it accurate to say that most new residential projects in Clark County install electric water heaters and heat pumps?
7. What is your interest in seeing that I-2066 is enforced?

Thanks in advance for your answers.

Don Steinke