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Hi Jenna,

Here is a copy of my edits. I thought it might be easier to understand with this added document. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you,

Jessica

CAG Climate Element Recommendations Survey - Due Mar. 13

This survey includes questions about three topics:

1. Your level of support for two policies we accidentally missed in the previous climate element policy survey related to food waste.
2. Your level of support for the revised building & energy policies that were reworked with the help of a subcommittee (Monica, Noelle, Don, and Nelson). As a reminder, we reworked them to try and make them align with both HB1181 and I-2066.
3. Your input on greenhouse gas reduction targets to help inform the County Council when they set policy direction on this matter.

For each goal area, indicate your level of support (1-4 scale) for moving the goal and its policies forward to the Planning Commission and County Council. Remember that we are trying to determine where there is consensus support from the CAG on the goals and policies, meaning “I can live with it. Even if it is not my first choice, I recognize that this meets others’ needs and diverse interests and can support it.”

- 1 = I support moving this forward. (“Support”)
- 2 = I have some minor concerns but am okay with moving this forward. (“Can Live with”)
- 3 = I have concerns and want to discuss this more with CAG. (“Need to talk about it”)
- 4 = I have major concerns and cannot support this as written. (“Can’t live with”)

Please also keep in mind as you rank the options:

- The CAG is, by design, a group with many diverse interests, needs and perspectives. The consensus process is meant to get to a list of goals and policies that best meets these various needs and interests.
- The intent of the Climate Element is to: Equitably improve county resiliency to the impacts of climate change, reduce GHG emissions produced in Clark County to net-zero by the year 2050, while also supporting a reduction in vehicle miles traveled per person and creating a benefit to our most vulnerable community members. The ultimate goals and policies list should meet this intent, so please consider that in your ranking.

If you are giving any goal area a 3 or a 4, explain in the comments which policy number(s) you have concerns with, and any ideas you have for changing the policy

language to something you can live with. At CAG meeting 12, we intend to:

- Quickly review the goal areas that receive only 1s and 2s to confirm CAG consensus support.
- Spend time discussing goal areas that receive 3s and 4s to see if they can be modified to get to consensus. We expect CAG members who have 3s and 4s to come ready with their ideas for revision. We will have limited time at CAG meeting 12, so ask CAG members to come prepared for constructive dialogue and solution-oriented ideas to adapt goal and policy language to something that meets the diverse needs of members at the table.
- Please note: If there are more 3s and 4s than we have time to discuss at CAG meeting 12, then staff will prioritize policies for discussion.

For the question about greenhouse gas emissions targets, we are just collecting your feedback to share with the County Council. We are not asking the CAG to reach consensus on this item and **do not** plan to discuss the topic in detail at CAG meeting 12.

To work on the survey over time, click "**DONE**" at the bottom of the page to save your progress.

Thank you in advance for your review and feedback!

* 1. Name

Jessica Brown

2. Please note, the following two policies, G5-P9 and G5-P10 were accidentally missing from the last CAG pre-meeting survey. As such, they have been included here for CAG members to weigh in on.

G5. Promote resilient local food economies and local, economically-viable agricultural and farming businesses. ✓

G5-P9. Support food waste prevention and diversion programs throughout the food system. what is the food system Prioritize increasing food security for low-income and food-insecure residents and supporting ~~farmers~~.

G5-P10. Collaborate with community partners on public education for household and business ^{on} food waste reduction strategies. Education should be implemented in multiple languages, in multiple formats, and in culturally inclusive ways in collaboration with schools and community organizations. Approaches that are practical in multifamily housing complexes should be addressed.

→ Implement a county wide food waste composting program.

1 = Support 2 = Can live with 3 = Need to talk about it 4 = Can't live with

G5-P9,
G5-P10



If you selected 3 or a 4, explain here which policy number(s) you have concerns with, and any ideas you have for changing the policy language to something you can live with.

3. G24. Support energy efficient buildings

G24-P1. Policies under this goal must prioritize:

- Helping low-income and overburdened households and businesses ~~with inefficient equipment/buildings~~ ^{to} improve energy efficiency save money and improve indoor comfort and health;
- Removing barriers to access benefits by making initiatives accessible to people living in unincorporated Clark County regardless of language spoken, immigration status, disability, or whether someone rents or owns a household dwelling, building, or commercial space. (An example of removing a barrier includes providing an appliance discount instead of an approach requiring payment in full before receiving a rebate); and
- Careful coordination with utility partners to support and complement existing programs and avoid duplication of efforts. ✓

G24-P2. Collaborate with local utilities and partner agencies to promote free and low cost


options for energy audits and performance standards for commercial and residential properties. ✓

G24-P3. Collaborate with local utilities and community based organizations to support programs that provide weatherization, energy efficiency upgrades, and heat capture for commercial and residential buildings. ✓

G24-P4. Incentivize energy efficient building design, including passive building principles. ✓

G24-P5. Support the best available technology improvements for:

- Residential and commercial heating and cooling equipment, such as heat pumps; and,
- Other types of residential and commercial building equipment and appliances. ✓

G24-P6. Collaborate with existing service providers to pick up and properly dispose of aging appliances  to support replacement.
at a reduced cost

G24-P7. Collaborate with community based organizations, utilities, and additional partners to provide free culturally and linguistically appropriate public education on energy efficiency products, how to optimize using them, and opportunities for operational cost savings. ✓

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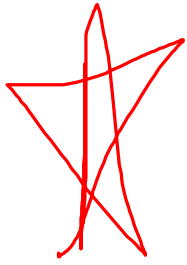
4. G25. Promote a just approach to increasing clean, renewable, and diverse building energy options in unincorporated Clark County to achieve net zero greenhouse gas emissions.



G25-P1. Implementation of policies under this goal shall: consider various scales of projects (utility-scale, community-scale, and household scale), prioritize benefits for people who rent housing or commercial space and households and businesses with limited income, avoid causing harm in overburdened communities, and involve community education and feedback.



G25-P2. The county shall promote self-reliance and community capacity to respond to emergencies, such as with distributed energy resources and energy management systems, microgrids, and virtual power plants.



G25-P3. Pursue innovations to expand and improve accessibility to a diversity of clean renewable energy options. Renewable energy resources are defined in RCW 54.04.190. Clean renewable energy includes renewable resources that have low or zero carbon emissions.



Examples include but are not limited to:

- Collaborate with Northwest Natural and Clark Public Utilities on utility-led decarbonization plans and renewable energy programs
- Remove barriers for renewable energy in site design
- Facilitate efficient siting of renewable energy development
- Facilitate the development of community-owned, small-scale renewable energy generation projects
- Advance pilot projects to test emerging and heritage technologies and collect community feedback on projects to inform next steps
- Facilitate learning opportunities from projects in other communities

Incentivize retrofitting of existing homes/buildings with renewable energy options

G25-P4. Incentivize new construction to be "future-ready" through incorporation of design elements that support building owners and renters to easily adapt to changing energy needs, preferences, and conditions over time, such as considerations for: future electricity

demand, electric vehicle charging, onsite renewable energy and battery storage, connection to thermal energy networks and other new energy options, etc.

G25-P5. Provide communitywide education about building energy choices to support informed consumer decision-making, including but not limited to:

- Building energy options (ex. information on the options available and the pros and cons of each),
- Energy decarbonization pathways (ex. information on pathway options, opportunities, and challenges), and,
- Energy efficiency (ex. information on the options, emerging technology, and available incentives).

Fire wise and flooding retrofits

Educational offerings must include: cost, resilience and greenhouse gas emissions reduction effectiveness, environmental justice, and co-benefits information related to the topic covered.

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have for changing the policy language to something you can live with.

5. Note: there is no G26 at this time. This was deleted as part of the building & energy policy revisions. So, this questions jumps to G27.

G27. Reduce building energy emissions for County owned and operated buildings and facilities to net zero.

G27-P1. Audit County buildings and facilities to identify and prioritize weatherization and energy efficiency upgrades and retrofits that are needed or provide cost savings (as well as consolidate buildings and relinquish unused space).

G27-P2. Develop and implement a county building greenhouse gas emissions reduction plan to reduce county building energy use to net zero greenhouse gas emissions. Align equipment upgrades with maintenance and replacement schedules.

G27-P3. Integrate clean renewable energy sources and backup infrastructure where feasible into building energy/operations.

G27-P4. Purchase renewable energy certificates if needed as a supplement to reduce county operations emissions to zero while prioritizing measures that directly reduce emissions.

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P4



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6. **G28. Promote green building and sustainable building practices.** ✓

G28-P1. Implementation of policies under this goal shall remove barriers for green building practices, prioritize benefits for renters, low income households, and populations more vulnerable to negative health outcomes from climate change, and shall support local workforce professional development in the green building field, particularly for community members experiencing barriers to employment.

G28-P2. Collaborate with community members and agencies to adopt a county green building policy that incorporates learnings from the City of Vancouver and other existing examples.

G28-P3. Incentivize green building programs, including, but not limited to: certifications for new construction, operational affordability

standards, green building practices and adaptive reuse of existing buildings. **green building retrofits**

G28-P4. Facilitate sustainable building education opportunities for community members and professionals in the county in collaboration with partner organizations.



Examples of sustainable building education topics include, but are not limited to:

- Climate adaptive and resilient design;
- Net-zero building examples; and,
- Regenerative building approaches.
- **Fire wise building and retrofitting**

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7. The Clark County Council will set policy direction for greenhouse gas reduction targets for unincorporated Clark County. Please consider three options below that vary on speed of reducing greenhouse gas emissions to get to net-zero. Let us know which one you would recommend the County Council select.

Once an end-date is selected, interim 5-year targets will also be developed with the County Council's guidance.

Some things to consider as you consider these options:

- A more ambitious target creates more of a sense of urgency and may require more effort and resources in the near term to be successful, but promotes more near term benefits from emissions reductions and allows for room to still get to net zero by 2050 if the earlier target is not met.
- A less ambitious target would be more about steady pacing to get to the finish line and would spread out effort and resources over a longer period of time, but also spreads out benefits from emissions reductions and leaves little room at the end of the timeline to get to net zero by 2050 if progress gets off-track towards the end.

 I support aligning the unincorporated Clark County target with the state goal of net-zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050.

- I support an in-between option with a goal of net-zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2045.
- I support aligning the unincorporated Clark County target with the City of Vancouver goal of net-zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2040.

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