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Good day, Don,

Thank you for your feedback related to the Climate Chapter for the 2025 Comprehensive Plan Update.

These comments will be entered into the Index of Record. We will ensure they are also brought to the attention of the Planning Commission.



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From Don Steinke, Climate Action of Southwest Washington

To the Clark County Planning Commission c/o Jeff Delapena and Jenna Kay.

Cc: friends

Re: [The Climate Chapter of your Comp Plan](#), and suggestions

Dear Planning Commission,

On page 8 line 16: Please document how you determine your greenhouse gas inventory. Show your work, so to speak. Future inventories must also document the process.

On page 9 Beginning with line 24: Please include a discussion of how we'll meet those targets when we have no jurisdiction over most emitters. Although we have no jurisdiction over most emitters, we need to collaborate with them in planning. The Climate Commitment Act and the Clean Buildings Act both provide carrots and sticks to enforce emissions reduction, but **outreach and collaboration** in planning, project development, and grant writing with other entities such as school districts, hospitals, The Vancouver Clinic, C-Tran, trucking companies, Ports, Clark PUD, and large commercial property owners is advised.

For example, when Fred Meyer decides to retire its heavy-duty diesel trucks and switch to electric semis, they need know which properties have available charging capacity. If the nearest substation is nearing or at capacity, FM needs to know that ahead of time.

On page 18, line 15 insert "reduce emissions" as in: "Promote long term economic development and job generating activities that will [reduce emissions] improve . . ." etc

On page 19, line 1: It says: Support local businesses' efforts to [insert: reduce emissions,] bolster climate preparedness . . . etc

Page 24 line 18 says to Incentivize new construction to be future ready. How can we do that? I suggest we change the word incentivize to require. To be future ready means to be all electric ready, solar ready, and EV ready. State law requires us to have net-zero carbon pollution by 2050.

Page 24 line 23, add: such as electric heat pumps.

Page 25 line 12 says "Promote green building and sustainable building practices". Why not define those sustainable practices to include "Reducing emissions from existing and new buildings"? This section needs to be subdivided into existing buildings and new construction. It is unclear whether or not you have any goal to reduce the emissions from existing buildings. Maybe the vagueness is related to Initiative 2066, not certain.

For existing multifamily developments, The American Council for an Energy

Efficient Economy recommends the most cost-effective way to decarbonize is with over-the-sill saddle style heat pumps or mini-splits.

https://www.aceee.org/press-release/2025/07/study-new-heat-pump-type-lowest-cost-decarbonization-option-big-apartment?fbclid=IwY2xjawOkfCNleHRuA2FibQIxMQBzcnRjBmFwcF9pZBAyMjIwMzIxNzg4MjAwODkyAAEeiOFLdsxqFQVHU00teLyhmzlyH4sASO-RiiW5LSFtPn-onaP6_ZotK5ItsOo_aem_BTqqnwMWY-N_TGoaVZnFMQ

On Page 26, line 9, insert the words “soiled paper” as in “Improve access to composting of yard debris, soiled paper, and food waste . . .”

On page 26, line 16, end the statement after the word compost. Any effort to convert organic waste to energy is likely to produce fugitive methane.