



City Council Meeting Minutes

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Anne McEnerny-Ogle, Mayor • Bart Hansen • Ty Stober • Erik Paulsen • Sarah J. Fox • Diana H. Perez • Kim D. Harless

September 16, 2024

Workshops: 4:00-6:00 p.m.

Vancouver City Hall - Council Chambers - 415 W 6th Street, Vancouver WA

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Comprehensive Plan Update

(Approximately 1 hour)

Rebecca Kennedy, Deputy Community Development Director,
rebecca.kennedy@cityofvancouver.us

Staff led Council through a discussion of the Comprehensive Plan Update.

Councilmembers Harless and Hansen were late to the workshop.

Councilmember Perez joined the workshop remotely.

Greenhouse Gas Inventory Update

(Approximately 1 hour, to immediately follow the previous workshop)

Stacey Dalgaard, Associate Climate Project Coordinator,
Stacey.Dalgaard@cityofvancouver.us

Staff led Council through a discussion of the Greenhouse Gas Inventory Update.

Councilmember Perez joined the workshop remotely.

Council Dinner / Administrative Updates (6:00-6:30 p.m.)

Regular Council Meeting

6:30 PM

Vancouver City Hall - Council Chambers - 415 W 6th Street, Vancouver WA

This meeting was conducted as a hybrid meeting with in person and remote viewing and participation over video conference utilizing a GoToMeeting platform. Members of the public were invited to view the meeting in person, via the live broadcast on www.cvtv.org and CVTV cable channels 23 or HD 323, or on the City's Facebook page, www.facebook.com/VancouverUS. Public access and testimony on Consent Agenda items and under the Community Forum were also facilitated in person and via the GoToMeeting conference call.

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Pledge of Allegiance

Call to Order and Roll Call

The regular meeting of the Vancouver City Council was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Mayor McEnerny-Ogle. This meeting was conducted as a hybrid meeting, including both in person and remotely over video conference.

Present: Councilmember Harless, Councilmember Perez, Councilmember Fox, Councilmember Paulsen, Councilmember Stober, Councilmember Hansen, Mayor McEnerny-Ogle

Absent: None

Councilmember Perez joined the meeting remotely.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes - July 1, 2024

Motion by Councilmember Hansen, seconded by Councilmember Paulsen, and carried Yes: 7, No: 0, Abstaining: 0, to approve the minutes of July 1, 2024.

Proclamations

Week Without Driving

Mayor McEnerny-Ogle read and presented a proclamation to Abby Griffith, Bus Riders Unite Coordinator, and Olivia Kahn, Transportation Demand Coordinator Manager for City of Vancouver, proclaiming September 30–October 6, 2024, as A Week Without Driving.

Deaf Awareness Week

Mayor McEnerny-Ogle read and presented a proclamation to Kelly Souhrada, ASL Specialist at the Washington School for the Deaf, along with students Kasey Daniels, Violetta Blumenstein, Deb Dennis, and Kasey Daniels, proclaiming September 23-29, 2024, as International Week of Deaf People.

Suicide Prevention Awareness Week

Mayor McEnerny-Ogle read and presented a proclamation to Abuoh Neufville, Assistant Director of Washington State Department of Veteran Affairs, and Don Seese, MSW Suicide Prevention Program Specialist of Washington State Department of Veteran Affairs, proclaiming September 2024 as Suicide Prevention Month.

Community Communication

This is the place on the agenda where the public is invited to speak to Council regarding any matter on the Agenda not already scheduled for Public Hearing. (Separate instructions are provided for offering testimony on Public Hearing when applicable.) This includes the option to testify about Workshops. Members of the public addressing Council are requested to give their name and city of residence for the audio record. Speakers are to limit their testimony to a total of three minutes for all items combined.

Mayor McEnerny-Ogle opened Community Communication and received testimony from the following community members regarding any matter on the agenda not scheduled for a Public Hearing:

- *Carmen DeLeon, Vancouver*
- *William Allworth, Vancouver*
- *Steve Hermon, Vancouver*
- *Shannon Stamps, Vancouver*
- *Brendan Jones, Vancouver*
- *Alyssa Wheeler, Vancouver*
- *Tabor Kelly, Vancouver*
- *Zack Gatton, Vancouver*
- *Sara Schmit, Vancouver*
- *Mary Cray, Vancouver*
- *Shannon Nickelsen, Washougal, WA*
- *Matthew Trevino, Vancouver*
- *Jamie Trenter, Vancouver*
- *Kimberlee Goheen Elbon, La Center, WA*

There being no further testimony, Mayor McEnerny-Ogle closed Community Communication.

Consent Agenda

The following items will be passed by a single motion to approve all listed actions and resolutions. There will be no discussion on these items unless requested by Council. If

discussion is requested, the item will be moved from the Consent Agenda and considered separately – after the motion has been made and passed to approve the remaining items.

Council pulled items 4, 7, and 8 for discussion.

Council discussed items 4, 7 and 8 briefly with staff.

Motion by Councilmember Paulsen, seconded by Councilmember Fox, and carried Yes: 7, No: 0, Abstaining: 0, to approve items 1-3, 5, 6, 9-17 on the Consent Agenda.

Motion by Councilmember Hansen, seconded by Councilmember Fox, and carried Yes: 7, No: 0, Abstaining: 0, to approve item 4 on the Consent Agenda.

Motion by Councilmember Fox, seconded by Councilmember Paulsen, and carried Yes: 7, No: 0, Abstaining: 0, to approve items 7 and 8 on the Consent Agenda.

- 1. Final Acceptance of the W Fourth Plain Water & Sewer Improvements – Rebid, per ITB 23-29**

Staff Report: 176-24

Request: On September 16, 2024, accept the facilities as constructed by Tapani Incorporated., of Battle Ground, Washington, and authorize release of the contractor's bond, subject to receipt of all documentation required by law.

Michelle Henry, Senior Civil Engineer,
michelle.henry@cityofvancouver.us

Motion approved the request.

- 2. Piggyback Contract - Increase to US Communities Contract #4400008495, Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness Equipment (Mallory Safety & Supply LLC) - C-100986**

Staff Report: 177-24

Request: Authorize the increase of contract C-100986, to purchase safety and equipment supplies, for \$800,000. This amount will allow staff to utilize the contract until September 30, 2028.

Brian Wilson, Operations Superintendent,
Brian.E.Wilson@cityofvancouver.us

Motion approved the request.

- 3. Contract Amendment - Ductile Iron Pipe and Fittings - C-101465**

Staff Report: 178-24

Request: Authorize an increase to contract C-101465 with Core and Main for an additional \$900,000.

Brian Wilson, Operations Superintendent,
Brian.E.Wilson@cityofvancouver.us

Motion approved the request.

4. Request For Proposal (RFP) 46-24 Award for Home Electrification and Appliance Rebate (HEAR) Program

Staff Report: 179-24

Request:

1. Approve acceptance of HEAR grant award from Washington Department of Commerce in the amount of \$1,321,551.
2. Approve a resolution adopting the proposed HEAR awards and authorizing the City Manager to execute related agreements.

Samantha Whitley, Housing Programs Manager, Rebecca Small, Senior Policy Analyst, samantha.whitley@cityofvancouver.us,
rebecca.small@cityofvancouver.us

Motion approved the request.

5. Subrecipient Agreement between City of Vancouver and the 2023 and 2024 Urban Area Security Initiative

Staff Report: 180-24

Request: Authorize the City Manager, or designee, to approve the 2023 subrecipient agreement between the City of Vancouver and Urban Area Security Initiative.

Daphine Harris, Finance and Logistics Supervisor,
daphine.harris@cityofvancouver.us

Motion approved the request.

6. Grant Application Authorization for Development of Raymond E. Shaffer Community Park

Staff Report: 181-24

Request: Authorize the City Manager to execute the resolution and associated Recreation and Conservation Office grant application forms.

Monica Tubberville, Senior Planner, David Perlick, Director of Parks,
Recreation and Cultural Services,
monica.tubberville@cityofvancouver.us,
david.perlick@cityofvancouver.us

Motion adopted Resolution M-4303 to approve the request.

7. Village 57 Apartments - Fourth Plain for All Affordable Housing Loan

A RESOLUTION relating to affordable housing; authorizing the City Manager to approve the below market-rate affordable housing loan and execute agreements and other related loan documents, and authorize reasonably necessary modifications to the subordinate deed of trust or execution of documents requested by the Borrower's primary lender to perfect subordination of the loan security on behalf of the City of Vancouver consistent with the Fourth Plain For All Investment Strategy Housing Allocation funds.

Staff Report: 182-24

Request:

1. Approve the Affordable Housing Loan between DIG Vancouver 57th, LLC, a Washington limited liability company ("Borrower") and the City of Vancouver, Washington, a Washington municipal corporation ("Lender"); and
2. Authorize the City Manager or their designee to issue and execute the Loan Documents, which include the Affordable Housing Loan Agreement (Exhibit A of the Resolution), the Secured Promissory Note (Exhibit B of the Resolution), the Subordinate Deed of Trust (Exhibit C of the Resolution), and the Affordable Housing Covenant (Exhibit D of the Resolution), in substantially the form as attached in the resolution; and
3. Authorize the City Manager or their designee to make any reasonably necessary modifications to the Loan Documents and execute supplemental creditor agreements requested by the Borrower's primary lender as reasonably necessary to perfect subordination of the loan security.

Chim Chune Ko, Principal Project Manager,
ChimChune.Ko@cityofvancouver.us

Motion adopted Resolution M-4294 to approve the request.

8. Resolution for the Village 57 Apartments -Multifamily Tax Exemption

A RESOLUTION of the City Council of the City of Vancouver approving a contract with DIG Vancouver 57th, LLC a Washington limited liability corporation (Applicant), for a 12-year limited multi-family tax exemption providing income-

based housing for the property located at 2909 NE 57th Avenue Vancouver, WA 98661 (Exhibit A).

Staff Report: 183-24

Request: Approve resolution allowing for a multifamily tax exemption certificate for rehabilitation of 48 apartment units in the Fourth Plain target area.

Bryan Monroe, Associate Housing Project Coordinator,
bryan.monroe@cityofvancouver.us

Motion adopted Resolution M-4295 to approve the request.

9. Resolution for the Heights District Exclusive Negotiation Agreement for First Phase of Development

A RESOLUTION relating to the approval of a form of exclusive negotiation agreement between the City of Vancouver and Edlen & Co Development, LLC (“Edlen & Co”); Palindrome LLP (“Palindrome”) and The Related Companies dba Related NW and Vancouver Housing Authority (“Related and VHA”); establishing the terms and conditions for negotiating development agreements for the development of the Heights District sites B, C and P; and authorizing the City Manager to execute the exclusive negotiation agreements.

Staff Report: 184-24

Request: Adopt a resolution approving the exclusive negotiation agreement in its substantive form, and authorize the City Manager to execute the exclusive negotiation agreements specific to each development site.

Amy Stewart, Real Estate Project Manager,
amy.stewart@cityofvancouver.us

Motion adopted Resolution M-4296 to approve the request.

10. Ordinance Authorizing Extension to On-Call Wastewater Professional Service Contract C-100257 with Keller Associates, Inc.

AN ORDINANCE authorizing the City Manager or designee to finalize and execute a contract amendment with Keller Associates, Inc. (“Consultant”), to continue providing wastewater treatment and other related services (“Services”) to the City of Vancouver, Washington (“City”); authorizing a contract amendment extending the contract beyond its original five-year duration; providing for severability; and setting an effective date.

Staff Report: 185-24

Request: Advance the ordinance on first reading and set a date of October 7, 2024, for second reading and public hearing. The ordinance, if approved, would authorize the City Manager, or designee, to amend contract C-100257 with Keller Associates, Inc. of Salem, Oregon, to extend contract expiration dates from December 31, 2024 to December 31, 2027, with a mutual option to extend an additional period to December 31, 2029.

Frank Dick, Wastewater Treatment Program Manager,
frank.dick@cityofvancouver.us

Mayor McEnerny-Ogle read the title of the ordinance into the record.

Motion approved the request.

11. Ordinance Authorizing Extension to On-Call Wastewater Professional Service Contract C-100252 with Water Systems Consulting, Inc.

AN ORDINANCE authorizing the City Manager or designee to finalize and execute a contract amendment with Water Systems Consulting, Inc. (“Consultant”), to continue providing wastewater treatment and other related services (“Services”) to the City of Vancouver, Washington (“City”); authorizing a contract amendment extending the contract beyond its original five-year duration; providing for severability; and setting an effective date.

Staff Report: 186-24

Request: Advance the ordinance on first reading and set a date of October 7, 2024, for second reading and public hearing. The ordinance, if approved, would authorize the City Manager, or designee, to amend contract C-100252 with Water Systems Consulting, Inc. of Portland, Oregon, to extend contract expiration dates from December 31, 2024 to December 31, 2027, with a mutual option to extend an additional period to December 31, 2029.

Frank Dick, Wastewater Treatment Program Manager,
frank.dick@cityofvancouver.us

Mayor McEnerny-Ogle read the title of the ordinance into the record.

Motion approved the request.

12. Ordinance Authorizing Extension to On-Call Wastewater Professional Service Contract C-100232 with Jacobs Engineering Group, Inc.

AN ORDINANCE authorizing the City Manager or designee to finalize and execute a contract amendment with Jacobs Engineering Group, Inc. (“Consultant”), to continue providing wastewater treatment and other related services (“Services”) to the City of Vancouver, Washington (“City”); authorizing a contract amendment

extending the contract beyond its original five-year duration; providing for severability; and setting an effective date.

Staff Report: 187-24

Request: Advance the ordinance on first reading and set a date of October 7, 2024, for second reading and public hearing. The ordinance, if approved, would authorize the City Manager, or designee, to amend contract C-100232 with Jacobs Engineering Group, Inc. of Portland, Oregon, to extend contract expiration dates from December 31, 2024 to December 31, 2027, with a mutual option to extend an additional period to December 31, 2029.

Frank Dick, Wastewater Treatment Program Manager,
frank.dick@cityofvancouver.us

Mayor McEnerny-Ogle read the title of the ordinance into the record.

Motion approved the request.

13. Ordinance Authorizing Extension to On-Call Wastewater Professional Service Contract C-100223 with Wallis Engineering, PLLC

AN ORDINANCE authorizing the City Manager or designee to finalize and execute a contract amendment with Wallis Engineering, PLLC (“Consultant”), to continue providing wastewater treatment and other related services (“Services”) to the City of Vancouver, Washington (“City”); authorizing a contract amendment extending the contract beyond its original five-year duration; providing for severability; and setting an effective date.

Staff Report: 188-24

Request: Advance the ordinance on first reading and set a date of October 7, 2024, for second reading and public hearing. The ordinance, if approved, would authorize the City Manager, or designee, to amend contract C-100223 with Wallis Engineering PLLC of Vancouver, Washington, to extend contract expiration dates from December 31, 2024 to December 31, 2027, with a mutual option to extend an additional period to December 31, 2029.

Frank Dick, Wastewater Treatment Program Manager,
frank.dick@cityofvancouver.us

Mayor McEnerny-Ogle read the title of the ordinance into the record.

Motion approved the request.

14. Ordinance Authorizing Extension to On-Call Wastewater Professional Service Contract C-100220 with Brown and Caldwell

AN ORDINANCE authorizing the City Manager, or designee, to finalize and execute a contract amendment with Brown and Caldwell (“Consultant”), to continue providing wastewater treatment and other related services (“Services”) to the City of Vancouver, Washington (“City”); authorizing a contract amendment extending the contract beyond its original five-year duration; providing for severability; and setting an effective date.

Staff Report: 189-24

Request: Advance the ordinance on first reading and set a date of October 7, 2024, for second reading and public hearing. The ordinance, if approved, would authorize the City Manager, or designee, to amend contract C-100220 with Brown and Caldwell of Portland, Oregon, to: (1) increase by \$549,546 for a total contract amount of \$3,049,546, and (2) extend contract expiration date from December 31, 2024, to December 31, 2027, with a mutual option to extend an additional period to December 31, 2029.

Frank Dick, Wastewater Treatment Program Manager,
frank.dick@cityofvancouver.us

Mayor McEnerny-Ogle read the title of the ordinance into the record.

Motion approved the request.

15. Ordinance Authorizing Extension to On-Call Wastewater Professional Service Contract C-100219 with Stantec Consulting, Inc.

AN ORDINANCE authorizing the City Manager or designee to finalize and execute a contract amendment with Stantec Consulting, Inc. (“Consultant”), to continue providing wastewater treatment and other related services (“Services”) to the City of Vancouver, Washington (“City”); authorizing a contract amendment extending the contract beyond its original five-year duration; providing for severability; and setting an effective date.

Staff Report: 190-24

Request: Advance the ordinance on first reading and set a date of October 7, 2024, for second reading and public hearing. The ordinance, if approved, would authorize the City Manager, or designee, to amend contract C-100219 with Stantec, Inc. to extend contract expiration dates from December 31, 2024 to December 31, 2027, with a mutual option to extend an additional period to December 31, 2029.

Frank Dick, Wastewater Treatment Program Manager,
frank.dick@cityofvancouver.us

Mayor McEnerny-Ogle read the title of the ordinance into the record.

Motion approved the request.

16. Condemnation Ordinance

AN ORDINANCE in the public interest relating to construction for the public use of transportation and streets and sidewalks; declaring the public necessity for and providing for the acquisition by the City of Vancouver by eminent domain of certain property, located in the City limits at 5300 MacArthur Boulevard and described herein, required to construct such public street improvements and related facilities within the City of Vancouver, Washington; taking final action to authorize condemnation of such property; authorizing the City Attorney to prosecute eminent domain proceedings and to stipulate in mitigation of damages; providing for payment of just compensation in exchange for such property; and providing for an immediate effective date.

Staff Report: 191-24

Request: Advance the ordinance on first reading and set a date of October 7, 2024, for second reading and public hearing. If approved, the ordinance would declare the public use and necessity for, and requires the acquisition by eminent domain for just compensation of certain portions of real property and property rights located at 5300 MacArthur Boulevard to construct street improvements and related facilities; and to authorize the City Attorney to prosecute eminent domain proceedings in accordance with the ordinance.

Amy Stewart, Real Estate Project Manager, Rebecca Rude, Assistant City Attorney, amy.stewart@cityofvancouver.us,
becky.rude@cityofvancouver.us

Mayor McEnerny-Ogle read the title of the ordinance into the record.

Motion approved the request.

17. Approval of Claim Vouchers

Request: Approve claim vouchers for September 16, 2024.

Motion approved claim vouchers in the amount of \$3,811,037.31.

Public Hearings

The following item(s) are scheduled for public hearing. Members of the public addressing Council are requested to give their name and city of residence for the audio record. Unless otherwise announced by the Presiding Officer, speakers are to limit their testimony to three minutes for each public hearing.

18. 2023 U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Report (CAPER) and 2022 Substantial Amendment

Staff Report: 192-24

Request:

- Following a public hearing, approve the 2023 CAPER report for submission to the HUD Region Ten Office for approval.
- Approve the reallocation of 2022 CDBG funds from Section 108 loan repayment to Homeowner Rehabilitation Program.

Ann Hawkins, Associate Project Coordinator,
Ann.Hawkins@cityofvancouver.us

Ann Hawkins, Associate Project Coordinator, and Tasha Slater, Associate Housing Project Coordinator, provided an overview of the 2023 U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

Council discussed the item briefly with staff.

Mayor McEnerny-Ogle opened the public hearing and did not receive testimony from community members.

There being no testimony, Mayor McEnerny-Ogle closed the public hearing.

Motion by Councilmember Paulsen, seconded by Councilmember Stober, and carried Yes: 7, No: 0, Abstaining: 0, to approve the 2023 CAPER report and reallocation of 2022 CDBG funds.

19. Ordinance Authorizing Contract Agreement between Clark County, the City of Vancouver and Columbia Resource Company for long-term Solid Waste Disposal and Processing Services

AN ORDINANCE authorizing the execution of a Master Services Agreement with Attachments (MSA) between Clark County, Washington ("County"), the City of Vancouver, Washington ("City") and Columbia Resource Company ("Contractor"), to provide Comprehensive Solid Waste and Recycling Services and Regional Solid Waste System Capital Improvements Services; providing for severability; and setting an effective date.

Staff Report: 175-24

Request: Approve the ordinance on second reading and public hearing. The ordinance, if approved, would authorize the City Manager, or designee, to

finalize and execute the MSA, Attachment A.1, A.2 and A.3 between Clark County, the City of Vancouver and Columbia Resource Company.

Julie Gilbertson, Solid Waste Supervisor, Steve Worley, Public Works Director, Cary Driskell, Assistant City Attorney,
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cary.driskell@cityofvancouver.us

Steve Worley, Public Works Director, and Julie Gilbertson, Solid Waste Supervisor, provided an overview of the Ordinance Authorizing Contract Agreement between Clark County, the City of Vancouver and Columbia Resource Company for long-term Solid Waste Disposal and Processing Services.

Council discussed the item briefly with staff.

Mayor McEnerny-Ogle opened the public hearing and did not receive testimony from community members.

There being no testimony, Mayor McEnerny-Ogle closed the public hearing.

Motion by Councilmember Hansen, seconded by Councilmember Stober, and carried Yes: 7, No: 0, Abstaining: 0, to approve Ordinance M-4457.

20. November 2024 Ballot Measures: in accordance with RCW 42.17A.555, the Vancouver City Council will accept public testimony and express a collective decision and/or vote upon one or more of the following:

- **Resolution in support of Proposition No. 4 City of Vancouver, Washington Police and Public Safety Services Levy Lid Lift;**
- **Resolution in opposition to Washington State Initiative No. 2066 which concerns regulating energy services, including natural gas and electrification;**
- **Resolution opposition to Washington State Initiative No. 2109 which concerns taxes;**
- **Resolution in opposition to Washington State Initiative No. 2117 which concerns carbon tax credit trading;**
- **Resolution in support of, or a Resolution in opposition to, Washington State Initiative No. 2124 which concerns state long term care insurance.**

A RESOLUTION expressing the City Council's support for Proposition 4, which, if approved by voters, would fund police and public safety services, including staffing, equipment, technology, facilities, and criminal justice costs; increase Vancouver's regular property tax by approximately \$0.41/\$1,000 assessed valuation, for a maximum levy rate not to exceed \$2.63/\$1,000 for 2025; set the limit factor for Vancouver's total regular property tax levy for 2026-2030 to 100% plus annual increase of 5%; and authorize the 2030 levy amount as the basis to calculate subsequent levies (84.55 RCW).

A RESOLUTION expressing a collective position of the Vancouver City Council in opposition to Washington State Initiative No. 2066 which concerns regulating energy services, including natural gas and electrification, and which, if passed, would repeal or prohibit certain laws and regulations that discourage natural gas use, and/or promote electrification, and require certain utilities and local governments to provide natural gas to eligible customers.

A RESOLUTION expressing a collective position of the Vancouver City Council in opposition to Washington State Initiative No. 2109 which concerns taxes, and which, if passed, would repeal an excise tax imposed on the sale or exchange of certain long-term capital assets by individuals who have annual capital gains of over \$250,000.

A RESOLUTION expressing a collective position of the Vancouver City Council in opposition to Washington State Initiative No. 2117 which concerns carbon tax credit trading, and which, if passed, would prohibit state agencies from imposing any type of carbon tax credit trading, and repeal legislation establishing a cap and invest program to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

A RESOLUTION expressing a collective position of the Vancouver City Council in opposition to Washington State Initiative No. 2124 which concerns state long term care insurance, and which, if passed, would provide that employees and self-employed people must elect to keep coverage under RCW 50B.04, could opt-out any time, and would repeal a law governing an exemption for employees.

Staff Report: 193-24

Request: Following a public hearing affording approximately equal opportunity to those in support and those in opposition, express a collective decision and/or vote upon one or more Resolutions relating to initiatives appearing on the November 2024 general election ballot.

Jonathan Young, City Attorney, jonathan.young@cityofvancouver.us

Jonathan Young, City Attorney, provided an overview of the November 2024 Ballot Measures: in accordance with RCW 42.17A.555.

Council discussed the item briefly with staff.

Councilmember Hansen recused himself from all the resolutions on item 20.

Mayor McEnerny-Ogle opened the public hearing and received testimony from the following community members:

- *Sarah Akey, Vancouver*
- *Heidi Cody, Vancouver*

- Alona Steinke, Vancouver
- Don Steinke, Vancouver
- John Ley, Vancouver
- Cathryn Chudy, Vancouver

There being no further testimony, Mayor McEnerny-Ogle closed the public hearing.

Motion by Councilmember Paulsen, seconded by Councilmember Fox, and carried Yes: 6, No: 0, Abstaining: 1, to approve Resolution A, Res M-4297. Absent from vote .

Motion by Councilmember Paulsen, seconded by Councilmember Harless, and carried Yes: 6, No: 0, Abstaining: 1, to approve Resolution B, Res M-4298. Absent from vote .

Motion by Councilmember Paulsen, seconded by Councilmember Harless, and carried Yes: 6, No: 0, Abstaining: 1, to approve Resolution C, Res M-4299. Absent from vote .

Motion by Councilmember Fox, seconded by Councilmember Harless, and Yes: 6, No: 0, Abstaining: 1, to approve Resolution D, Res M-4300. Absent from vote .

Councilmember Paulsen recused himself from the vote on Washington State Initiative No. 2124.

Motion by Councilmember Fox, seconded by Councilmember Harless, and Yes: 5, No: 0, Abstaining: 2, to approve Resolution F, Res M-4302.

Communications

- A. From the Council**
- B. From the Mayor**
- C. From the City Manager**

Vancouver Housing Authority Update

Andy Silver, Executive Director of the Vancouver Housing Authority, discussed the Vancouver Housing Authority Update.

Homeless Emergency Response Update #10

Jamie Spinelli, Homeless Response Manager, discussed the Homeless Emergency Response Update #10.

Adjournment

10:06 p.m.

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Anne McEnerny-Ogle

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Anne McEnerny-Ogle, Mayor

Attest:

DocuSigned by:

Natasha Ramras

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Natasha Ramras, City Clerk

The written comments below are those of the submitter alone and are not representative of the views of CVTV or the City of Vancouver, its elected or appointed officials, or its employees.

To Vancouver City Council

Sept 16, 2024

Re: Camping Along Sound Wall Corridor

My Name is William Allworth. My wife and I have lived adjacent to the sound wall for more than 15 years. I do not plan to speak to you about our personal experience, nor that of our neighbors. Instead, I am offering three findings for the City Council to adopt, should they choose to act on this matter.

Proposed City Council Findings

1. Camping along this corridor is injurious to the physical and mental health of campers. This area is a primary transportation corridor and subject to heavy use, including heavy commercial truck traffic. The adverse health effects of proximity to this type of environment are well documented (for example, see The Polluted Life Near the Highway by Gabe Samuels and Yonah Freemark 2022, and available from the Urban Institute at urban.org). In particular, sound pollution (which the sound wall was created to contain) can be deleterious to mental health and the camping population is particularly vulnerable.
2. Camping along this corridor is not compatible with the public function of this public property. This area consists of a masonry sound wall and integral landscaping and irrigation infrastructure. In accordance with municipal code 20.912.080, this landscaping is required to be provided and must screen at least 50% of the height of the wall. The area has been landscaped to meet this code requirement. Plantings of multiple heights, including tall trees have been included. An irrigation system was installed to support this vegetation. Ongoing camping has resulted in the loss of most of this required planting, and the vegetation which remains is subject to ongoing damage, including root compaction, injurious and potentially fatal to the trees. At least one tree in this area has burned when a tent pitched below caught fire. The irrigation system has been vandalized or otherwise damaged and is presently not functional. If it were functional, it could not be turned on without drenching campers and their possessions.
3. Camping in this corridor puts at risk the city's ongoing downtown revitalization investments. Revitalization of the downtown core has been a multigenerational struggle, and has required extensive investment of attention and resources, both public and private. Recently these investments have begun to bear fruit but the challenge has not ended. The city continues to spend substantial resources to attract new businesses and residents, and to build a thriving, livable community. This corridor is a primary gateway to the Port of Vancouver and to regional, river and lake based, recreation. It is vital to the city's efforts to build civic pride, encourage citizen participation, and attract new prosperity. In addition, the adjoining communities have been subject to blight and have not been fully reclaimed.

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Re: 2066, 2109, 2117, & 2124

I absolutely & resolutely oppose these four ballot initiatives. They all serve the most financially elite in our state & burden the rest of us. Please oppose these unjust & selfish initiatives. Thank you.

Den Mark Wichar

[REDACTED]

Vancouver WA 98660

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Dear Vancouver City Council,

I am writing to implore you to vote in favor of the four initiatives that will be on the ballot in November.

It is imperative that you listen to the will of the people. **As an example,** over 500,000 signatures were easily gathered for I-2066.

Each of these 4 initiatives is putting the money back into the pockets of the people. We are hurting so badly with this economy and we should not have to make a decision between buying food for our family or putting gas in our car.

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Thank you for your time.

~Holly

Sept. 16, 2024

Alliance for Community Engagement SW WA (ACE)

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Dylan Plummer, Campaign Advisor, Building Electrification, Sierra Club

Northwest Progressive Institute

Washington Physicians for Social Responsibility

From: [REDACTED]
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: Please support resolutions opposing I-2117 and I-2066
Date: Monday, September 16, 2024 11:43:32 AM

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Esteemed Mayor and City Council members:

Thank you for your thoughtful and effective stewardship of the care and well-being of the citizens of Vancouver. In particular, I commend your protection of our natural environment with the Climate Action Plan. Your support for the resolutions opposing I-2117 and I-2066 will honor your ongoing commitment to the environment and the well being of the Vancouver citizenry.

Please also support resolutions against I-2124 and I-2109.

Respectfully,
Anita J. Thomas
Vancouver, WA 98660

From: [Cathryn Chudy](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Cc: [ACE](#); [Leader's List](#)
Subject: Re: Item #20 on Agenda for 9/16/24: Vote YES on Resolutions opposing I-2117 and I-2066
Date: Monday, September 16, 2024 9:13:10 AM

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It is clear from the points covered by Jonathon Young in the Resolutions to oppose I-2117 and 2066 that a vote YES to oppose these two measures benefits Vancouver and most reflects Council's Core Values for our city.

I urge you to protect a safe, healthy and equitable future for our community and especially those who come after us by voting YES on opposing I-2117 and I-2066.

I also support a Yes vote on Resolutions opposing I-2124 and I-2109.

As always, much appreciation to you and city staff for considering these Resolutions.

Sincerely,

Cathryn Chudy

Vancouver, WA 98663

From: [Peter L. Fels](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Cc: [Ace Vancouver](#)
Subject: Vote YES on Resolutions opposing I-2066 and I-2117
Date: Saturday, September 14, 2024 11:07:02 AM

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Dear Mayor and City Council,

As noted in your draft resolutions and many studies by the University of Washington Climate Impacts Group (cig.uw.edu), climate change is real and is already affecting our state. It is the most pressing issue of our time. The State legislature has wisely passed several laws to ameliorate global warming. Those statutes also are very important to help Vancouver meet its climate goals.

For the sake of our children and grandchildren I appreciate your resolutions to oppose I-2066 and I-2117, which would otherwise roll back those statutes. Please vote YES on the resolutions opposing I-2066 and I-2117.

Thank you,

Peter Fels
Vancouver

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: Initiatives vote
Date: Saturday, September 14, 2024 1:36:15 PM

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Members of the Council,

Please vote no on all 4 of the ballot initiatives including I-2117; I-2066; I-2109 and I-2144. These initiatives are funded and backed by wealthy individuals who care little for Washington State. The initiatives will harm reaching our collective goals of a clean, healthy environment and will exempt from taxes people whose style of life will not be effected by paying their fair share. Taken as a whole, these four initiatives go against what the vast majority of Washington State citizens want for our precious state.

Do the right thing.

Thank you,

Russell C. Freeland

9-14-24

From: [Laura Toussaint](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: Please vote no on ballot initiatives 2066, 2109, 2117 and 2124!
Date: Sunday, September 15, 2024 1:32:43 PM
Importance: High

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Dear Mayor McEnerney-Ogle and Vancouver City Council,

Thank you for all you do to make Vancouver a great place to live for everyone and for your commitment to protecting our precious environment.

To that end, as a Clark County voter, I am asking you to oppose all four of the following ballot initiatives that would harm our community:

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With respect and gratitude,
Laura Toussaint

Maruhn, Tawny

From: Jean M. Avery [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 13, 2024 6:02 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Public Comment for 9/16 Meeting re Agenda item #20
Attachments: Fact Sheet - Clark County Impacts - Updated 0904_2_240913_185117.pdf

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To Madam Mayor and City Council,

Bravo, once again, for being in the forefront of progressive actions for our City, Region, and State.

Yes, please collectively pass Resolutions in opposition to WA State Initiatives 2066, 2109, 2124, and -- to protect our climate -- 2117.

Attached is more information about the "No on 2117" campaign (for which I'm volunteering), which will protect our Climate Commitment Act.

Thank you for your leadership locally and for setting an example statewide.

Sincerely,
Jean M. Avery
Vancouver



Initiative 2117: A Bad Deal for Clark County

Firefighters, small business owners, Tribal Nations, doctors and health experts, labor unions, and environmental groups oppose Initiative 2117. They're fighting this misleading initiative because it would jeopardize efforts to fix our roads and bridges and mean more traffic congestion. It would threaten our clean water, mean more toxic air pollution and wildfires, and will result in more kids and adults with asthma and illness.

"Initiative 2117 cuts programs that protect our forest health and air quality. That would make us more vulnerable to the negative impacts of catastrophic wildfires."

- Sami Schinnell, Washington Prescribed Fire Council and veteran wildland firefighter



More Traffic

Cuts 30% of our state's transportation plan, putting transit, road, and bridge projects across Washington at risk of delay or cancellation.

Threats to Lakes, Rivers, Streams & Salmon

Cuts programs to restore our drinking water sources like lakes, rivers, and streams - and ends programs for salmon recovery.

More Air Pollution & Wildfires

I-2117 means more toxic air pollution, ends protections for our forests, and cuts programs to prevent wildfires.

www.no2117.com

No on 2117 Committee PO Box 21961 Seattle, WA 98111.

Top five contributors Steve and Connie Ballmer, Chris Stolte, William H. Gates, and The Nature Conservancy.



I-2117 puts Clark County transportation projects at risk, including:

- **C-TRAN Highway 99 Bus Rapid Transit** improvements;
- The **La Center Pacific Highway Shared Use Path**, which would improve pedestrian and cyclist safety, and traffic; and,
- **Building new sidewalks & bike lanes** on Garrison Road in Vancouver.

I-2117 devastates salmon recovery and water quality efforts, including:

- A **Tribal-led project in Jones Creek** to remove barriers that prevent fish migration;
- Design of the **North Fork Goble Creek Fish Passage**; and,
- **Funding to protect ecologically sensitive lands**, which will hurt biodiversity, water quality, and recreational opportunities.



I-2117 cuts funding for wildfire resilience and prevention programs that make our forests healthier and communities safer, including:

- **Grants to help landowners in high-risk areas** to prepare for wildfires by implementing proactive safety measures; and,
- **Restoring forestlands** that have the greatest potential to prevent wildfires and protect air quality.

Join Us: Endorse No on 2117

Over 400 organizations and Tribes oppose I-2117, including firefighters, small businesses, Tribal Nations, doctors and public health leaders, labor unions, and environmental groups.

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To: City Council; Harless, Kim; Perez, Diana; Paulsen, Erik; Stober, Ty; Fox, Sarah; McEnerny-Ogle, Anne; Hansen, Bart; Small, Rebecca; Dalgaard, Stacey; Lande, Aaron
Cc: Cathryn Chudy
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From: Arthur Ungar [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 13, 2024 6:14 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Written comments for City Council meeting Agenda Item 20

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I urge you to pass the resolution opposing propositions 2066, 2109 and 2117. These propositions, funded primarily by a single individual, would severely impact the work being done in Washington to address the climate crisis.

Arthur Ungar

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Arthur Ungar

[REDACTED], Vancouver WA 98660

Maruhn, Tawny

From: Alona Steinke [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, September 16, 2024 11:26 AM
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Subject: Written comments for City Council meeting

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Dear Mayor and City Counsel Members,

I-2066 is on the ballot because wealthy special interest groups and fossil fuel corporations want to stop our transition to clean energy and make as much money as possible. If successful in passing this initiative, families and businesses would pay higher energy bills for decades to come. This is because it would end energy efficiency standards and programs that have saved Washingtonians thousands on their energy bills, as well as reducing stress on the electric grid during extreme weather. It would also gut standards that ensure new buildings are being built to avoid wasting energy. This would mean higher energy bills for renters and homeowners.

I want to emphasize that there is no plan to ban your gas appliances, nor is anyone able to force you to stop using gas. The special interests pushing this initiative are intentionally misleading the public.

The truth is, this initiative would harm our health, by weakening the key policies that protect clean air and threatens energy efficiency programs as well as those that address pollution from homes and buildings. It could prevent local and state clean air agencies from passing protections that help protect health and reduce diseases, such as asthma, COPD and cancer.

Gas stoves emit harmful pollutants at levels inside the home that are prohibited in outdoor air. If one wishes to switch from gas to electric, public utilities should be allowed to help them choose appliances that are more efficient and cleaner. There are about 40 million gas stoves across the country. One author of a study at Stanford estimates that the heat trapping potential of the methane they discharge annually, is roughly equivalent to the CO2 released by half a million gas cars.

I-2066 would drag us backwards from our state's efforts to reduce climate and health-harming air pollution. We have to move forward into a healthier, safer, more livable future.

I urge you to support a resolution to oppose I-2066.

Alona Steinke
[REDACTED]

Maruhn, Tawny

From: Jean Kent <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, September 16, 2024 7:40 AM
To: City Council
Subject: weighing in on Prop 4, and three state initiatives

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Hello Dear Council;

I have a rehearsal tonight so cannot attend your meeting. However, I most definitely have an opinion about Prop 4 (levy lid lift) and the three state initiatives (2066, 2109, and 2117).

I am IN FAVOR of Prop 4

and am

OPPOSED to all three of the state measures.

Thank you for this opportunity for input.

Jean Kent
Vancouver, WA

Maruhn, Tawny

From: Tara Boehlke [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, September 16, 2024 11:20 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Voting initiatives

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Thank you for your time.
Sent from my iPhone

Maruhn, Tawny

From: Meridian Green <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, September 16, 2024 10:33 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Vote YES to oppose all four ballot initiatives

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Dear Mayor McEnerny-Ogle and Vancouver City Council,

Thank you for the amazing work you do creating local policies that advance the wellbeing of our community. With that in mind, I urge you to vote YES on the resolutions to oppose all four regressive ballot measures (2117, 2109, 2024 and 2066) that, if passed, would so profoundly harm our community and our state.

These initiatives are deceptive and dangerous efforts to undo the real progress made in the past decade to protect clean air and water, create an equitable transition to clean energy, provide education and childcare, and support for elders and others in need of care.

I hope you will all vote YES to oppose all of these initiatives.

Thank you,

Meridian Green
Vancouver, WA

Maruhn, Tawny

From: Darcy Billingsley <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, September 16, 2024 9:31 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Yes on initiatives!

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Dear Councilmen,

I am disturbed that the city would consider opposing the rights of the citizens of Washington State! The initiative process is the people's check and balance of their legislature and is, by design, not easy to accomplish, in order to ensure that it is not abused. For elected officials to oppose the will of the people is abhorrent! Do not make the mistake of being the first city to abuse the rights of the people so blatantly.

Darcy Billingsley

Maruhn, Tawny

From: Mike Ellison <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, September 16, 2024 11:08 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Written comments for City Council meeting

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Dear Mayor and City Council Members,

I want to let you know that I am fully in agreement with you passing all four resolutions opposing the state initiative petitions that will be in the ballot on the ballot in November.

I agree that 3 of them will make your climate action framework more difficult to implement.

Sincerely,
Mike Ellison

[REDACTED]
Vancouver WA 98663

Maruhn, Tawny

From: Cathryn Chudy <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, September 16, 2024 9:13 AM
To: City Council
Cc: ACE; Leader's List
Subject: Re: Item #20 on Agenda for 9/16/24: Vote YES on Resolutions opposing I-2117 and I-2066

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I also support a Yes vote on Resolutions opposing I-2124 and I-2109.

As always, much appreciation to you and city staff for considering these Resolutions.

Sincerely,

Cathryn Chudy

Vancouver, WA 98663

Maruhn, Tawny

From: MICHAEL CLEVINGER <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, September 16, 2024 8:21 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Please vote NO on tonights initiatives opposition

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i am asking for a no vote tonight on the city officially opposing the 4 citizen initiatives. The local city government should not be investing it's time opposing citizens rightful initiative process. This is the voice of the people of Washington. They have worked hard to collect signatures and get them on the ballot and have had every tool big government has thrown against them to impede their right of free speech and the initiative process

The work has been done, let the VOTER'S decide not special interest groups and government.

Michael Clevenger

Maruhn, Tawny

From:



Monday, September 16, 2024 11:55 AM

To:

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Subject:

Land Use Plan

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Overall, the plan is good but fails to address transportation needs of the region. The city of Vancouver needs to address minimum parking requirements and viable alternatives to driving along with its intent to densify neighborhoods. If these things aren't adjusted, plans are shortsighted and set up for failure.

- Jason J Hernandez

- via MyVancouver

Maruhn, Tawny

From: Tia Kauffman <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, September 13, 2024 9:12 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Sept 16 council meeting email

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Dear City Council,

I live on W 16th between Franklin and Grant since October 2020. For 4 years we have been finding needles in our yard. For 4 years my children have been unable to play outside. For 4 years we have been yelled at, followed, harassed, and threatened just for walking on our street. For 4 years I have been making 911 calls due to violence, screaming, fights, and gunshots. All because the city refuses to enforce the no camping law. It is unsanitary and inhumane to allow folks to live on public property while doing drugs, leaving piles of garbage, stealing from the neighborhood, and setting fire to the trees. The neighbors along the sound wall live in fear. This has gone on for 4 years too long. For the sake of our children, who just want to play outside, please clear the Mill Plain camps permanently. Either place landscaping barriers like huge rocks or fence off the area like you did near the bridge. Please allow our kids to be kids and not live in constant alert for danger.

Sincerely,
Tia Kauffman

Maruhn, Tawny

From: Tracy C [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, September 15, 2024 8:15 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Initiatives

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Dear Councilors,

I have been walking the neighborhoods of Clark County over the past few weeks, handing out flyers to reject the 4 ballot initiatives. It is unimaginable to me that we would elect representatives to study policies, issues, evidence, and nuance, and then overturn their decisions with half-truths and scare tactics.

You have shown courage and leadership on issues such as Climate Change before, and I have great confidence that you will vote to REJECT initiatives 2066, 2117, 2109, and 2124. Thank you so much for your service to our community!

Sincerely,
Tracy Ceravolo

Maruhn, Tawny

From: Trish Huddleston <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, September 16, 2024 7:51 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Initiatives vote

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Good morning,

It has just come to my attention that this council will be voting on opposing the 4 initiatives that will be on the ballot in November.

I'm sure at least 1 of you seen citizens outside of stores, gas stations, and events all throughout the summer gathering signatures, and these volunteer citizens worked very hard to get enough (and gained way more than needed!) and that is because Washingtonians are hurting and financially starving. These policies are hurting us more than helping us, and that is why they surpassed the needed numbers, because Washingtonians are struggling due to these overbearing policies. Do you enjoy paying outrageous gas prices when we're already dealing with bidenflation? Being forced to pay for long term insurance on top of regular insurance costs that we welding ask for or want? Watching rich people and big corporations get rebates us little people cannot afford? And we never consented to any of it!!

Maybe you are all rich and that's why you are bringing these up for a vote, because these expensive policies don't affect you. But they affect us and that's why WE THE PEOPLE are bringing it to WE THE PEOPLE for a vote.

Many are wondering if the Vancouver city council will vote AGAINST the people of Washington or play politics to make their big donor democrat buddies happy. What will each of you gain from your no votes? Just know that we can see through the bullshit and lies and we will expose you.

Do not vote against the will of the people of Washington who worked their asses off to bring these initiatives to the people for a vote-the way it should be! We are no longer represented by the democrats that rule this state-they don't listen to the overwhelming number of opposing testifiers during the legislative sessions, they force their unpopular expensive policies on us, and WE DONT WANT THEM! We don't trust you or the dictators ruling this state; that's why we were forced to do this and now this council plans to vote against us? I do not advise that if you want to keep your seats and any sort of respect you may have left.

Trish Huddleston

Maruhn, Tawny

From: Dollar, Sarah
Sent: Thursday, September 12, 2024 2:14 PM
To: Derek Kemppainen
Cc: Maruhn, Tawny
Subject: RE: City of Vancouver Public Records Request 8.19.24

Hello,

Thank you for providing written public testimony for the September 16, 2024, Council meeting. Please note that this is not the official way of requesting a public record, but only a means to adding the materials to the written public testimony for Council.

To request a public records request, please visit the City website at the link below.

<https://www.cityofvancouver.us/government/public-records-request/#:~:text=Any%20person%20wishing%20to%20request,Karen%20Stauber%2C%20Records%20Supervisor>

Thank you,

Sarah Dollar | Executive Assistant to the City Council
Pronouns: She/Her/Hers
CITY OF VANCOUVER, WASHINGTON
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Primary (Cell): 360-624-2949 | **Desk:** 360-487-8641
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From: Derek Kemppainen <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, September 12, 2024 1:35 PM
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Thank you,

Derek

Derek Kempainen



Maruhn, Tawny

From: City Council
Sent: Monday, September 16, 2024 12:06 PM
To: Maruhn, Tawny
Cc: Dollar, Sarah
Subject: FW: Written comments for City Council meeting

From: Jan V [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, September 15, 2024 6:33 PM
To: City Council <council@cityofvancouver.us>
Subject: Written comments for City Council meeting

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Have you had this thought? "Wow, if they could walk a mile in my shoes..."

A Week Without Driving is our chance to walk in others' shoes.

You already know about transportation, but if you can use these seven days to experience just four realities of non-car travel, here are my four recommendations.

#1 SHARROWS – Ride a bike from City Hall south on Columbia and continue east under the I-5 bridge. As the bike lane disappears, you'll share the lane with cars. Ride to the right/curb – some drivers will zip past you "sharing" the lane, giving you little room as they straddle the speed cushions. Next, ride directly over the Sharrows (as recommended) - drivers won't understand and will likely squeeze you again but this time they'll be annoyed. Pedal to Columbia Shores before your U-turn if you can bear it. About 3 miles round trip. Flat.

#2 WIDE INTERSECTIONS – Cross almost any street east. Try 164th Ave as a pedestrian or pushing a wheelchair. Pretend you have arthritis in your feet/knees/hips and slow your pace.

#3 UNEVEN, DISCONNECTED SIDEWALKS – Probably everyone knows why people walk or jog in the street. Walk the sidewalks in much of our city. Push a wheelchair for extra credit.

Want more extra credit? Do tasks #1-3 at night.

#4 THE VINE – Honestly, this is the shining star for me. It runs frequently, is pleasant, and is on time. The only thing I'd suggest you try is taking a bike on the bus. The inside racks are secure, but almost too heavy and stiff to lift and lower over a bike tire unless the lowest rack is free or you are tall and strong. See what you think.

Thanks for making the Week Without Driving Challenge Proclamation and (I hope) for accepting the challenge yourselves. Walk a mile in my shoes, bike a mile with me over the Sharrows, and I'll see you on the Vine. Let's use this week to further learn and discuss how we can continue the good progress you, staff, and the TMC have made for safer mobility in Vancouver. We appreciate your work.

Jan Verrinder

From: [Derek Kemppainen](#)
To: [Dollar, Sarah](#)
Subject: City of Vancouver Public Records Request 8.19.24
Date: Thursday, September 12, 2024 1:41:03 PM
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Request for Public Records

August 19th, 2024

Public Records Officer
City of Vancouver
415 W. 6th St.
Vancouver, WA 98660

Courtesy Copies to: City Mayor, City Manager, City Council Members, City Ethics Committee, Public Works Department, City Attorney

Dear Public Records Officer,

I am writing to request access to certain public records under the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. § 552) and the Washington State Public Records Act (RCW 42.56) related to the water fluoridation practices in the City of Vancouver (the City.)

1 - Additives and Drugs Added to Water Supply

1. List of Additives added to treat Water Supply

- a. Please provide a comprehensive list of all additives currently added by the City to the water supply for the purpose of treating the water and making it safe for human consumption. This list should include the name of each additive and its purpose.

2. List of Drugs added to Water Supply

- a. A list of all drugs added by the City to the water supply intended to treat the recipients of the water according to the FDA definition (The FDA defines a drug as "A substance intended for use in the diagnosis, cure, mitigation, treatment, or prevention of disease OR A substance (other than food) intended to affect the structure or any function of the body.")

3. List of Drugs added to Water Supply that are FDA Approved

- a. Please provide a list of all drugs added to the water supply that are FDA-approved. This should include documentation verifying that these drugs have undergone clinical trials, have been deemed safe for human use, and have received FDA approval for their specific use in public water systems.
- b. Please include any drug fact pamphlets for each of the FDA-approved drugs added to the water supply.

4. List of Drugs added to Water Supply that are not FDA Approved

- a. Please provide a list of all drugs added to the water supply that are not FDA Approved (See [Citizen Petition - Fluoride Supplements are Unapproved New Drugs](#))

5. Process for Adding New Drugs to the Water Supply

- a. Please provide all documentation regarding the standard process the City follows when deciding to add new drugs to the water supply. This should include procedures, decision-making criteria, and any required approvals or reviews, and opportunities for public input.

6. Review Process for drugs in water supply

- a. Please provide documentation detailing the review process for all drugs currently or previously added to the water supply. This should include how the effectiveness, safety, and necessity of these drugs are evaluated over time, as well as the criteria required for continuing, altering, or discontinuing their use, the frequency at which these reviews take place, and the names and titles of those on the review committee.

7. Safety Requirements for Drugs Added to the Water Supply

- a. Please provide all safety standards and requirements that the City adheres to when adding drugs to the water supply. This should include any federal, state, or local regulations, as well as any internal policies aimed at ensuring the safety and well-being of the public.

8. List of Drugs or substances that have been evaluated for addition to Water Supply

- a. Please provide a comprehensive list of all other drugs or substances that have been evaluated for potential addition to the water supply, along with the criteria used for their evaluation and the reasons for their approval or rejection.

9. Evaluation of Essential Nutrients for Addition to water

- a. It is well established that fluoride is not a nutrient, and there are no cellular processes in the body which use fluoride. However, there are numerous essential substances that the human body requires for proper functioning of cellular processes, many of which could potentially be added to the water supply to address deficiencies in the population. Such substances include, but are not limited to, Vitamin C, Vitamin D, Iodine, Calcium, Iron, Magnesium, Potassium, and Zinc. I am requesting documentation on whether any of these or similar essential substances have been evaluated for addition to the water supply, including the criteria used for their evaluation and the reasons for their inclusion or exclusion.

2 - Medical Experimentation on Human Subjects

According to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA), the administration of an unapproved drug outside of a clinical setting and without proper oversight constitutes a medical experiment, as defined by federal regulations governing human experimentation. Such activities require compliance with stringent rules to protect the rights and welfare of human subjects, including obtaining informed consent, securing Institutional Review Board (IRB) approval, and adhering to Investigational New Drug (IND) regulations (21 CFR Part 312)

Please provide all records, documents, and communications related to the administration of any unapproved drug by the City of Vancouver to its citizens. Specifically, I am seeking documents

that demonstrate the City's compliance with the following federal regulations and ethical guidelines:

1. Informed Consent Regulations (21 CFR Part 50)

- **Requirement:** Federal regulations mandate that informed consent must be obtained from all individuals before administering any drug, particularly in clinical investigations. This consent must be voluntary, informed, and documented.
- **Request:** Please provide documentation showing that informed consent was obtained from every individual who was administered the unapproved drug, including consent forms, communication records, and any related materials.

2. Protection of Human Subjects (21 CFR Part 50)

- **Requirement:** These regulations protect the rights and welfare of individuals involved in clinical investigations. The regulations require that subjects are treated ethically, with considerations for their safety, privacy, and well-being.
- **Request:** Please provide records that demonstrate how the City ensured the protection of human subjects, including any protocols, procedures, or assessments that were implemented.

3. Investigational New Drug (IND) Regulations (21 CFR Part 312)

- **Requirement:** An unapproved drug can only be administered under an Investigational New Drug (IND) application, which must be submitted to and approved by the FDA. The IND process includes detailed requirements for the safe and ethical administration of the drug, including monitoring and reporting adverse events.
- **Request:** Please provide copies of any approved IND applications, FDA correspondence, or other documentation that authorizes the City to administer the unapproved drug.

4. Institutional Review Board (IRB) Approval (21 CFR Part 56)

- **Requirement:** Any clinical investigation involving human subjects must be reviewed and approved by an Institutional Review Board (IRB). The IRB is responsible for ensuring that the study is ethical and that participants' rights are protected.
- **Request:** Please provide evidence of IRB review and approval for the administration of the unapproved drug, including IRB meeting minutes, approval letters, and any related communications.

5. Compliance with the Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FD&C Act)

- **Requirement:** The FD&C Act prohibits the distribution and administration of unapproved new drugs. Compliance with this law requires that any drug administered to the public must be either FDA-approved or administered under an approved IND.
- **Request:** Please provide documentation confirming compliance with the FD&C Act, including any FDA approvals, authorizations, or other relevant legal documents that permit the administration of the unapproved drug.

Please include any internal communications, external communications with regulatory bodies, meeting minutes, legal opinions, or any other relevant documents that pertain to the above-listed regulations and guidelines.

3 - Adherence to Ethical Guidelines (Nuremberg Code and Belmont Report)

Requirement: The Nuremberg Code is a foundational document in medical ethics, establishing strict guidelines for conducting experiments involving human subjects. The first and most critical principle of the Nuremberg Code is the absolute necessity of voluntary consent. This means that any individual subjected to an experiment must be fully informed of the nature, purpose, duration, and potential risks involved. Consent must be given freely, without any form of coercion, pressure, or undue influence. Additionally, individuals must be allowed to withdraw from the experiment at any time, without penalty or loss of benefits to which they are otherwise entitled.

“The voluntary consent of the human subject is absolutely essential. This means that the person involved should have legal capacity to give consent; should be so situated as to be able to exercise free power of choice, without the intervention of any element of force, fraud, deceit, duress, overreaching, or other ulterior form of constraint or coercion; and should have sufficient knowledge and comprehension of the elements of the subject matter involved as to enable him to make an understanding and enlightened decision. This latter element requires that before the acceptance of an affirmative decision by the experimental subject there should be made known to him the nature, duration, and purpose of the experiment; the method and means by which it is to be conducted; all inconveniences and hazards reasonably to be expected; and the effects upon his health or person which may possibly come from his participation in the experiment. The duty and responsibility for ascertaining the quality of the consent rests upon each individual who initiates, directs, or engages in the experiment. It is a personal duty and responsibility which may not be delegated to another with impunity.”

The last principle of the Nuremberg Code emphasizes the experimenter's responsibility to terminate the experiment if it becomes apparent that continuing could result in injury, disability, or death. This underscores the obligation to prioritize the safety and well-being of participants above all else.

The Belmont Report complements the Nuremberg Code by outlining additional ethical guidelines, particularly the principles of Respect for Persons and Beneficence. These principles reinforce the need for voluntary consent and the requirement to maximize benefits while minimizing harm to participants.

Request: Please provide comprehensive records demonstrating that the City of Vancouver has adhered to these critical ethical principles in the administration of the unapproved drug. Specifically, I am requesting:

1. Documentation of how citizens were fully informed about the drug, including its purpose, potential risks, and the option to freely opt out of participation at any time without any consequences.
2. Copies of internal policies or guidelines that ensure compliance with the first and last principles of the Nuremberg Code, particularly the safeguarding of voluntary consent and the procedures for terminating the administration if it poses any risks.
3. Evidence of any ethical reviews conducted before the drug's administration, as well as records of how the city ensured that all participants could freely withdraw from the process.
4. Any communications or protocols that outline how the well-being and safety of the citizens were prioritized throughout the process.

4 - Violation of Ethical Guidelines (Nuremberg Code and Belmont Report) and Regulatory Compliance

Requirement: The adherence to ethical guidelines and federal regulations is crucial in the administration of any drug, especially an unapproved one. Violations of these principles and regulations can lead to serious consequences, including:

1. Legal Liability:

- Violating the Nuremberg Code: Legal action could be taken against individuals and institutions, potentially leading to civil and criminal penalties if voluntary consent was not obtained or if the drug was administered without necessary safeguards.
- FDA Regulations: Non-compliance with informed consent, IND, and IRB requirements can result in significant legal penalties, including fines and sanctions. There could also be legal repercussions if the FDA's regulations under the Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act are not followed.

2. Harm to Participants:

- Informed Consent Violations: If participants were not adequately informed or did not have the option to freely opt out, it could result in physical and psychological harm, which may have long-term effects on their health and well-being.
- Non-FDA Approved Drugs: Administration of drugs that are not FDA-approved can pose risks to participants, leading to adverse health outcomes and legal action against the entity administering the drug.

3. Regulatory and Compliance Issues:

- FDA and IND Regulations: Violating these regulations can lead to FDA enforcement actions, including fines, penalties, or restrictions on the ability to conduct future research or administer drugs.
- Documentation and Record-Keeping: Inadequate documentation or failure to follow required processes can result in non-compliance findings during audits or inspections, leading to further legal and regulatory repercussions.

Request: Please provide comprehensive documentation related to how the City of Vancouver is prepared to address these potential consequences, including:

1. **Contingency Plans:** Any documented plans or procedures for managing legal, ethical, and financial repercussions in the event of violations of the Nuremberg Code, FDA regulations, or other ethical guidelines.
2. **Risk Mitigation Strategies:** Records of measures implemented to prevent violations of ethical and regulatory standards, including procedures for promptly addressing and correcting any issues that arise.
3. **Training and Oversight:** Documentation of training programs for City staff and officials regarding ethical standards and regulatory compliance, as well as records of oversight mechanisms in place to ensure adherence to these principles and regulations.

5 - Voluntary Participation and Right to Discontinue

Requirement: According to the Code of Federal Regulations (21 CFR 50.25), participation in any medical experiment, including the administration of an unapproved drug, must be completely voluntary. This regulation mandates that individuals must be informed that they have the right to refuse participation without any penalty or loss of benefits to which they are otherwise entitled. Additionally, participants must be allowed to discontinue their involvement at any time without suffering any penalty or loss of benefits. Given that the drug is being administered through the public water supply—a resource that is inherently difficult to avoid—it is crucial that the City of Vancouver ensures that citizens are fully aware of these rights. Furthermore, the City must provide a clear and accessible means for citizens to opt out, which may include offering alternative sources of water that are fluoride-free.

Request: Please provide detailed documentation demonstrating how the City of Vancouver has complied with the requirement to inform citizens that participation in the administration of this unapproved drug is voluntary. Specifically, I am requesting:

1. Documentation on how the City has communicated to citizens their right to refuse participation without penalty or loss of benefits, including any public notices, informational campaigns, or other outreach efforts.
2. Records of any procedures or policies that allow citizens to discontinue participation in the drug administration, particularly considering the drug is distributed through the public water supply.
3. Documentation on the availability and provision of alternative water sources that are fluoride-free, including the locations of such sources, the criteria for accessing them, and any steps taken to ensure these alternatives are readily accessible to those who wish to opt out.
4. Any measures or protocols that have been implemented to ensure that citizens who choose to opt out can do so effectively and without undue burden, despite the communal nature of the water supply.

6 - Requests to End or Opt Out of the Medical Experiment

Requirement: In accordance with ethical guidelines and federal regulations, individuals participating in a medical experiment have the right to request to end their participation or to opt out at any time, without facing any penalties or loss of benefits. This is especially pertinent when the experiment involves the administration of an unapproved drug through a public resource like the water supply.

Request: Please provide detailed records and documentation related to all requests made by citizens to either end the medical experiment or to opt out of the drug administration through the water supply. Specifically, I am requesting:

1. **Logs of Requests:** A complete log or record of all requests made by citizens to discontinue their participation in the experiment or to opt out of the drug administration. This should include the date and nature of each request, the method by which the request was submitted (e.g., written, verbal, online), and any corresponding documentation.
2. **Response to Requests:** Documentation detailing how each of these requests was handled, including any correspondence or communication between the City and the individual making the request, and the outcome of the request (e.g., whether and how the individual was able to opt out).
3. **Actions Taken:** Records of any actions taken by the City to accommodate those who wished to opt out, such as the provision of alternative water sources or other measures to ensure that the individual's right to opt out was respected and facilitated.
4. **Policies and Procedures:** Copies of any policies, procedures, or guidelines followed by the City in responding to these requests, including how the City ensured compliance with ethical and regulatory requirements in handling such requests.

7 - Request for Public Engagement Records:

I request a comprehensive list of all forums, meetings, surveys, or other opportunities where the public has been invited to share their views and provide input on the City's water fluoridation program. This includes any public hearings, town hall meetings, community discussions, online surveys, or other avenues that have been made available for citizen engagement. Since the fluoridation program is intended solely for the public's benefit and as a service to the taxpayers, it is important to understand how the opinion of the taxpayers funding the program has been solicited and considered in this matter.

8 - Process for Discontinuing Fluoridation:

Please provide comprehensive documentation detailing the legal and procedural steps required to terminate the fluoridation of City water and end any associated involuntary medical experimentation and compulsory medication related to the fluoridation program.

This should include:

1. **Legal Requirements:** All statutes, regulations, and legal requirements that govern the cessation of water fluoridation in the City.
2. **Procedural Steps:** A detailed description of the procedural steps involved in ending fluoridation, including any necessary approvals, notifications, or public hearings.
3. **Documentation:** Any forms, petitions, or official documents required to formally initiate and complete the discontinuation process.
4. **Notifications:** Information on required notifications to regulatory bodies, health departments, and the public regarding the decision to stop fluoridation and related activities.
5. **Implementation Plan:** Guidelines for implementing the cessation of fluoridation, including timelines and responsible parties.

9 - Request for Decision-Maker Information:

1. Please provide a detailed list of all positions within the City that hold the authority to make decisions regarding the continuation or discontinuation of the drug's addition to the water supply. This should include any roles within relevant committees, boards, or governing bodies, as well as any specific City officials or employees with the power to influence or finalize these decisions. Additionally, I request the names of the individuals currently occupying these positions to ensure transparency in the decision-making process.

10 - Ethics Committee Information and Documentation:

I am requesting the following information regarding the City's Ethics Committee:

1. **Committee Members:** Please provide the names, titles, and roles of all current members of the City's Ethics Committee.
2. **Ethical Review Documentation:** I request all memos, reports, meeting minutes, and any other correspondence or documentation produced by the Ethics Committee related to the ethical implications of mass medication through the water supply without obtaining informed consent from the population. This includes any discussions, evaluations, or decisions made concerning the ethicality of such practices.

11 - Potential Conflicts of Interest Among Decision-Makers

1. **Requirement:** Ethical standards and federal regulations require that all decisions related to public health, especially those involving the administration of unapproved drugs, be made without any undue influence or conflicts of interest. Decision-makers involved in these processes must be free from personal, financial, or professional conflicts that could compromise their objectivity and the integrity of their decisions.
2. **Request:** Please provide detailed information and documentation related to any potential conflicts of interest among the decision-makers responsible for the decision to continue adding the drug to the water supply. Specifically, I am requesting:

3. **Conflict of Interest Disclosures:** Copies of all conflict of interest disclosure forms or statements submitted by the decision-makers involved in the process. This should include any financial, personal, or professional interests that could influence their decisions.
4. **Financial Interests:** Documentation of any financial interests, investments, or affiliations that decision-makers may have with companies, organizations, or entities that could benefit from the continued administration of the drug.
5. **Professional Affiliations:** Records of any professional affiliations or relationships that decision-makers have with organizations or individuals who advocate for the use of the drug in the water supply.
6. **Decision-Making Processes:** Documentation outlining the processes and criteria used to ensure that decisions regarding the addition of the drug to the water supply are made impartially and without conflict of interest. This should include any reviews, audits, or oversight mechanisms in place to identify and address potential conflicts.
7. **Actions Taken to Mitigate Conflicts:** Records of any actions taken by the City to mitigate or eliminate identified conflicts of interest, including recusal of decision-makers, reassignment of decision-making responsibilities, or implementation of additional oversight measures.

12 - Request for Public Notifications Regarding Fluoride Exposure Effects

I am requesting copies of all notifications, advisories, public health bulletins, or any other form of communication provided to the public regarding the potential effects of fluoride exposure and advising the public that drinking City water could exacerbate their symptoms and to avoid fluoride to prevent worsening their symptoms of fluoride poisoning / exposure. Specifically, I am interested in information related to the following symptoms and conditions associated with both acute and chronic fluoride exposure:

Acute Fluoride Exposure:

- **Nausea and vomiting:** Common gastrointestinal symptoms that may indicate excessive ingestion of fluoride.
- **Abdominal pain or cramping:** Sharp or persistent pain in the abdomen, often accompanying other digestive disturbances.
- **Diarrhea:** Frequent, loose, or watery stools that can result from ingesting high levels of fluoride.
- **Excessive saliva production:** An increase in saliva flow, which may be a bodily response to fluoride toxicity.
- **Headache:** Fluoride exposure can trigger headaches due to its effects on the nervous system.
- **Sweating:** Profuse sweating as the body tries to expel toxins.
- **General weakness:** A feeling of fatigue or lack of energy, which may accompany other acute symptoms.

- **Tingling or numbness in the face, hands, or feet:** Fluoride toxicity can cause peripheral neuropathy, leading to these sensations.
- **Muscle spasms or tremors:** Involuntary muscle contractions that may result from nervous system involvement.
- **Seizures:** Severe fluoride poisoning can lead to convulsions or seizures.
- **Respiratory issues, such as difficulty breathing:** Shortness of breath or labored breathing due to fluoride's impact on respiratory muscles.
- **Heart issues, such as irregular heartbeat or chest pain:** Potential disturbances in heart rhythm or sharp chest pains.
- **Coma (in severe cases):** In extreme cases, severe fluoride poisoning can lead to loss of consciousness.

Chronic Fluoride Exposure:

- **Dental fluorosis:** White spots, streaks, or pitting on the teeth, particularly in children whose teeth are still developing.
- **Skeletal fluorosis:** Progressive condition characterized by joint stiffness, chronic pain, and calcification of ligaments, potentially leading to immobility.
- **Arthritis:** symptoms include joint pain, swelling, stiffness, and decreased range of motion. May include systemic symptoms like fatigue and fever, and affect joints that bear weight, like knees and hips.
- **Increased risk of bone fractures:** Prolonged fluoride exposure can weaken bones, increasing susceptibility to fractures, especially in older adults.
- **Kidney dysfunction:** Long-term fluoride exposure can impair kidney function, leading to reduced ability to filter waste from the blood.
- **Neurological effects:** Cognitive impairments, including difficulties with concentration, memory loss, and potential impacts on mental processing.
- **Gastrointestinal problems:** Persistent stomach discomfort, pain, and chronic irritation of the gastrointestinal tract.
- **Skin conditions:** Chronic exposure can cause skin rashes, itchiness, and other dermatological reactions.
- **Muscle weakness and fatigue:** Persistent muscle weakness and overall fatigue that could impair daily activities.
- **Endocrine disruption:** Potential impact on thyroid function, possibly leading to hypothyroidism or other thyroid-related conditions.
- **Reproductive issues:** Possible effects on fertility and reproductive health, including impacts on pregnancy outcomes.
- **Developmental effects in children:** Delayed cognitive development, lower IQ, and other developmental challenges in children exposed to high levels of fluoride.
- **Immune system suppression:** Reduced immune function, potentially increasing susceptibility to infections and illnesses.
- **Cardiovascular issues:** Long-term exposure may contribute to high blood pressure, increased risk of heart disease, and other cardiovascular concerns.

- **Increased oxidative stress:** Elevated levels of free radicals in the body, which can lead to cellular damage and chronic health issues.
- **Gastrointestinal inflammation:** Ongoing irritation or inflammation of the stomach lining and intestines, which could lead to chronic digestive issues.
- **Hypercalcemia:** Elevated calcium levels in the blood, leading to symptoms such as kidney stones, bone pain, and abdominal pain.
- **Metabolic bone disease:** Conditions like osteomalacia (softening of the bones) due to disrupted calcium metabolism linked to fluoride exposure.
- **Cognitive and behavioral changes:** Potential for mood disorders, including anxiety and depression, as a result of long-term fluoride exposure.

Please include any documentation that outlines the potential health risks, symptoms to watch for, and any instructions or guidance provided to the public on what actions to take if they suspect fluoride poisoning, the dates these notifications were issued, the means by which they were issued, and the distribution list for these notices.

13 - City Awareness of Fluoride's Health Effects and Mechanisms

I am requesting all documentation, internal communications, studies, and public health bulletins that indicate whether the city has discussed and is aware of the mechanisms by which fluoride exposure can cause cellular and systemic harm. Specifically, I seek information on whether the following health effects and their underlying mechanisms have been addressed by the city:

1. Enzyme Inhibition and Disruption

Fluoride can inhibit and alter the activity of various enzymes in the body. Enzymes are critical for numerous biological processes, and when fluoride interferes with them, it can disrupt normal cellular function. This disruption can lead to several issues:

- **Neurological effects:** Fluoride's ability to cross the blood-brain barrier and inhibit enzymes in the brain can impair cognitive function and lead to neurological symptoms.
- **Immune system suppression:** Fluoride's interference with immune-related enzymes can weaken the immune system, making the body more susceptible to infections.
- **Gastrointestinal problems:** Enzyme disruption in the digestive tract can lead to gastrointestinal inflammation and other digestive issues.

2. Oxidative Stress

Fluoride can induce oxidative stress by generating free radicals, which are highly reactive molecules that can damage cells, proteins, and DNA. Oxidative stress is linked to:

- **Increased oxidative stress:** Chronic fluoride exposure can lead to an imbalance between free radicals and antioxidants, contributing to chronic diseases and cellular damage.

- **Cardiovascular issues:** Oxidative stress is a known factor in the development of cardiovascular diseases, including hypertension and atherosclerosis.

3. Calcium Metabolism Disruption

Fluoride can interfere with calcium metabolism, which is crucial for bone health and many other physiological processes. This disruption can lead to:

- **Skeletal fluorosis:** Excess fluoride can deposit in bones, replacing calcium, which leads to abnormal bone growth, joint stiffness, and pain.
- **Metabolic bone disease:** Disruption of calcium metabolism can result in conditions like osteomalacia, where bones become soft and weak.
- **Hypercalcemia:** Elevated fluoride levels can lead to an imbalance in calcium, causing increased levels in the blood, which can lead to kidney stones, bone pain, and other symptoms.

4. Thyroid Function Impairment

Fluoride can affect the thyroid gland, particularly by interfering with the production and regulation of thyroid hormones. This can result in:

- **Endocrine disruption:** Fluoride can inhibit the synthesis of thyroid hormones, leading to hypothyroidism or other thyroid-related conditions, which can affect metabolism, energy levels, and overall health.

5. Direct Toxicity to Cells

At high levels, fluoride can be directly toxic to cells, leading to:

- **Kidney dysfunction:** The kidneys filter fluoride from the blood, and over time, high fluoride levels can damage kidney tissue, impairing their ability to function properly.
- **Reproductive issues:** High fluoride exposure can negatively affect reproductive cells and tissues, potentially leading to fertility issues and adverse pregnancy outcomes.

6. Interference with Bone and Tooth Formation

Fluoride has a high affinity for calcium and can incorporate into bones and teeth. Fluoride can cause:

- **Dental fluorosis:** Overexposure during tooth development can lead to enamel defects, resulting in white spots or streaks on the teeth.
- **Increased risk of bone fractures:** Fluoride can make bones more brittle, increasing the risk of fractures, especially with chronic exposure.

7. Alteration of Neurotransmitter Function

Fluoride can affect the central nervous system by altering neurotransmitter function, leading to:

- **Cognitive and behavioral changes:** Changes in neurotransmitter levels can contribute to mood disorders, such as anxiety and depression, as well as cognitive impairments, especially in developing children.

Please provide all documentation that shows the city's awareness and discussion of these mechanisms by which fluoride causes cellular and systemic harm. This includes internal communications, health bulletins, studies, and any other relevant information.

Iatrogenic Disease

I am particularly concerned about the potential for iatrogenic diseases—conditions that are inadvertently caused by medical treatment or public health interventions, including water fluoridation. Given that fluoride exposure has been linked to various adverse health effects, I am requesting any documentation, studies, or internal discussions that address the risk of iatrogenic disease resulting from fluoride in the city's water supply. Specifically, I am interested in whether the city has evaluated the possibility that the introduction of fluoride, intended as a preventive health measure, could contribute to the development of conditions such as skeletal fluorosis, thyroid dysfunction, or other chronic illnesses. Please provide all relevant materials that reflect the city's awareness and consideration of these risks in the context of public health.

14 - Additional Program Information

1. Safety

- a. All scientific studies and documents the City is relying on to show that fluoride has been proven safe for pregnant women and infants to consume
- b. All scientific studies and documents the City possesses regarding the impact of fluoride on the IQ of developing children and the neurotoxicity of fluoride
- c. All scientific studies the City is relying on to show that fluoride has been proven safe for ingestion

2. Health & Safety Notices

- a. Please provide all notices, documents, disclosures, photos, literature, or other materials provided to the public related to the following:
- b. Public notifications about fluoride in City water and advice on preventing fluoride overconsumption.
- c. Warnings about the CDC's recommendation not to reconstitute infant formula with fluoridated tap water.
- d. Notices indicating that City water contains fluoride and is not recommended for pregnant women, infants drinking baby formula, and individuals with thyroid or kidney disease.
- e. Notices regarding the presence of lead in City water, including the risk of lead leaching from pipes, solder, and fittings, especially in older buildings.
- f. Disclosures about the potential psychological impact of dental fluorosis on children's development, self-esteem, job performance, and social skills.

3. Drug Prescription / Doctor's orders:

- a. Please provide all written orders or prescriptions in the City's possession, or available to the City, from medical or other professionals related to the addition of fluoridation materials to City water, including:
- b. Orders or prescriptions authorizing the addition of fluoridation materials, specifying the amount and type of chemicals to be used.
- c. Written assurances that the fluoridation of water is safe for the general population and for special groups, such as babies, those with thyroid or kidney disease, diabetes, arthritis, Crohn's disease, and those recovering from cancer.
- d. Advice on contraindications and potential interactions with other medications for those drinking fluoridated water.
- e. Recommendations on the maximum safe quantity of fluoridated water for:
 - i. Individuals with kidney problems.
 - ii. Pregnant women and infants.
 - iii. People with diabetes.
 - iv. Individuals with arthritis.
 - v. Those with Crohn's disease.
 - vi. Athletes who consume more water than average.
 - vii. Laborers who sweat more and drink more water.
- f. Guidance for parents regarding lead levels in drinking water and its safety for children.

4. Source and Supplier Information:

- a. Documents identifying the commercial source or sources from which the City purchases or has purchased fluoridation materials in the last five years
- b. The names of companies providing said materials, their addresses, their telephone numbers, their email addresses, and the names of contact persons who represent said companies.
- c. Any certifications or quality assurances provided by the supplier.
- d. Country of Origin
- e. Name of Supplier
- f. Address and name of Factor(ies) where the fluoride is sourced from
- g. Primary product produced at the address where the fluoride is sourced (ie Phosphate fertilizer production, aluminum production, steel production, glass manufacturing, ceramic manufacturing, petroleum refining, brick manufacturing, tile manufacturing etc.)

5. Fluoride Purification Process:

- a. Documentation of the purification methods used by the supplier for the fluoridation chemical, including details on filtration, chemical treatment, and quality control measures to ensure the fluoride does not contain contaminants

6. Fluoridation Chemicals Used:

- a. Documentation identifying the specific chemicals used and which specific minerals, compounds, and trace elements are contained in the fluoridation materials used in the water fluoridation process in the City.
- b. Material Safety Data Sheets

7. Insurance & Liability Coverage

- a. Provide documents, reports, or correspondence produced, received, or sent which relate to insurance which would cover the City in case of an individual or class action suit for damages based on harm caused by water fluoridation or lead levels caused by fluoridation, including correspondence with insurance organizations or cooperatives including the current dollar limits of insurance coverage.

8. Assays of fluoridation products prior to dilution:

- a. Documents which show the presence of all elements and compounds in raw fluoridation materials, that is assays made of raw fluoridation materials, before they are added to drinking water and are diluted.
- b. Documents which would indicate whether there are any trace amounts of aluminum, arsenic, antimony, asbestos, cadmium, lead, mercury, radium, radon, polonium, barium, beryllium, thallium, or uranium included in the fluoridation materials and the quantities and concentrations of them.

9. Assays immediately after fluoridation:

- a. Documents which show the presence of all elements and chemicals in fluoridation materials, that is assays made of drinking water immediately after fluoridation materials have been added to drinking water.

10. Testing Protocols:

- a. Information on the testing protocols and frequency used to monitor fluoride levels in the water supply, as well as testing for potential contaminants such as heavy metals, radionuclides, organic impurities, and particulate matter.
- b. Provide documents listing the specific contaminants, elements, and compounds for which the City or its subcontractors currently test and have tested for over the last five years.

11. Test Results:

- a. Provide documents identifying the levels of various contaminants, elements, and compounds for which the City tests and has tested over the last five years (the levels below which elements or compounds, even if present are not reported as being present, and which are typically marked "u" on assays) along with the maximum level which the City considers and has considered acceptable.

12. Fluoride's Caustic Properties on Water System Infrastructure:

- a. It is well-documented that fluoride is a highly reactive and caustic substance capable of dissolving various durable materials. Fluoride can corrode and dissolve metals, including lead, aluminum, steel, and even glass. Additionally, it can break down ceramic materials and react with silicates. These corrosive properties may lead to increased maintenance and replacement costs for infrastructure, as well as higher insurance premiums due to the potential for damage. Given these concerns, I request any documentation or studies in the City's possession that discuss the potential effects of fluoride on infrastructure and materials, particularly within the water distribution system, and any related increases in maintenance, replacement, or insurance costs.

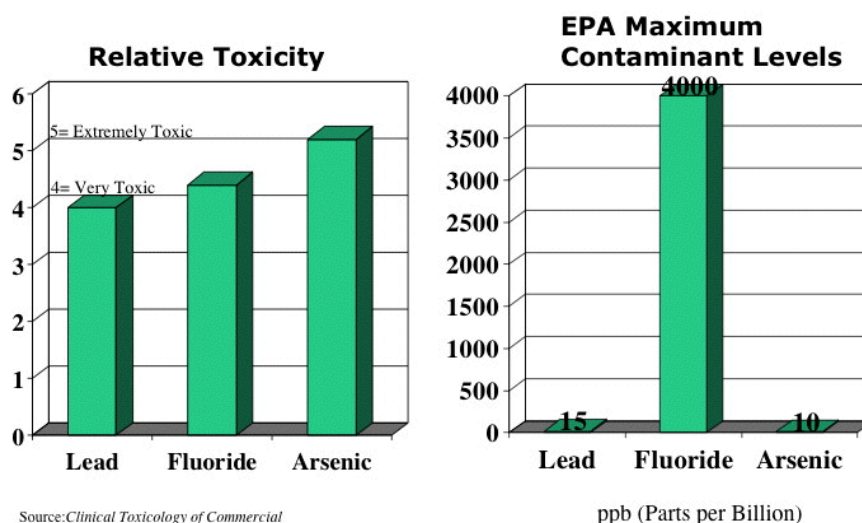
13. Impact of Fluoride and Chloramines on Lead Leaching in Water Systems:

- a. It is well-known that fluoride can interact with lead in water systems through chemical processes that increase the amount of lead dissolved in the water. When fluoride combines with other chemicals such as chloramines, which are commonly used as disinfectants in water treatment, it can create conditions that are more corrosive to lead pipes and fittings. These reactions can dissolve the protective passivation layers—composed of lead(II) oxide or lead carbonate—that naturally form on the interior surfaces of lead pipes, leading to higher levels of lead leaching into the water supply, especially in areas with older infrastructure.
- b. Given these concerns, please provide any available studies, reports, or data on how the presence of fluoride and chloramines in the water supply has been tested for their impact on lead leaching, particularly after contact with lead-containing fittings. Additionally, I seek information on how lead levels have been monitored at the point of consumption in locations known to have lead pipes, including the methods and frequency of testing conducted.

14. Fluoride Toxicity and Regulatory Discrepancies:

- a. It is widely recognized that fluoride is more toxic than lead and only marginally less toxic than arsenic. Despite this, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) sets the maximum contaminant level (MCL) for lead at 15 parts per billion (ppb) and arsenic at 10 ppb, while allowing fluoride levels to reach up to 4,000 parts per billion (4 parts per million), which is over 250 times higher than the MCL for lead, which is less toxic, and 400 times higher than arsenic, which is only slightly less toxic.

How Toxic is Fluoride compared to Lead & Arsenic.



- b. Given fluoride's high toxicity, logic suggests that its maximum contaminant level should be at least as strict as that for lead, if not lower. Additionally, it is notable

that fluoride byproducts from the phosphate fertilizer industry, captured through scrubbers to prevent environmental harm because of their toxicity, are often repurposed for water fluoridation.

- c. I request documentation on the City's awareness of these toxicity levels, any evaluations conducted regarding the appropriateness of the EPA's current MCL for fluoride in relation to its toxicity, and any discussions or decisions related to reducing fluoride levels or discontinuing fluoridation in the water supply in light of these concerns.

15. Fluoride Safety and Neurotoxicity:

- a. In its [2022 study](#), the National Toxicology Program (NTP) was unable to determine any safe threshold for fluoride consumption, which was also the case with the NTP analysis on lead toxicity. The NTP concluded with "moderate confidence" that fluoride exposure poses a risk of developmental neurotoxicity based on human studies. When applying the NTP's Office of Health Assessment and Translation (OHAT) methodology, this conclusion supports a "presumed hazard" classification for fluoride's impact on developing brains.
- b. In light of these findings, I request any documents, studies, or communications in the City's possession that refute or challenge the NTP's conclusions, specifically those that argue there is a safe threshold for fluoride consumption and that fluoride is not a developmental neurotoxin.

16. Removal of PFAS and Fluoride Addition:

- a. According to the [City's website](#), the City is actively working to eliminate per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) from the water supply due to their harmful health effects. It is important to note that PFAS are fluoride-containing substances. However, at the same time, the City is adding fluoride to the water in another chemical form. This approach appears contradictory, as both PFAS and the form of fluoride added to the water have been associated with health risks. To better understand the rationale behind these actions, I request any documents, studies, or communications in the City's possession that explain or justify the simultaneous removal of PFAS and the addition of fluoride to the water supply. Specifically, I am interested in any information that addresses the inconsistency in these efforts and any data that could clarify why one fluoride-containing substance is being removed for health reasons while another is being added.

17. Financial Records - Budget & Expenditures:

- a. Please provide records detailing the annual budget allocated to and expenditures on water fluoridation over the past five years. This should include the costs for purchasing fluoridation chemicals and any other related expenses.

18. Delivery Method and spills:

- a. Provide documents identifying the means by which fluoridation materials have been delivered to the City over the past five years, including documents relating to spill prevention and cleanup.
- b. Documents discussing any spills or malfunctions which have occurred in the handling of fluoridation materials since fluoridation began.

19. Fluoridation Protocol:

- a. Documents identifying the protocol for sourcing and procuring fluoridation materials, adding fluoridation materials to drinking water, including but not limited to mixing and dispensing fluoridation materials into drinking water and keeping the fluoridation materials uniformly mixed over time and distance.
- b. Diagrams showing the design and function of the fluoridation equipment.
- c. Documents discussing any instances where fluoride content has not been consistent throughout the water system.

20. Fluoride Insertion Points:

- a. Provide documents identifying the locations where the City inserts fluoridation materials into water.

21. Facility Tour:

- a. Please provide me with a tour of the facilities where fluoridation takes place so that I can observe the fluoridation process and take photographs. The law says that “public records shall be available for inspection,” and the fluoridation facilities themselves are “public records” by definition. Contact me at 360-975-2011 to schedule a tour.

22. Facility Plans:

- a. Documentation regarding any plans to modify, upgrade or install fluoridation facilities

23. Information Sources:

- a. Many information sources exist regarding fluoridation and ongoing research and experimentation is taking place regularly on fluoridation safety, which is relevant to the status of the ongoing fluoridation experiment in the City. See [Information about Fluoride & Water Fluoridation](#)
- b. Provide documents identifying websites, agencies, laboratories, or other organizations and individuals from which the City obtains on an ongoing basis or has obtained in the past or which the City can now obtain information pertaining to the requests and questions posed in this document.
- c. Provide evidence that the City has been reviewing and discussing the latest fluoride research performed since 1956 and evaluating how it pertains to the ongoing water fluoridation program in the City.

24. Decision Background:

- a. Please provide all documents related to the decision to fluoridate the City's water supply. This includes records of those who supported and opposed the fluoridation.
- b. Include historical documents such as newspaper clippings and correspondence related to the discussion and debate over fluoridation from the initial proposal to the present. This should cover each instance when fluoridation was put to a vote, whether by the city council or through public referendum.
- c. Provide a list of individuals who campaigned for or voted in favor of fluoridation who are still alive today.

25. Initiation of Fluoridation:

- a. Please provide all documents prepared or received during the initiation of water fluoridation. This includes, but is not limited to, the following:
- b. Requests and Bids:**
 - i. Requests for construction and maintenance bids.
 - ii. Actual bids and contracts for construction and maintenance.
 - iii. Documents and advice received in response to these requests, including input—both for and against—from bidders, consultants, or other advisers concerning the fluoridation decision.
- c. Fluoridation Facilities Documentation:**
 - i. All documents related to the design, construction, and contracting for the construction of fluoridation facilities maintained by the City, both current and past.
 - ii. Records detailing the cost of construction, financing, and any financial assistance received from entities other than the City for these facilities.
 - iii. Any agreements made with external groups, such as dental associations, regarding the funding or financial support for the construction of fluoridation facilities.

26. Fluoride Communication:

- a. Please provide all written communications related to water fluoridation, including internal communications among City employees and communications with outside parties, dating back to five years before fluoridation was first implemented (1956.) Specifically, I am requesting the following:
- b. Public Correspondence:** All written communications from members of the public expressing support for or opposition to water fluoridation.
- c. Citizen Identifications:** A list of names of all citizens who have expressed either support for or opposition to water fluoridation, noting their stance on the subject.
- d. Internal Communications:** All internal written communications between City employees concerning water fluoridation, including emails, memos, meeting notes, and reports.

27. Additional Correspondence:

- a. Please provide documents and correspondence, dating back to five years before fluoridation was first implemented (1956), received from or sent to the following agencies and organizations:
- b. Federal Agencies:** U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA), U.S. Public Health Service (PHS), National Institutes of Health (NIH), Surgeon General.
- c. State Agencies:** Washington State Department of Health (DOH), Washington State Board of Health, or any other agency or official of the state of Washington.
- d. Private and Non-Profit Organizations:** National Sanitation Foundation, American Dental Association (ADA), American Medical Association (AMA), American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP), World Health Organization (WHO), National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research (NIDCR), Washington Dental Service

Foundation, Washington State Dental Association (WSDA), and any other related private or non-profit group.

I request that all of the information be provided in electronic format if possible. If there are any fees for searching or copying these records, please inform me if the cost exceeds \$50.00.

I request a waiver of all fees for this request because the disclosure of the requested information is in the public interest and in alignment with all of the city's five core values identified in 2021: livability, equity and inclusion, innovation, sustainability and resiliency, and community trust and relationships.

If there are any documents or records that are responsive to this request but are not directly within the City's possession—yet the City has constructive ownership, control, or the legal right to obtain them—I respectfully request that the City take the necessary steps to access these documents. Please include any such documents in the response to this request, ensuring that all relevant information is made available.

In addition to providing the requested documents, please return a copy of this request along with a summary of the response to each request under the respective request. This summary should include:

- A list of all responsive documents that were provided.
- A brief description of the content or nature of these documents.
- An explanation for any portions of the request that were not fulfilled, including the reasons why certain documents were not available, exempt from disclosure, or withheld.

Given that the fluoridation program impacts all citizens of the city, I respectfully request that the results of this FOIA request be made publicly available. Please ensure that the documents and information provided in response to this request are posted on a publicly accessible website such as the City's public records portal. Making this information available to the public will help ensure that all citizens are informed and can engage in the conversation about water fluoridation. Please provide the direct link to the webpage here in the response.

It is not necessary to send all documents if they are repetitive and virtually identical to other records provided. It is acceptable to send a representative sample, provided that the sample does in fact include samples from all types or kinds of sources.

If any part of this request is denied, please provide a detailed explanation for the denial, including the specific legal basis for withholding the information.

I acknowledge that the number of public records requested is significant and will take time to fulfill. I respectfully request a detailed schedule, including:

1. The estimated date when the first set of responsive documents will be provided.

2. The anticipated intervals at which successive documents will be made available.
3. The expected date by which the request will be fully completed.

If you need any clarification regarding this request, please contact me at [REDACTED] or

[REDACTED]

Thank you for your assistance in this matter. I look forward to your timely response as required by law.

Sincerely,

Derek Kemppainen
Safe Water Clark County
[REDACTED]
Battle Ground, WA 98604

[REDACTED]

From: [Wynn Grcich](#)
To: [Rebecca Messinger](#); [Dollar, Sarah](#)
Subject: Watch "White clots common" on YouTube
Date: Monday, September 9, 2024 5:01:51 PM

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<https://youtu.be/4rAoqhTUU0g?si=Y6YfED1rIV7Bb76O> please send to council members and MELNICK. Put on public record and confirm that you did. Thanks from Wynn

From: [City Council](#)
To: [Dollar, Sarah](#); [Maruhn, Tawny](#)
Subject: FW: Agenda Item 20-November 2024 Ballot Measures
Date: Thursday, September 12, 2024 3:49:20 PM
Attachments: [Vancouver City Council No on I-2117 letter from Vancouver Audubon 9-12-2024.pdf](#)

From: Susan Saul <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, September 12, 2024 1:10 PM
To: City Council <council@cityofvancouver.us>
Subject: Agenda Item 20-November 2024 Ballot Measures

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The attached letter is submitted as public testimony for the September 16, 2024, Council meeting regarding Agenda Item 20 - November 2024 Ballot Measures, specifically the Resolution in Opposition to Washington State Initiative No. 2117.

Susan Saul
Conservation Chair





P.O. Box 1966
Vancouver, WA 98668-1966

September 12, 2024

Re: Resolution in Opposition to Washington State Initiative No. 2117

Dear Mayor McEnerny-Ogle and Council Members:

Climate issues are bird issues. At Vancouver Audubon, our mission is to protect birds and the places they need, today and tomorrow. We know that climate change is impacting birds. Two-thirds of North American birds are at increasing risk of extinction from global temperature rise. Reducing climate change is one of both National Audubon's and Vancouver Audubon's priority conservation campaigns.

We urge the Vancouver City Council to adopt the Resolution in Opposition to Washington State Initiative 2117.

I-2117 would repeal Washington's 2021 Climate Commitment Act (CCA) which caps and reduces greenhouse gas emissions from Washington's largest emitting sources and industries, allowing businesses to find the most efficient path to lower carbon emissions. Funds from the auction of emission allowances support new investments in climate-resiliency programs, clean transportation, and address health disparities across the state. This powerful program works alongside other critical climate policies to help Washington achieve its commitment to reducing greenhouse gas emissions by 95% by 2050.

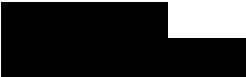
This is a purposely misleading initiative that would end protections for our air, water, forests, and farmland while devastating our transportation and road programs. Instead of a fee on pollution being paid by a few, I-2117 would shift the burden of paying for the impacts of pollution back onto communities, workers and families. Birds, fish and wildlife would pay the cost of temperature rise. Losing CCA funding would make it all but impossible for the City of Vancouver to reach its ambitious climate action goals.

We look forward to continuing to work with the City of Vancouver to implement the Climate Action Framework, which benefits and protect us, birds, fish and wildlife, and our environment from the effects of climate change.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Susan M. Saul".

Susan Saul
Conservation Chair



Maruhn, Tawny

From: Mame Wolfe <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Sunday, September 15, 2024 1:57 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Dear City Council

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I am a homeowner in Washougal. My husband and I are retired and hope to do a little traveling in the near future and see America. But I fear leaving my home. I fear leaving in late summer and early fall for fear of fire, in mid summer, for fear of not being able to water through a heat wave. I fear leaving in the winter for fear of winter storms. Last year we lost ten tall Douglas fir with the Jan-Feb ice and wind storm. Springtime is planting time for us as we care to grow a vegetable garden. Granted, the level of our inconvenience is nothing compared to a resident who fears paying his bills during a heat wave or a farmer for whom a prolonged drought could destroy crops, or our neighbor who had to move out of his home when a tree fell on it. But you get the idea. Measure 2117 is a threat to the progress Washington State has begun in the effort to mitigate climate change and build resilience for the inevitable difficult weather that is to come for all of us. I believe that if Washington's Climate Efforts are stopped the cost for all of us in the long run will be severe.

In summary, this constituent needs your support in stopping the difficulties the passage of 2117 will bring us all!

Thank you,
Madeleine Wolfe
Washougal WA

Maruhn, Tawny

From: Mary Slowik [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, September 16, 2024 9:04 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Concerning Initiative 2117

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Dear members of the City Council of Vancouver --

I hope you will oppose all four of the ballot initiatives that you are considering at Monday's city council meeting, but especially I hope you will oppose Initiative 2117 which would reverse our progress in addressing climate change. Initiative 2117 basically cuts a major source of funding for The Climate Commitment Act. The Climate Commitment Act will lower carbon emission in our community, but most of all, it allows us to enjoy the fruits of that effort, right here, in our neighborhoods,-- for those who fish for salmon, clean waterways; for those who want to walk in the Guifford Pinchot an end to wildfires, for those who would like to solarize their living even in a small way, financial help. And for all of us, it will mean the end to those horrible days when we live in terrible orange-tinged smoke.

Initiative 2117 aims to curtail the actions that make clean air, clean water, and a fire-free environment possible by opposing the Climate Commitment Act. Please protect the Climate Commitment Act and as a city council, vote for a resolution to oppose Initiative 2117.

Many thanks --

Mary Slowik Siciliano

Maruhn, Tawny

From: Onyeka Azike-Jones [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, September 16, 2024 11:19 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Comments for City Council Meeting 9/16 - Concerns About Homeless Camps in the Hough Neighborhood

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Dear Members of the Vancouver City Council,

I am writing to express my deep concern regarding the growing presence of homeless camps in the Hough neighborhood. This issue has noticeably transformed what was once a welcoming and vibrant community into an eyesore, detracting from the quality of life for residents.

I have long been an advocate for Vancouver as a better alternative to Portland, especially for those seeking a city that effectively manages its homelessness crisis. However, recent developments have caused me to rethink this stance. A friend of mine, who moved to Vancouver from Portland just two months ago, has already expressed her disappointment. She has witnessed disturbing incidents, including one where a vagrant shoved a woman with a child. This level of disorder is not what I, or many others, expect from Vancouver.

If this situation continues unchecked, I will no longer recommend Vancouver as a desirable place to live. Furthermore, allowing these camps to proliferate threatens to undermine the progress Vancouver has made in urban revitalization. Significant investments have been made to revitalize our city, and these efforts risk being wasted if the homelessness issue is not managed effectively. Additionally, this situation could severely damage the new branding and image Vancouver is striving to establish.

I urge you to look to cities like Tacoma, Washington, which have made strides in improving the standard of living for their residents while addressing homelessness more effectively. It would be a great shame if Vancouver were to follow in the footsteps of Portland, allowing lenient policies to jeopardize the safety, well-being, and future of our city.

I hope the City Council will take immediate and decisive action to address this pressing issue. Vancouver has the potential to be a shining example of urban renewal and community strength, but this can only be achieved by prioritizing the needs and safety of its residents.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Onyeka Jones

Maruhn, Tawny

From: Kristin Edmark <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, September 13, 2024 9:46 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Please take a stand to oppose ballot measures

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Vancouver City Council: Please pass resolutions opposing all four of ballot initiatives: 2066, 2109, 2117 and 2124.

2117 would be especially harmful and contrary to the excellent progress that Vancouver is making on Climate.
Thank you. Kristin Edmark

Maruhn, Tawny

From: Mark Leed <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Sunday, September 15, 2024 8:46 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Please oppose all 4 statewide ballot initiatives

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Dear Mayor and Council Members,

I support the Vancouver City Council passing a resolution opposing Initiatives 2066, 2109, 2117, and 2124. I am especially concerned about I-2117, which would overturn Washington's landmark Climate Commitment Act, and I-2066, which would make it more difficult to encourage green energy in new construction and to offer rebates for energy efficiency upgrades. Both of these measures, if passed, would make it significantly harder to meet the climate goals that Governor Inslee and our legislature fought so hard for. They would also have a negative impact on the City of Vancouver's own carbon reduction goals included in our Climate Action Framework. Please pass a resolution opposing all four initiatives.

Thank you,

Mark Leed

[REDACTED]
Vancouver WA 98661

Maruhn, Tawny

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, September 16, 2024 8:53 AM
To: City Council
Subject: NO on tonight's initiative opposition

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I ask for a no vote tonight on the city officially opposing the 4 citizen initiatives. The local city government should not be investing its time opposing citizens rightful initiative process. This is the voice of the people of Washington.

The work has been done, let the voters decide. It's not right for special interest groups and government to make the decision.

Marsha Treadway
Sent from my iPhone

Maruhn, Tawny

From: Christina Felix [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, September 16, 2024 11:00 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Additional feedback for todays Meeting regarding the Mill Plain Stonewall Encampment

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I forgot to include a couple of incidents that occurred across street to camp in my feedback form so I just wanted to send it to you using this email as I'm not sure I can fill out another feedback form.

I am a tenant at Miles Terrace.

1. You probably know about the propane tanks that exploded at the camp and caught a tree on the fire. I feared for the house that was directly behind the sound wall. Embers could have fallen on that neighbors roof. It was very scary for us to watch the fire from across the street, I was afraid that the other trees were going to catch on fire and the embers were gonna travel to our roof too. Two weeks ago, the campers had a Warming fire And the flames were tall, and I was afraid that it would catch the trees on fire. Another neighbor called 911
2. I witnessed an attempted rape from across the street. I was walking home after taking my dog for a walk. I saw a young woman ride into the camp on a bicycle, park and walk into the first Tent nearest Esther Street and a few minutes later, she was screaming and yelling 'get off of me" and jumped out of the tent and fell. A man jumped on top of her and he was trying to choke her, but she managed to get away and she got on her bicycle and drove away.
3. Every night from my fourth floor window before I go to bed, I look out in front of our building from my window and down the street. I saw across the street a couple was having sex on the sidewalk by the neighbors flower box and also another night I witnessed a couple having sex against the sound wall by our building.
4. I had to call 911 one time last month when I saw from my fourth floor window a man sprawled out on Esther Street having a fentanyl overdose episode. Another Neighbor saw him that He had just walked out of the camp and Started acting strangely and then collapsed. I called 911 and they made it just in time to revive him with Narcan. It was not a camper, but someone who came to buy drugs from the drug dealer at the camp.
5. 911 incidents. I know that you can pull a Report of all the 911 calls that were made about that camp. Me and my neighbors have made several calls about unsafe activity at the camp.

Thank you for reading my message,
Christina Felix
Miles Terrace Tenant
[REDACTED]

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Maruhn, Tawny

From: sharon sollenberger <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Saturday, September 14, 2024 9:04 AM
To: City Council
Subject: 4 ballot initiatives

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Please oppose the 4 ballot initiatives, I -2117, I-2124, I-2066 and I-2109. If passed I-2117 would remove funding from programs that will help improve air quality, prevent wildfires and protect our water supply. The population of older residents in Vancouver is growing and I-2124 will remove Washington's long term care insurance. We will lose funding to pay caregivers. Being able to pay caregivers will enable more senior citizens be able to stay in their own homes and reduce medical debt. I-2066 will increase our energy costs and delay progress to clean up our air. I have asthma and Vancouver already has air pollution issues. I-2109 will give a tax cut to the wealthiest Washingtonians and take funding away from education and childcare. Please oppose these initiatives which will delay progress and reduce our quality of life. Thank-you for your consideration. Sincerely, Sharon Sollenberger, [REDACTED] Vancouver WA 98662

Maruhn, Tawny

From: felget <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, September 16, 2024 10:03 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Agenda item 20

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Dear Mayor and City Council members,

Please vote YES on Agenda item 20 resolutions opposing I-2066 and I-2117. Passage of these ballot measures would impair the city's efforts to address climate change as well as deny our community funds necessary to address the climate issues we face. I appreciate your efforts to pass and move forward the Climate Action Framework. Passage of these resolutions would be consistent with that Framework and would be your additional statement of commitment to addressing climate issues.

Thank you.

Nancy Helget
Vancouver

Maruhn, Tawny

From: Don Steinke [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, September 16, 2024 10:08 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Agenda item #20, Support "No on 2117"

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From Don Steinke, [REDACTED]

To The Vancouver City Council
re Initiative 2117

Hello Mayor, Council and staff. My name is Don Steinke

I urge you to support resolutions in opposition to all four State level ballot initiatives. In particular, oppose 2117 and 2066.

If 2117 passes, the State of Washington will never be able to meet its emissions reduction targets and neither will Vancouver.

If you discover the Climate Commitment Act needs to be fixed, let's amend it, not throw it out.

The Climate Commitment Act is the best climate policy in America. Other states and other countries are looking to us to learn how it is done.

The Climate Commitment Act is scheduled to put approximately \$12 billion into clean air projects, such as wildfire prevention, electric school buses, shore power for ships, free transit for kids, and street improvements so kids can walk or roll safely to schools.

If 2117 passes, the legislature will need to find money elsewhere for the Interstate Bridge Replacement.

Initiative 2117 guarantees more wildfire smoke, more diesel air pollution, and more traffic congestion.

Already 1100 projects statewide have been approved for funding from the Climate Commitment Act. Approximately 30 of those projects are in Vancouver.

Projects such as 30 charging stations in multifamily developments and efficiency upgrades for the Vancouver Housing authority.

On Friday, two Vancouver companies were awarded grants from the Climate Commitment Act to help them with pilot projects for their innovative ideas involving solar panels. Those companies are Manaflex, and DWP Energy Solutions.

The No on 2117 campaign is endorsed by the Washington State Labor Council, the Greater Seattle Chamber of Commerce plus 450 other organizations such as Washington Conservation Action and the Washington State Democrats.

Vancouver will lose a lot if 2117 passes. I urge you to pass a resolution to oppose Initiative 2117.

Don Steinke

September 14, 2024

City of Vancouver
PO Box 1995
Vancouver, WA 98668-1995

Attn: Mayor McEnerny-Ogle and Vancouver City Council,

I am writing this letter in support of your decision to oppose ballot initiatives 2066, 2109, 2117 and 2124.)

I 2006 would invalidate HB 1589 that encourages green energy in new construction and provides incentives to upgrade energy efficient in existing buildings.

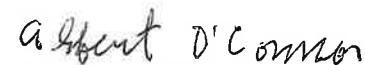
I-2109 2109 would repeal Washington's Capital Gains Tax, which would reduce childcare and education by \$2.2 billion over five years and harm frontline workers such as grocery store employees and nurses.

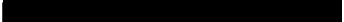
I-2117 will repeal the Climate Commitment Act, that funds local projects like community EV charging stations, multifamily building efficiency grants, road improvements, electric school buses, salmon recovery and more.

I-2124 would eliminate Washington State's long-term insurance program.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Regards,


Albert (Al) O'Connor


Brush Prairie, WA 98606

Conservationist, Fisher & Hunter





cc: Holmes, Young