



CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

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Anne McEnery-Ogle, Mayor

Bart Hansen • Ty Stober • Erik Paulsen • Sarah J. Fox • Diana H. Perez • Kim D. Harless

June 6, 2022

WORKSHOPS

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

Workshops were conducted in person in the Council Chambers of City Hall. 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, or www.facebook.com/VancouverUS.

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4:00 - 5:00 pm Draft IBR Modified LPA

Katherine Kelly, Senior Transportation Policy Advisor, 360-487-7947

Summary

Staff led Council through a discussion of the Interstate Bridge Replacement Program and Recommended Modified Locally Preferred Alternative.

5:00 - 6:00 pm Transportation Improvement Program

Chris Malone, Finance and Asset Manager, 360-487-7711; Ryan

Lopossa, Streets and Transportation Manager, 360-487-7706

Summary

Staff led Council through a discussion of the Transportation Improvement Program and the proposed updates.

COUNCIL DINNER/ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATES

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

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 Public Hearings were also facilitated 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: Councilmembers Harless, Perez, Fox, Paulsen, Stober, Hansen, Mayor McEnerny-Ogle

Absent: None

Councilmember Hansen left after the proclamations and returned to Council Chambers during Item 11.

Councilmember Fox motioned to excuse Councilmember Hansen from the Council meeting, seconded by Councilmember Paulsen, and carried unanimously to approve the absence.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes - April 4, 2022

Motion by Councilmember Paulsen, seconded by Councilmember Fox, and carried unanimously to approve the meeting minutes of April 4, 2022.

Proclamation: Pride Month; Ride Public Transit Day

Mayor McEnerny-Ogle read and presented a proclamation to Brian Beliel, Pride Event Coordinator of Vancouver USA PRIDE, and Micheil MacCutcheon, President of USA PRIDE, proclaiming June 2022, as Pride Month.

Mayor McEnerny-Ogle read and presented a proclamation to Shawn Donaghy, Chief Executive Officer for C-Tran, and Matthew Sutherland, Advocacy Director for Transportation Choices in Seattle, proclaiming June 2022, as Ride Transit Month.

Community Communication (Items 1-6)

Mayor McEnerny-Ogle opened Community Communication and received testimony from the following community members regarding Consent Agenda Items 1-6:

- Kimberlee Elbon, La Center, WA
- Cathryn Chudy, Vancouver
- Heidi Cody, Vancouver
- Robin Cody, Vancouver
- June Yamrick, Vancouver
- Kristin Edmark, Battle Ground, WA
- Melissa Cummings, Vancouver
- Don Steinke, Vancouver
- Alona Steinke, Vancouver
- Janet Hedgepath, Vancouver
- Peter Brown, Vancouver
- Katie Gavares, Portland, OR
- Ted Labbe, Portland, OR
- Laurel Pascual, Vancouver
- Siobhana McEwen, Vancouver
- Wynn Grcich, Vancouver
- Gregory Garceau, Vancouver
- Nancy Helget, Vancouver
- Monica Zazueta, Vancouver
- Rebecca Ponzio, Seattle, WA

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

Communication.

Consent Agenda (Items 1-6)

Council requested Items 4 and 5 be pulled for discussion.

Council discussed Item 4 at length with staff. Councilmember Harless requested an amendment to the City of Vancouver Climate Action Plan Early Action Package to strike text on paragraph number 3 under the Buildings and Energy section.

Motion by Councilmember Harless, seconded by Councilmember Fox, to amend the text in the Vancouver Climate Action Plan Early Action Package, motion passed.

Council discussed Item 5 at length with staff. Councilmember Harless requested an amendment to add text in the City Council Policy 100-32 to add to section 10.14, paragraph 2.

Motion by Councilmember Harless, seconded by Councilmember Stober, to amend the text in the City Council Policy 100-32, motion passed.

Motion by Councilmember Paulsen, seconded by Councilmember Stober, and carried unanimously to approve the Consent Agenda as amended.

1. Construction Bid Award for Rose Village Park

Staff Report: 071-22

This contract provides for development of the .46-acre Rose Village Park located at 35th and T Street in the Rose Village Neighborhood Association. In 2011, the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department (PRCSD) received Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding for planning and construction of a first phase of Rose Village Park. The City met with the neighborhood association and worked with students at Washington Elementary School in planning for the new park. Public engagement through surveys, newsletters and a neighborhood presentation, led to the final approval of the masterplan in October 2011. Plan and specifications were being prepared at the time when the economy took a down-turn. The project was put on hold and the remaining CDBG money was returned.

In 2021, Park Impact Fees were identified to proceed with the park development. PRCSD reached out to the neighborhood through direct mailings to inform the neighborhood of the park development and to ask for input regarding the original plan, playground theming, and if any adjustments should be considered. After the resulting adjustments to the plan the project proceeded through permitting and bidding. The community selected a "space theme" for the park to give it character and vibrancy. The

project consists of grading, new concrete walks, play equipment with poured in place rubber surfacing, shade trellis structure, ½ court basketball, picnic tables, benches, bike racks, fencing and ornamental railings, new seeded lawns, landscaping, and irrigation. The work is anticipated to be complete by end of year 2022.

A Request for Bids (ITB 22-27) was issued on April 26, 2022. Bids were publicly opened on May 17, 2022. The City received five bids. The results are listed below.

VENDOR	AMOUNT
<i>Allcon LLC, Brush Prairie WA</i>	<i>\$580,234.00</i>
<i>Western United Civil Group LLC, Yacolt WA</i>	<i>\$602,122.46</i>
<i>Advanced Excavating Specialists, Kelso WA</i>	<i>\$727,324.09</i>
<i>Genguild Construction LLC, Battle Ground WA</i>	<i>\$803,896.25</i>
<i>Clark and Sons Excavating, Inc. Battle Ground WA</i>	<i>\$1,004,666.68</i>
ENGINEER'S ESTIMATE	\$446,000.00

Staff is requesting that City Council award the contract to Allcon LLC, of Brush Prairie, Washington as the lowest responsive and responsible bidder on the project.

Request: Award the project to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, Allcon LLC, of Brush Prairie, Washington and authorize the City Manager, or his designee, to execute a contract and approve any required amendments for construction of Rose Village Park for the bid amount of \$580,234.00, including Washington State sales tax.

Terry Snyder, Senior Park Developer, 360-487-8317

Motion approved the request.

2. Completion of Construction - Land Bridge Paving Renovation

Staff Report: 072-22

The project replaced the eroding, decomposed granite walking surface with architectural concrete pavers.

The original construction contract bid amount was \$349,266.93. Change orders and quantity adjustments during construction decreased the contract amount by 8.6% to \$319,415.65. The largest change order was the deletion of six sculpture foundations which decreased the contract amount by \$25,000.00. The City's funding partner, the Confluence Project, decided they will hire a contractor later to install the six new foundations at the time when the six sculptures are complete and ready for installation. Golf

Construction of Vancouver, Washington, has satisfactorily completed the subject improvements in accordance with the plans and specifications.

Request: On June 6, 2022, accept the Land Bridge Paving Renovation Project as constructed by Colf Construction of Vancouver, Washington, and authorize release of the retainage in the amount of \$14,719.62, subject to receipt of all documentation required by law.

Charles Fell, Senior Civil Engineer, 360-487-7790

Motion approved the request.

3. Adoption of an Interlocal Agreement between Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) and the City of Vancouver to address homeless encampments on WSDOT rights-of-way (ROW)

Staff Report: 073-22

There are numerous homeless encampments presently on or adjacent to WSDOT ROW, which pose a risk to safety and public health of both the residents of those encampments and the broader Vancouver community. Currently, the City's Homeless Assistance & Resource Team (HART) provides outreach services and limited enforcement on a case-by-case basis when asked to assist by WSDOT staff. All work currently conducted by HART is done as part of their regular work assignment and the City receives no financial support from WSDOT for work conducted on WSDOT property.

Request: On June 6, 2022, adopt the Interlocal Agreement with WSDOT to address homeless encampments on WSDOT ROW.

Aaron Lande, Program and Policy Development Manager,
360-487-8612

Motion approved the request.

4. Climate Priority Resolution

Staff Report: 074-22

A RESOLUTION declaring climate action as a City priority and adopting municipal and community-wide greenhouse gas reduction goals; directing the City Manager to formulate a Climate Action Plan to achieve those goals; and providing agency-wide guidance on the incorporation of climate action into plans, programs, policies, and budgets.

At the July 2021 climate workshop, the City Council endorsed an Early

Action Package (EAP) of 13 climate actions targeted at jumpstarting GHG emissions reduction while laying the groundwork for the implementation of the full Climate Action Plan in 2022.

At the March 2022 workshop, Council initiated progress on Action #11 (Release a supplemental climate and sustainability priority declaration) of the EAP by directing CMO staff to draft such a resolution for Council adoption. CMO staff presented a draft resolution to Council during the May 16, 2022 workshop and incorporated suggestions and feedback from Councilors into the revised draft presented here (Attachment A).

This draft Climate Priority Resolution accomplishes several key policy objectives endorsed by Council at the July 2021 and March 2022 climate workshops. It would adopt the Early Action Package as well as the following leading-edge climate goals for the City of Vancouver:

- *An overall Climate Action goal of:*
 - *an 80% reduction in GHG emissions by municipal operations by 2025;*
 - *an 80% reduction in GHG emissions by the Vancouver community by 2030; and*
 - *the achievement of carbon neutrality by both municipal operations and the Vancouver community by 2040.*

The resolution directs the City Manager to develop a Climate Action Plan (CAP) to define the strategies and actions necessary to achieve this climate action goal. It further directs all City staff to pursue policy and budgetary actions that support this desired pathway and directs City departments to specify how new or updated programs, services, projects, and plans will be grounded in climate change mitigation and resilience. It also declares Council's intention to center youth and frontline communities in the implementation and oversight of the CAP, and to conduct regular updates and refinements of the CAP to continue making progress towards its 2040 goals.

Request: On June 6, 2022, adopt the climate priority resolution.

Rebecca Small, Senior Policy Analyst, 360-487-8601

Motion approved the request.

5. Resolution for City Council Policy Updates

Staff Report: 075-22

A RESOLUTION relating to City Council policies and procedures for "Appointments to Community Member Boards and Commissions," "City Council Meetings;" amending City Council Policies 100-06, and 100-32.

The City Council's operating policies and procedures were originally adopted in 1999. Periodic review and update to the policies are necessary to reflect changes in City policy as well as best practices in municipal governance and state law.

After recent review of the Council policies with City Council, Staff recommends the revisions as reflected in the redlined versions of the policy documents attached to this staff report. The proposed updates generally reflect the following changes:

Policy 100-06: Incorporates elements of the recruitment, selection, and appointment process used by the Strategic Plan Advisory Committee (SPAC) into Sections 4.3 – 4.6; affirms commitment to Diversity, Equity, Inclusion (DEI) and gives examples of attributes that add contributive potential; and calls for City Staff to prepare a community survey report analyzing Boards and Commissions.

Policy 100-32: Allows the City to pilot new Community Communication formats at the second Consent meeting each month; allows programming of Fifth Mondays on an as-needed basis for in depth policy exploration or capacity building in a retreat format; provides for selection of Mayor Pro Tempore through ranked choice voting by the Mayor and City Council; and specifies the times for advance registration for public testimony.

Revisions to Council policies must be made by Resolution.

Request: Adopt a resolution amending City Council Policies 100-06 and 100-32.

Jonathan Young, City Attorney, 360-487-8500

Motion approved the request.

6. Approval of Claim Vouchers

Request: Approve claim vouchers for June 6, 2022.

Motion approved claim vouchers in the amount of \$13,903,708.12.

Public Hearings (Item 7-11)

7. Fossil Fuel Facility Moratorium Extension

Staff Report: 067-22

AN ORDINANCE further extending for an additional period of six months the moratorium originally enacted by Ordinance No. M-4295, which was first extended by Ordinance No. M-4323, then extended a second time by Ordinance No. M-4335, and subsequently extended a third time by Ordinance

No. M-4355, prohibiting the establishment of new, or expansion of existing, large-scale fossil fuel facilities; directing staff to work to consider the issues noted by the various stakeholders and to ensure that the proposed amendments to the City Code adequately address the legal concerns raised by current industry operators; and establishing an effective date.

The moratorium, which was enacted by Council in June of 2020, prohibits new or expanded large-scale fossil fuel facilities, based on concerns about potential impacts to local public and environmental health and safety and to climate change. It has been enacted to allow time to update the land use code standards for such uses and to align them with other planning efforts currently underway, such as the Vancouver Strategic Plan update, Climate Action Plan, and other Title 20 code amendments.

The moratorium prohibits new or expanded facilities engaged in distribution, extraction, refinement, processing or bulk movement of fossil fuels, or bulk storage of over two million gallons of fossil fuels. Facilities producing energy from landfill gas, fossil fuel by-products such as asphalt or others, or direct consumer sales such as gas stations are all explicitly exempted from the moratorium. Upkeep, repair, maintenance, or City-mandated health and safety improvements of any existing facilities are also exempted.

Staff presented a set of potential code updates for fossil fuel storage at the August 2, 2021 City Council workshop and received feedback which was used in the drafting of a SEPA Determination of Non-Significance (DNS) for the proposed code amendments to solicit public comment. The City received an appeal of its SEPA Determination from the Washington State Petroleum Association, which identified a number of concerns with the City's analysis.

Staff agreed that more analysis was likely needed and therefore withdrew the SEPA DNS to allow for additional work, which staff determined will require assistance from outside experts. Last December, Council agreed that more time would be needed to strengthen the development code changes and environmental review in order to withstand a potential challenge and extended the temporary moratorium until June 8, 2022.

Since staff was last before Council in December, progress has been made in a number of areas, including:

- 1) Additional refinement of the proposed zoning code text changes;*
- 2) March 8 Planning Commission workshop;*
- 3) Further stakeholder outreach with the Port of Vancouver and representatives of three local facilities that handle bulk fossil fuels on March 10, specifically to discuss their products being handled and any concerns regarding proposed limits on expansions;*
- 4) Consultation with the project managers of similar fossil fuel ordinances in*

Whatcom County and the City of Tacoma; and

5) Negotiation of a scope of work with BERK Consulting, a firm that is widely considered an expert in the land use planning related to the petroleum sector of the economy.

BERK Consulting recently assisted both the City of Tacoma and Whatcom County with ordinances that limit large fossil fuel-related facilities, neither of which were appealed. BERK has a thorough knowledge of how petroleum moves through the economy and understanding of how regulations can advance community safety and climate goals. BERK will be assisting the City in: 1) understanding how restricting bulk fossil fuel facilities might impact local fuel distribution; 2) reviewing draft development code language; and 3) editing and supplementing the City's SEPA analysis as needed. Because BERK's services are in high demand, only recently have they had available capacity to assist Vancouver. A contract is now in place and they have started their work.

Staff expects to be able to complete the necessary analysis, conduct further stakeholder engagement and propose code amendments to the Planning Commission and Council within the requested extension period, which accommodates workshops and public hearings with both bodies, as well as a 30-day period after Council approval before the code changes take effect.

Request: On Monday, June 6, 2022, subject to second reading and public hearing, approve the ordinance.

Chad Eiken, Community Development Director, 360-487-7882

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

Chad Eiken, Community Development Director, provided an overview of the Fossil Fuel Facility Moratorium.

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

- Cathryn Chudy, Vancouver
- Nancy Helget, Vancouver
- Monica Zazueta, Vancouver
- Rebecca Ponzio, Seattle, WA
- Heidi Cody, Vancouver
- Susan Saul, Vancouver
- Jean Avery, Vancouver
- Greg Garceau, Vancouver

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

Motion by Councilmember Paulsen, seconded by Councilmember Stober, and carried unanimously to approve Ordinance M-4370.

8. Code Amendments to VMC Title 14.24-Erosion Control & 14.25-Stormwater Ordinances

Staff Report: 068-22

AN ORDINANCE relating to erosion control, amending sections 14.24.030, 14.24.035 and 14.24.040 of the Vancouver Municipal Code, updating the reference to the current state stormwater manual, and providing clauses for savings, severability, and an effective date.

AN ORDINANCE relating to stormwater control, amending sections 14.25.100 and 14.25.110 of the Vancouver Municipal Code, updating the reference to the current state stormwater manual, and providing clauses for savings, severability, and an effective date.

In 2019, Washington Department of Ecology reissued the Western Washington Phase II Municipal Stormwater Permit to comply with provisions of the federal Clean Water Act and the state Water Pollution Control Law. The reissued Permit includes a new requirement to review and update City Code to meet the reissued permit requirements. The proposed amendments to VMC Title 14.24 and Title 14.25 are intended to meet the Federal and State mandated requirements.

The proposed changes will update the reference to the current State Stormwater Management Manual for Western Washington manual as required to meet the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit.

Request: On Monday, June 6, 2022, subject to second reading and public hearing, approve the ordinances.

Annette Griffy, Engineering Program Manager, 360-487-7190

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

Annette Griffy, Engineering Program Manager, provided an overview of the Code Amendments to Vancouver Municipal Code 14.24 and 14.25.

Mayor McEnerny-Ogle opened the public hearing.

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

Motion by Councilmember Paulsen, seconded by Councilmember Stober, and carried unanimously to approve Ordinance M-4371 and

Ordinance M-4375.

9. Code Amendments to VMC Title 14.26-Water Resources Protection Ordinance

Staff Report: 069-22

AN ORDINANCE relating to water resources protection, amending certain sections of Chapter 14.26 of the City of Vancouver's Municipal Code regarding minimum standards to reduce the risk of contaminants entering surface waters and groundwaters, as last amended by Ordinance M-4179, and providing clauses for savings, severability, and an effective date.

In 2019, Washington Department of Ecology reissued the Western Washington Phase II Municipal Stormwater Permit to comply with provisions of the federal Clean Water Act and the state Water Pollution Control Law. The reissued permit includes a new requirement to implement source control best management practices (BMPs) for existing land uses. The proposed amendments to VMC Title 14.26 are intended to meet the Federal and State mandated requirements.

Source control BMPs are a collection of practices focused on preventing stormwater pollution from occurring. Practices like good housekeeping, preventative maintenance, secondary containment, spill prevention plans and employee training can prevent pollution from entering storm drains, waterways and groundwater. In some cases, installation of roofs, covers, or berms and/or construction of treatment facilities may be necessary to protect surface and groundwater.

Major components of the existing ordinance include citywide prohibitions of specific high-risk uses such as chrome plating and hazardous waste disposal sites; prohibitions for uses in close proximity to municipal drinking water wells, such as bulk petroleum fuel operations, heating oil tanks and septic systems; standards and requirements for operations that manage hazardous materials; and an inspection program and enforcement authority to implement the code.

The proposed changes will require most existing land uses and businesses to apply pollution prevention best management practices as part of their normal operations. Many businesses may have already adopted practices that meet current pollution prevention requirements. Staff will be required to conduct inspections to verify compliance and require corrections when necessary. Staff will also provide technical assistance to help businesses with pollution prevention practices. Guidance for businesses is available in the Stormwater Management Manual for Western Washington.

Staff estimates approximately 4,000 businesses and/or sites will be

included in the inventory that have a potential to generate pollutants. The number of annual inspections required must be equivalent to 20% of the total inventory.

The City held informational webinars with stakeholders on January 13, January 20, and January 24, 2022 to discuss the proposed code amendments and made available an online open house from December 22, 2021 through February 9, 2022 to consider comments from stakeholders.

Request: On Monday, June 6, 2022, subject to second reading and public hearing, approve the ordinance.

Kris Olinger, Senior Civil Engineer, 360-487-7188

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

Annette Griffy, Engineering Program Manager, provided an overview of the Code Amendments to Vancouver Municipal Code 14.26.

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

- Laurel Pascual, Vancouver

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

Motion by Councilmember Stober, seconded by Councilmember Fox, and carried unanimously to approve Ordinance M-4372.

10. Proposed changes to the Vancouver Municipal Code (“VMC”) 7.05.010, 7.04.020, 7.04.030, 2.46.020

Staff Report: 070-22

AN ORDINANCE of the City of Vancouver expanding the definition of public disturbances to restrict certain additional noises and vibrations, expanding the definition of pedestrian interference to prohibit targeted picketing or protesting, and allowing the City to assert a claim or lawsuit on behalf of an official, employee or volunteer to the extent it is reasonably necessary in order to further a public purpose; amending Vancouver Municipal Code Sections 7.05.010 “Public Disturbances”, 7.04.020 “Pedestrian Interference”, 7.04.030 “Definitions”, and 2.46.020 “Defense of Officials, Employees, and Volunteers”; providing for severability; and setting an effective date.

VMC 7.05.010 (1) (c) restricts certain noises made near public streets during certain hours, but it does not regulate other noises like noise makers,

whistles, fireworks, sound amplifying equipment or airhorns. It also does not regulate vibrations or other noises within a residential districts that unreasonably disturb or interfere with the peace, comfort, and repose of owners or possessors of real property. These proposed changes would pass constitutional scrutiny because they are content-neutral, and narrowly tailored by only limiting certain types of noises in residential districts. The changes do not affect any other time, manner, or location of other noise, speech or communication.

*Currently, VMC 7.04.020 does not prohibit the targeted picketing or protesting directed at a single residence or dwelling of another and VMC 7.04.030 does not define the meaning of targeted picketing or protesting. These proposed changes are in line with the United States Supreme Court's decision of *Frisby v. Schultz*, which granted cities the power to regulate picketing or protesting directed at a residence or dwelling of a particular person.*

VMC 2.46.020 currently requires the City to defend and indemnify an official, employee or volunteer (current or former) when a claim is made against those individuals for actions or inactions they took on behalf of the City. These proposed changes would go beyond defense and indemnity and empower the City to take affirmative action like seeking a restraining or anti-harassment order against an alleged perpetrator, or seeking an order of removal (trespass) of an unauthorized person. This type of affirmative relief would further a "fundamental public purpose of government," so as not to run afoul of the Gift of Public Funds Doctrine, which prevents the City from using money or resources to aid any one individual.

Request: On Monday, June 6, 2022, subject to second reading and public hearing, approve the ordinance.

Nena Cook, Chief Assistant City Attorney, 360-487-8503

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

Nena Cook, Chief Assistant City Attorney, provided an overview of the Proposed Changes to the Vancouver Municipal Code 7.05.010, 7.04.020, 7.04.030, 2.46.020.

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

- Kimberlee Elbon, La Center, WA
- Victoria Ferrer, Battle Ground, WA
- Ariel Young, Vancouver
- Ryan Rosenkranz, Richland, WA
- Penelope Siemssen, Yacolt, WA
- Wynn Grcich, Vancouver
- Wendi Moose, Washougal, WA

- LaDonna Kirkpatrick, Vancouver

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

Council briefly discussed Item 10.

Motion by Councilmember Fox, seconded by Councilmember Paulsen, and carried unanimously to approve Ordinance M-4373.

11. **HQ Master Plan and Subdivision**

Staff Report: 064-22

AN ORDINANCE approving the HQ Master Plan and Subdivision at Fisher's Quarry and associated VMC Title 20 text amendments; and providing for severability and an effective date.

In 2009, the City adopted the Riverview Gateway Subarea Plan that established goals and policies and an overall vision for redevelopment of two former rock quarries at the intersection of SR-14 and SE 192nd Avenue. The subject site is the 99-acre Fisher's Quarry that is located west of 192nd Avenue.^[1] The applicant has named the development the HQ Master Plan.

Following the completion of the Subarea Plan, the Riverview Gateway Plan district regulations were adopted into the development code (VMC 20.680). The Riverview Gateway Plan District requires that the applicant submit for and obtain approval of a master plan prior to the area being developed. Under the City's development code, the master plan is a Type IV process requiring a hearing before the Planning Commission who makes a recommendation to City Council for final action.

The applicant requests approval of a master plan to develop the 99-acre Fishers Quarry Site and subdivide the property into 41 lots. Development includes approximately 331,934 square feet of office/light industrial, 350,765 square feet of non-office commercial (includes 120-room hotel), 1,950 multi-family dwelling units and 25 single-family attached (townhouse) residential lots.

the City Council remanded this master plan to staff at the May 9 first reading to amend conditions of approval to address a moderate increase in density in the northernmost residential portion of the project as well as to address conditions regarding trails within the project. These issues have been addressed in the supplemental materials provided with this staff report.

Staff requests that the City Council approve the project based on the

findings contained in the staff report to the Planning Commission dated February 15, 2022 for the February 22, 2022 Planning Commission hearing with the staff proposed amended conditions contained in the attached memo to City Council dated May 17, 2022

[1] The WSDOT quarry is the second quarry area identified in the subarea plan and is located generally east of 192nd Avenue. In 2016, the City Council approved the Columbia Palisades master plan for the WSDOT quarry. Columbia Palisades is currently being built out and is not part of this proposal.

Request: On June 6, 2022, subject to second reading and public hearing, approve the ordinance.

Keith Jones, Senior Planner, 360-487-7887

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

Keith Jones, Senior Planner, provided an overview of the HQ Master Plan and Subdivision.

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

- James Bueter, Vancouver

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

Council discussed Item 11 with staff briefly.

Motion by Councilmember Paulsen, seconded by Councilmember Perez, and carried unanimously to approve Ordinance M-4374.

Communications

A. From the Council

B. From the Mayor

C. From the City Manager

Boards and Commissions Annual Review Update

The Communication for Boards and Commissions Annual Review Update was moved to a future meeting.

County-Wide Criminal Justice Sales Tax Proposition

The Communication for County-Wide Criminal Justice Sales Tax Proposition was moved to a future meeting.

Community Forum Format Options

Laura Shepherd, Communications Director, provided an update on the Community Forum Format Options.

Adjournment

10:32 p.m.

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Anne McEnerny-Ogle, Mayor

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May 26, 2022

RE: Climate Action Plan, Early Action

Dear Council Member:

I welcome the proposed adoption of a Climate Resolution. At the direction of you and other Council Members, in consultation (in which I participated) with Cascadia Consulting Group and the community staff has been working on developing a Climate Action Plan for quite a while now, and you will soon have before you a proposal for a Climate Priority Resolution (currently scheduled for June 6).

The Resolution will include adoption of an Early Action Package to be followed by the City Manager's Office and implemented by City staff pending adoption of the final CAP.

In considering these proposals, I ask you to keep the following in mind:

- 1.) Research has established and it has been known for many years that the fastest way to reduce climate impact is to conserve energy use.

As NW Natural says in its document "Vision 2050: Destination Zero", "Helping customers use less is the fastest and cheapest way to reduce emissions."

<https://www.nwnatural.com/about-us/the-company/destination-zero>

The U.S. EPA says: "The most effective way to reduce CO₂ emissions is to reduce fossil fuel consumption. Many strategies for reducing CO₂ emissions from energy are cross-cutting and apply to homes, businesses, industry, and transportation."

<https://www.epa.gov/ghgemissions/overview-greenhouse-gases#:~:text=The%20most%20effective%20way%20to,to%20reduce%20greenhouse%20gas%20emissions>.

Retrofitting existing buildings, mandating the tightest building envelopes and most efficient heating and cooling systems, and reducing vehicle miles traveled should be top of the list for climate action.

- 2.) To keep the plan on track, City staff must keep climate goals and performance in mind at all times.

The Climate Resolution calls for review at least every four years. While it may be unreasonable to expect a full performance review any sooner, the Resolution should call for staff to consider all their activities with the goals of the CAP in mind, just as you have asked them to keep DEI in mind with everything they do. City Manager Holmes will need to reinforce this principle until it becomes automatic, even for the most mundane of staff functions.

3.) 100% clean energy is impossible under current circumstances.

The electricity we use from Clark Public Utilities comes from a mix of sources primarily consisting of power from its River Road Generating Plant and the Bonneville Power Administration. The RRGP uses fossil gas to power generators which produce on average 30% of our electricity. In 2012, it was noted that the RRGP was one of the top 10 sources of greenhouse gas in Washington.

CPU is under a state mandate to become 100% carbon neutral by 2040, but this will not allow the City to obtain 100% clean energy by 2022 or even within a few years. We all need to continue to pressure CPU to do better to reduce its reliance on RRGP and replace it with clean sources of energy (hydro, wind and solar) much earlier than 2040.

The City will also have to develop its own clean energy sources, such as rooftop solar and possibly entering power purchasing agreements, in order to meet the goals in the Early Action Package and CAP. (see: Early Implementation Actions #3; Draft CAP strategy BE.1.E)

4.) Renewable Natural Gas does not reduce carbon intensity.

Northwest Natural Gas says “RNG is considered carbon neutral because both combustion and lifecycle emissions do not contribute a net-increase in greenhouse gases into the atmosphere.” NWN “Vision 2050”, p.14. “Carbon neutral” basically means that RNG has the same carbon intensity as fossil gas. Both are methane.

“Methane is a well-known Short-Lived Climate Pollutant (SLCP). On a 100-year time scale, the global warming potential (GWP) of methane is roughly 28 to 36 times greater than carbon dioxide. However, much of methane’s GWP impact is felt in the near-term. On a shorter, 20-year time frame, methane’s GWP is about 84 to 87 times greater than carbon dioxide.” (Washington Dept. of Commerce)

<https://www.commerce.wa.gov/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/Energy-Promoting-RNG-in-Washington-State.pdf> , p. 31-- citing:

<https://www.epa.gov/ghgemissions/understanding-global-warming-potentials>

It is not a solution for reducing carbon emissions to substitute “renewable” methane for fossil methane. Theoretically, capturing methane from organic sources (such as a landfill) and using it to replace the methane in a fossil gas pipeline can reduce the total methane emitted into the atmosphere, but only if it reduces the amount of fugitive methane that would otherwise escape. Gas produced by large digesters that gather and assemble organic materials that would not otherwise produce methane, such as at a huge industrial agriculture facility, is only a new source of methane. The best use of “RNG” is to utilize it at a source where it would otherwise go unused. Grubert, 2020 *Environ.Res.Lett.* **15 084041**

(<https://iopscience.iop.org/article/10.1088/1748-9326/ab9335/pdf>),

The City must resist NWN’s attempt to greenwash its product by claiming it can reduce carbon intensity with introduction of RNG into its pipelines.¹ NWN’s own document says NWN currently has contracts to replace approximately 3% of its total supply and hopes to reach 10% “over the next several years”. (Vision 2050, p. 24.) In that document, NWN estimates that by 2030, under 3

1. NWN’s filings with the Oregon PUC indicate it plans to source RNG from Nebraska, and there are questions whether any of that will actually end up in Vancouver area pipelines.

various scenarios, 9 - 17% of its supply can be from RNG. Yet a study by WSU done for the Washington legislature concluded that "adequate opportunities exist for RNG production equivalent to 3 percent to 5 percent of current natural gas consumption in Washington." *Promoting RNG in Washington State*, WSU 2018, (<https://www.commerce.wa.gov/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/Energy-Promoting-RNG-in-Washington-State.pdf>).

Continuing to use fossil gas or replacing it with "renewable" methane gas are not ways to reduce Vancouver's overall carbon footprint. In fact, because methane is so much more harmful to the atmosphere than carbon, we should be doing everything we can to reduce its use.

(see also:

<https://www.sightline.org/2021/03/09/the-four-fatal-flaws-of-renewable-natural-gas/>
" ...when RNG is burned in our appliances, it produces exactly the same amount of carbon that conventional natural gas does. The emissions savings from RNG, such as they are, come from preventing the release of the "renewable" methane from decaying feedstock sources like landfills, sewage, and manure lagoons. Yet alternatives to generating this methane in the first place abound, and there is a risk that commercializing RNG could actually increase its impacts on the environment.")

In summary, I applaud the proposed Resolution. I encourage you to adopt it with a few modifications. These are:

1. The primary emphasis of the CAP should be to reduce energy use in all sectors;
2. City staff should continuously review all actions to make sure they are in accord with Vancouver's climate goals, not waiting for a 4 year review to see how they are doing;
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4. The use of RNG should be eliminated from the CAP and Early Action Package and steps should be aimed at reducing use of methane gas for any purpose except where it is not feasible to replace.

Thank you for your attention to this very important issue.

Sincerely,

s/

Peter Fels

From: [Jessica Mccuistion](#)
To: [City of Vancouver - Office of the City Manager](#)
Subject: Comment for city council meeting tomorrow 6/6
Date: Monday, June 6, 2022 7:48:59 AM

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It is very telling in my opinion that this proposed ordinance is designed to be enforced via the courts, lawsuits, and legal fees instead of via the city police. That fact alone demonstrates that this ordinance is in itself a bullying tactic to intimidate honest citizens standing up for what they think is right and peacefully protesting. If a crime has been committed from a riot/violence etc the police should be involved, again because that is a crime. Peacefully protesting is not a crime even though it seems some on this council believe it should be. It seems some on this council are looking for any loophole to take away the voices of the people they have been elected to represent.

You as elected representatives took an oath to the Washington State Constitution. You must protect and maintain our individual rights, that is why we elected you and consent political power. We ONLY consent the power for this protection. This ordinance is failing and perverting that oath. You will be failing and perverting that oath if you vote to approve.

The right to publicly assembly is designed for situations and officials such as these.

Washington State Constitution.

Article 1, section 1.

All political power is inherent in the people, and governments derive their just powers from the consent of the governed, and are established to protect and maintain individual rights

Thank you,
Jessica McCuistion
Vancouver resident

From: [Lori Grindle](#)
To: [City of Vancouver - Office of the City Manager](#)
Subject: Peaceful Protests
Date: Monday, June 6, 2022 7:46:53 AM

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To Whom It May Concern,

This is an overreach of government power. There are already laws on the books dealing with peaceful protests. Perhaps addressing vagrancy, theft, vandalism, rioting, Illegal weapons possession, drunk and drugged misconduct, and even murder would be a more adequate way of spending Vancouver citizens/taxpayers money. Clark County has become the least Policed county in the state. Please bring our officers back to protect the citizens. The constitution gives citizens a "right" to peacefully protest. Threats of this nature are very concerning. Please reconsider. Sincerely, Lori A Grindle Vancouver, Washington

Sent from my iPad

From: [MIKEL BRYNN HARTELOO](#)
To: [City of Vancouver - Office of the City Manager](#)
Subject: First Amendment guarantees the right of free speech
Date: Sunday, June 5, 2022 10:04:03 PM

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From: [Trish Huddleston](#)
To: [City of Vancouver - Office of the City Manager](#)
Date: Sunday, June 5, 2022 9:34:20 PM

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Council members,

I'm very disappointed to see this council trying to restrict peaceful protesters from addressing their grievances, as our constitution guarantees. The illegitimate administration in our white house is already disregarding our constitution and moving our country into communism, so we are depending on our local government bodies to protect us from further tyranny, not enforce more.

If you are abiding by your oath and protecting citizens rights, then you wouldn't be worried about your decisions being protested at your city or home offices. And even so, this is a right we have and you knew that when you ran for that seat then held your hand up and swore to protect our rights. If you can't handle being in the public eye and/or cannot fulfill your obligations, then you should step down.

We expect each of you to abide by your oath and not vote for this unconstitutional tyranny.

Cordially,
Trish Huddleston

From: [MICHAEL CLEVINGER](#)
To: [City of Vancouver - Office of the City Manager](#)
Subject: Oppose item #10 proposed change to VMC 6/6/22
Date: Sunday, June 5, 2022 8:05:01 PM

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Michael Clevenger

From: [Jan V](#)
To: [City of Vancouver - Office of the City Manager](#)
Subject: moratorium renewal YES
Date: Saturday, June 4, 2022 10:56:31 PM

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Hi all,

Thanks for renewing this pause and reaching out to Whatcom County and Tacoma for their experiences and thoughts.

We've been through a lot in the last 9 years since Tesoro and learned a lot.

We're working hard in this city and it shows.

I appreciate your efforts.

Jan Verrinder

From: [Heidi Cody](#)
To: [City of Vancouver - Office of the City Manager](#)
Subject: Heidi Cody_Climate Priority Resolution testimony for 6.6.22
Date: Saturday, June 4, 2022 3:54:48 PM

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WHEREAS the City Council of Vancouver has chosen aggressive Leading Edge goals of carbon-neutrality by 2040, and aims to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 80% by 2030, which is just 12 years from now; and

WHEREAS these are very lofty and praiseworthy goals. To achieve them, City Council must act most intelligently and speedily; and

WHEREAS I am personally tired of not complaining about this rainy weather, while thinking...well at least it's not terribly HOT yet...; and

WHEREAS everyone with the brains God gave geese knows fossil fuels are ruinous to our health, safety and climate; and

WHEREAS it is plainly obvious that so-called natural gas and its Frankenstein offspring "renewable natural gas" have no rightful place whatsoever in an AGGRESSIVE Climate Action Plan

NOW, THEREFORE: BE IT KNOWN THAT CITY COUNCIL HAS AN OPPORTUNITY TONIGHT TO RESOLVE THIS CONUNDRUM:

In the Early Action Plan, please remove "renewable natural gas" from item #3 in the Buildings and Energy section. The City should not endorse new or expanded use of fossil fuels in the Early Action Plan, or the Climate Action Plan.

It really is that easy. Thank you.

Heidi Cody

From: browpeter@aol.com
To: [City of Vancouver - Office of the City Manager](#)
Subject: Vancouver Action Plan Submission
Date: Saturday, June 4, 2022 3:02:23 PM

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There are 3 million cars and trucks registered in the state of Washington and 52 thousand electrical vehicles. This group intends to completely phase out fossil fuels which power most of the transportation modules in the state, and install a completely new form of transportation regardless of their ability to meet and exceed the mandates for climate change. The second largest biodiesel facility in the country lies in Greys Harbor. It was recently purchased by the Renewable Energy Group which has since been purchased by Chevron, one of the larger fossil fuel companies.

Several fossil fuel companies are transitioning into renewables and converting their refineries to bio fuel production. Their intent is clear, to adopt and adapt the new fuel blends to meet and exceed the mandates expressed in Stern's Climate Change economics that started the whole movement to meet the challenge of the climate change disaster with existing technology, capacity and infrastructure. Plugging all the new electrical vehicles into the grid will at worst overload the grid and lead to massive restructuring that solar and wind can never come close to alleviating.

Our state is blessed with sufficient agricultural solutions to slow the encroaching demands on our grid and those technologies must be implemented before our energy production, our transportation and our habitation's needs for heat and power can be met with support from this body and the Federal Government,

One of the prime mandate of all climate change experts is that any and all solutions we implement must be available worldwide. Electrification does not come close to that criteria because places like Ghana, Nigeria to name but a couple out of Africa's nations cannot provide enough power to supply their own needs..

Instead of pontificating on the clean electrical power we should empower our agrarian communities with methanizers, biodiesel crops such as Camelina and local biomethane generators, things that I do not see in any of our proposals to date.

Peter Brown [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Wa 98663

<https://www.dairybusiness.com/manure-management-lessons-to-be-learned/>
<http://www.biomassmagazine.com/articles/15960/us-dairy-farms-untapped-biogas-potential>
<https://www.dairybusiness.com/livestock-manure-lets-use-it-to-transform-americas-energy-system/>

From: [sharon.sollenberger](#)
To: [City of Vancouver - Office of the City Manager](#)
Subject: City Council Meeting, June 6th; Agenda item #7, Fossil Fuel Facility Moratorium Extension
Date: Saturday, June 4, 2022 8:45:21 AM

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Please protect the health of Vancouver's residents by renewing the temporary Fossil Fuel Moratorium Extension to prevent any new and/or expanded fossil fuel facilities from being built. Thank-you . Sincerely, Sharon Sollenberger, Vancouver, WA

From: [sharon.sollenberger](#)
To: [City of Vancouver - Office of the City Manager](#)
Subject: June 6th City Council mtg; agenda item #4, Climate Priority Resolution
Date: Saturday, June 4, 2022 8:35:25 AM

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I am writing to support the City Council in its work on the Climate Action Plan. I urge the Council to not endorse expanded use of gas in the Early Action Plan as expanded use of fossil fuels will not reduce emissions in buildings. It is urgent that energy efficiency and electrification be prioritized in Vancouver homes and buildings to reduce green house gas emissions. Scientist report that levels of carbon dioxide are rising faster than expected. (The Columbian, 06/04/2022). Thank you for your attention to this important matter. Sharon Sollenberger, Vancouver, WA

From: [Vivas Lindy](#)
To: [City of Vancouver - Office of the City Manager](#)
Subject: Climate Priority Resolution and Fossil Fuel Facility Moratorium
Date: Friday, June 3, 2022 8:58:51 PM

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TO: Vancouver City Council.

We need an ambitious climate plan for Vancouver which puts the health and lives of residents FIRST.
Renewable natural gas is not an effective or viable part of a purposeful climate plan.
NO new or expanded fossil fuel facilities in Vancouver.

Thank you,
Linda Vivas

From: [june.yamrick](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: Climate Action Plan and Fossil Fuels Moratorium Extension
Date: Friday, June 3, 2022 10:00:10 PM

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I urge you to support a more sustainable strategy of building electrification and energy efficiency reducing emissions in Vancouver's buildings. By endorsing tree canopy retention we can reduce climate change.

June Yamrick



From: Kristin Edmark
To: City Council
Subject: Written Public Comment to June 6 Vancouver City Council meeting
Date: Sunday, June 5, 2022 2:48:57 PM
Attachments: 2022 City of Vancouver Limate Action Plan.docx

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Dear City of Vancouver:

Attached and here below is a comment to June 6th Agenda item #4 Climate Priority Resolution.

Kristin Edmark, concerned citizen, [REDACTED], [REDACTED], Battle ground, WA 98604. We also own homes at [REDACTED] Ave, Vancouver and [REDACTED] Ave, Vancouver.

Comment on Agenda Item #4

Thank you so very much on your work in developing Vancouver's Climate Action Plan. I agree that Vancouver should stay on track to pursue ambitious "Leading Edge" actions for Vancouver to be carbon-neutral by 2040. This is what citizens I talk to want. Thank you.

I have 3 requests. Please make the Fossil Fuels Moratorium permanent.

Please do what you can to provide electric heating and cooling in new buildings. Those living in apartments deserve safe living spaces as do those who spend days at school or work. We now know methane heating is becoming increasingly more expensive and is not safe.

Please do not be swayed by fossil fuel promoters to include any fossil fuel projects, like RNG Renewable Natural Gas, hydrogen, biodiesel or biogas, which encourage a delay in a just transition to clean energy. A closer look at any of these reveals they are too expensive to be practical, encourage increase in use of drilled fossil fuels and fossil fuel infrastructure. All petroleum releases greenhouse gas when burned. Everyone I talk to wants to keep the goal of carbon neutral by 2040.

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Bio diesel

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Message:

City Council,

I am writing today in support of the proposed changes to VMC 7.04.020 and 7.04.030. Two years ago, my street was the location of repeated protests that profoundly affected our neighborhood. While I believe in the importance of the 1st amendment, I'd like to tell you how these protests impacted my life and why I believe there are times at which limits to free speech must exist.

One's home is often taken for granted as a place of peace and safety. However, during these repeated protests, it was impossible to feel at peace or even safe. The noise alone made normal life

unbearable. More importantly, aside from the inconvenience of the noise, I felt genuine fear. Fear for myself, my family, and even more so, for my neighbors, whose home was the focus of the protest. Hour after hour, for several days, an angry group, some of whom were openly armed, yelled at my neighbors to come out of their home and made multiple threats. Even if it had been a onetime thing, no one should ever have to go through something like this.

During this time, I also had a contractor who was so bothered by the protests that he refused to come to work on my home without himself being armed. I, myself, am a gun owner and not bothered by guns, However, this only added to the extreme tension I felt.

The disruption to our lives wasn't just during an active protest either. We as a neighborhood lived on edge for months. Simply being at home truly became stressful and unpleasant, and that sense of peace that we once had has never fully returned. This whole experience has forever changed me and my sense of what home is. I hope you never have to experience what we did. No one should be made to feel unsafe in their own home.

I implore you to pass these changes, and I thank you for your time.

Valerie VanHaren

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From: [Dana Dryer](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: Support for Pride Proclamation
Date: Sunday, June 5, 2022 5:01:59 PM

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As someone who loves a person who is LGBTQIA+ I am so grateful to live here in Vancouver, Washington and to be part of a community that is more inclusive than exclusive. The discrimination and persecution that is running rampant in other states is beyond frightening. And while we live in a relatively safe bubble, we can and should strive to ensure that all people are free to live authentic, happy lives.

When we allow people to live authentically and openly and we give each other the grace and love we want for ourselves and our loved ones, we make our community not only safer and kinder but a place where we grow our hearts, minds and perspectives through collaboration and connection.

I hope that we will continue to be proud of our LGBTQIA+ community members- they are showing us all how to live authentically. I also hope that our community and government will continue to stand up for all people and recognize that we are all worthy, valuable and deserving.

Please continue to fight for equality for all, especially those who's voices have been silenced or ignored for way too long. Together, with kindness, understanding, open hearts and minds, we can all grow and benefit.

Happy Pride month!
Dana Dryer

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Message:

Thank you for recognizing Pride Month and flying the rainbow flag at City Hall all month. This means a great deal to me as an LGBTQ+ community member. With so many divisive issues being played out locally, I'm happy you are standing up for inclusion, equality and justice for all people.

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From: [Robin O'Brien](#)
To: [City Council](#)
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Dear City Council,

I am a resident of the Lincoln neighborhood in Vancouver. I want to thank you for taking the step of flying the Pride flag during the month of June.

Especially in these divisive times, it is important to be inclusive of underrepresented communities.

As someone who is straight but has people close to me who identify as LGBTQ I appreciate your action .

Sincerely,
Robin O'Brien

From: [Nancy](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: Comments for City Council Meeting June 6, 2022
Date: Sunday, June 5, 2022 8:57:51 PM

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Thank you for the opportunity to speak. My comments relate to the Climate Priority Resolution (agenda item # 4) and the Fossil Fuel Facility Moratorium Extension, (agenda item # 7). I urge you to adopt the Climate Priority Resolution and extend the Moratorium.

I appreciate the Council's aggressive efforts to address the climate emergency we face. But I'm concerned about what I believe is misinformation about so-called "renewable natural gas", known as RNG. The Early Action Package, item #3 under the topic "Buildings and Energy" refers to use of RNG if options to purchase energy from carbon-free energy sources are not available.

Vancouver should not include RNG as an option in its Early Action Package or in the ultimate Climate Action Plan the city adopts. The goal of the Early Action Package and the stated goal of the Resolution adopting that Package is to reduce greenhouse gases. RNG, even if available in the near future, will increase, not reduce, greenhouse gas emissions.

RNG is not a green energy source. Renewable natural gas is the industry term for methane captured from biogenic (organic) waste at landfills, livestock operations, farms, and sewage treatment facilities. Burning RNG emits methane. The methane emitted from burning RNG is chemically identical to methane emitted from burning fossil natural gas. Using RNG instead of fossil gas merely substitutes one source of methane for another.

Methane is a toxic greenhouse gas. It's more destructive to the environment than CO2. The EPA states methane is more efficient at trapping radiation than CO2. According to the EPA, pound for pound, the comparative impact of methane is 25 times greater than CO2 over a 100-year period.

<https://www.epa.gov/ghgemissions/overview-greenhouse-gases#methane>.

RNG has no place in any plan to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Again, thank you for moving forward aggressively to address the climate emergency and thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Nancy Helget

[REDACTED]

Vancouver, WA 98663

From: [Jack Nugent](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: Fwd: Climate Action Plan
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Virginia Nugent

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From: **Jack Nugent** <jackandvirginia9@gmail.com>
Date: Sun, Jun 5, 2022 at 8:50 PM
Subject: Climate Action Plan
To: <council@cityofvancouver.us>

6-6-22

Honorable City Council Members,

I am submitting my public comments on Climate Resolution Agenda # 4 and Fossil Fuel Facility Moratorium Extension Agenda item # 7.

Virginia Nugent

6-6-22

Subject: Climate Priority Resolution and Fossil Fuel Moratorium

Dear Honorable City Council Members,

First, I urge you to approve an extension of the Fossil Fuel Moratorium.

Second: Why you Must Ban the Use of Natural Gas in All New Building Projects

1. Burning Fossil Fuels Contributes to Climate Change

We have a very small window of opportunity to stop climate change from spiraling out of control making this planet uninhabitable for human beings. Leaders like you must decide whether you are part of the problem or the solution. Our children and grandchildren are counting on you to protect their future. Knowing that burning fossil fuels causes climate change how in all good conscience can you allow the continued use of natural gas in all new building projects? All science research shows we must stop using natural gas if we are to avoid a climate change crisis.

2. Fracked Natural Gas is More Harmful to Climate Change than Coal.

The process of fracking to extract natural gas from the ground causes countless environmental and health threats to nearby communities by releasing dangerous levels of toxins into the air and contaminating the ground water. Not only that, from the moment fracked gas is extracted from the ground to its transport to communities, it leaks methane which is far worse than carbon dioxide, making it more harmful to climate change than coal.

3. Buildings with Natural Gas Emit Carbon Pollution

Buildings account for 40% of the world's carbon dioxide pollution. In Washington state, buildings are our states fastest growing source of carbon pollution. Appliances like oil furnaces, natural gas water heaters and stoves have caused an increase of carbon dioxide emissions by more than 50% since 1990. The natural gas we burn in buildings is mainly methane, a greenhouse gas 84 times more damaging than CO₂ over a 20-year period. If you would adopt a ban on allowing natural gas in all new building projects and go all electric, that will make a huge impact on reducing our cities CO₂ emissions.

4. Natural Gas Stoves Emit Methane

"The journal Environmental Science and Technology found methane emissions from gas stoves across the United States are roughly equivalent to the carbon dioxide released by half a million gas-powered cars in a year." According to a Stanford University study, "gas stoves may emit methane even when they are off. About 80% of the emissions come from loose

couplings between the stove and gas pipes. This can lead to more emissions over 24 hours than emitted when the burners are on.”

5. **Cooking on a Gas Stove Causes Unhealthy Indoor Air.**

Cooking on a gas stove particularly unvented gas stoves, can spike emissions of nitrogen oxide and carbon monoxide to levels that would violate outdoor pollution levels. The problem is, even when a home has the proper ventilation system, many peoples don't use them because they are a nuisance, are noisy or they just forget. Consequently, homes with gas stoves can have nitrogen dioxide concentrations that are 50-400% higher than homes with electric stoves. Children in a home with a gas stove have a 24-42% increased risk of having asthma. Carbon monoxide causes flu like symptoms, decrease in lung function and damage to the nervous system.

6. **Renewable Natural Gas (RNG) is Not the Answer.**

First, the production of renewable natural gas is as harmful to the environment as mining fossil fuels. Second, there isn't enough to supply our needs. RNG would only replace roughly 3 to seven percent of today's gas use. Be sure to ask the natural gas representatives exactly how much RNG would actually be available to customers. Third, RNG poses the same health, pollution and emissions impact as fossil fuel and costs three to 18 times more.

The natural gas industries push to promote RNG is more about protecting company profits than reducing climate emissions. They know that they are a dying industry and will use all kinds of smoke and mirrors to lure you into the continued use of their product.

Respectfully,

Virginia Nugent



Vancouver, WA 98686

From: [City of Vancouver - Office of the City Manager](#)
To: [Dollar, Sarah](#)
Subject: FW: HCodey_ClimateResolution Testimony Revision for 6.6.22
Date: Monday, June 6, 2022 9:38:33 AM
Attachments: [hcodey_COV_EAPtestimony.rev.6.6.22.pdf](#)
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Best,

Shannon Ripp | Support Specialist III



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From: Heidi Cody [REDACTED]
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Hi, I am already registered to testify on the Climate Priority Resolution tonight, but have revised my testimony. It is attached and also pasted in below:

Heidi Cody Testimony
June 6, 2022
Climate Priority Resolution/Early Action Plan

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To: [Dollar, Sarah](#)
Subject: FW: Protest in protest of the upcoming ordinance
Date: Monday, June 6, 2022 10:10:23 AM

Best,

Shannon Ripp | Support Specialist III

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Sent: Monday, June 6, 2022 10:06 AM
To: City of Vancouver - Office of the City Manager <CMO@cityofvancouver.us>
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Hello,

My name is Elspeth Feb, I am a 15 year old resident of Clark County. Hearing about the recent news on the upcoming ordinance being decided tomorrow, I feel the need to share my thoughts on the matter. Please, do not let this happen! If freedom of speech means anything in this country, in this county, it means this: The people's voices matter. Not just white, straight, Christian people. The black, queer, indigenous, everyone matters! If change is to take course, we need to rise up. The first window broken during the protesting of George Floyd was by a white man, dressed all in black. He got in and he got out. He was not caught. But mothers who are peacefully holding banners and signs get tear-gassed by police and religious militia. This is wrong. Do not let fascism take over America. Please.

~Elspeth Feb

Sent from my iPhone

From: [REDACTED]
To: [City of Vancouver - Office of the City Manager](#)
Subject: Please protect peaceful protest!
Date: Monday, June 6, 2022 10:44:12 AM

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Vancouver city council, I implore you. Please, please protect your citizens' right to peacefully protest. If you individually are for this measure, then I know I can't sway you. The January 6 crowd won't be swayed. But if you are on the fence, please really think about whether the Russian model of civic disobedience management is the model you want us to be following.

I have LongCovid likely turned to myalgic encephalomyelitis, so have very little energy, and I'm a single mama; otherwise, I'd be there in person.

Thank you for reading my comment.

Charity Feb
Camas, WA

From: [Dan Clevenger](#)
To: [City of Vancouver - Office of the City Manager](#)
Subject: Oppose item #10 proposed change to VMC 6/6/22
Date: Monday, June 6, 2022 10:38:57 AM

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Hello,

I am writing to voice my concern and opposition to item number 10 on the agenda for Monday, June 6th. This proposed ordinance itself displays the reason peaceful protest is so important. We must have means to publicly show our opposition to unconstrained elected and appointed officials.

It is very telling in my opinion that this proposed ordinance is designed to be enforced via the courts, lawsuits, and legal fees instead of via the city police. That fact alone demonstrates that this ordinance is in itself a bullying tactic to intimidate honest citizens standing up for what they think is right and peacefully protesting. If a crime has been committed from a riot/violence etc. the police should be involved, again because that is a crime. Peacefully protesting is not a crime even though it seems some on this council believe it should be. It seems some on this council are looking for any loophole to take away the voices of the people they have been elected to represent.

You as elected representatives took an oath to the Washington State Constitution. You must protect and maintain our individual rights, that is why we elected you and consent political power. We ONLY consent the power for this protection. This ordinance is failing and perverting that oath. You will be failing and perverting that oath if you vote to approve.

The right to publicly assembly is designed for situations and officials such as these.

Thank you,

Daniel Clevenger
[REDACTED] Vancouver, WA 98665

From: [Don Steinke](#)
To: [City of Vancouver - Office of the City Manager](#)
Subject: For the council members today
Date: Monday, June 6, 2022 10:35:58 AM

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From Don Steinke

Here is a copy of the comments I plan to say tonight.

Hello everyone, my name is Don Steinke

I believe that renewable fuels are a bait-and-switch proposition. The State of California has experts in renewable fuels in their Low Carbon Fuels Program. On their website they list the carbon intensities of more than 1000 different types of renewable fuels. Some are very good, and some are worse than coal.

The gas companies are hoping no one knows that.

Any provision for biofuels needs to declare a limit of the fossil gas allowed to be blended into the pipes.

Fossil fuels have a carbon intensity around +100, and dairy gas has a carbon intensity of -400.

Northwest Natural could blend four parts of fossil gas with one part of dairy gas, and claim to be net zero.

However, according to the Washington State Department of Commerce, dairies cannot provide even as much as 8% of the existing sales of gas.

Furthermore, renewable gas is more expensive than fossil gas.

What happens when the gas companies cannot get the 20% they promise? They might blend in fossil gas and who would know the difference? We should not allow the gas company to expand.

On a related topic, it will be far easier to achieve your emissions reduction goals if the school districts have a similar goal. I have one team of students in the Evergreen School District, and one in the Vancouver School District that is planning to advocate for that at school board meetings. Five students in the Evergreen District did that a month ago, and now at least one student is planning to do it at the Vancouver School Board meeting tomorrow. And they plan to persist.

Students in the Evergreen Schools plan to show up in support. I was planning to also, but have another event at the same time.

Lastly, I really appreciate all you do regarding density. That will help reduce emissions not only in Vancouver but also in the rest of the County.

Thanks for all you, including your staff, do.

From: [Laurie Kerr](#)
To: [City of Vancouver - Office of the City Manager](#)
Subject: Climate Priority Resolution and Fossil Fuel Facility Moratorium
Date: Monday, June 6, 2022 10:35:54 AM

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To the Vancouver City Council,

I urge the City of Vancouver to take the bold action to protect the health and safety of the community by investing in a Climate Action Plan and Fossil Fuel Ordinance to prohibit the construction of new and expanded fossil fuel facilities in Vancouver. The Climate Action Plan would reduce our greenhouse gas emissions by increasing walking, biking, and transit. It would also increase tree canopy and open spaces which would not only beautify the city, but also serve as carbon storage. Furthermore, this plan would improve land use and concentrate growth as well as increase housing options.

According to the WA Dept of Health Disparities Map, the communities surrounding the Port rank the highest in pollution and environmental health impacts. These neighborhoods tend to be low income and Black, Indigenous, and people of color, thereby impacting BIPOC communities to a much greater degree.

The Fossil Fuel Moratorium to safeguard our communities would support a more equitable solution to BIPOC communities by permanently prohibiting new bulk crude oil facilities and other build fossil fuels. It is time to prioritize the health and safety of our communities rather than continuing to support the fossil fuel industry. Furthermore, Vancouver's large-scale fossil fuel facilities are all at moderate to high risk for liquefaction by an earthquake. Our communities deserve to breathe clean air and drink clean water. I urge you to take action to permanently protect our community. Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Laurie Kerr

lauriekerr@pacifier.com

From: [Jackie O](#)
To: [City of Vancouver - Office of the City Manager](#)
Subject: Anti protest ordinance
Date: Sunday, June 5, 2022 8:36:41 PM

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I am writing in opposition to the number 10 item on the agenda tomorrow. The people of Washington state have a right to peacefully protest and the city has no right to take that away.
Sincerely, a concerned citizen

From: [Janis Frasier](#)
To: [City of Vancouver - Office of the City Manager](#)
Subject: Proposed changes to the Vancouver Municipal Code ("VMC") 7.05.010, 7.04.020, 7.04.030, 2.46.020
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I object to proposed changes to the Vancouver Municipal Code ("VMC") 7.05.010, 7.04.020, 7.04.030, 2.46.020.

The right to protest is a constitutional right that we the people intend to keep.

From: [City of Vancouver - Office of the City Manager](#)
To: [Dollar, Sarah](#)
Subject: FW: City Council mtg June 6 Comments - Consent Agenda #4
Date: Monday, June 6, 2022 11:53:01 AM

Hi Sarah,

Please see the public testimony for tonight's meeting below.

Thank you,

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From: Mike Ellison [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 6, 2022 11:48 AM
To: City of Vancouver - Office of the City Manager <CMO@cityofvancouver.us>
Subject: City Council mtg June 6 Comments - Consent Agenda #4

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June 6, 2022

I am writing to support adopting the Climate Priority Resolution in Consent Agenda Item 4. I moved to Vancouver when I was 6 weeks old. I have lived in here almost all of my 67 years. I taught high school science for 22 years, most of that in Vancouver.

The work you are taking on with this resolution will be challenging. There are many complicated choices. Finding the best options will take much work. I am grateful that you are accepting the challenge to safeguard our community and to help us flourish.

I want to highlight aspects of the Climate Priority Resolution that I appreciate.

- I believe you've adopted appropriately ambitious goals in Section 2. These goals are required by the current science, which you have acknowledged. It is important to me to mention that the term "carbon neutrality" must be evaluated over time in reference to what science tells us about how much carbon emissions must be reduced. If I may speak as a teacher, as we've been taught by the pandemic, the science of biology will dictate the consequences of our actions, regardless of our wishes. Our particular words on paper will make no difference to the physics of climate science. Our actions over time will make the difference in what we and our children will face. We must make sure "carbon neutrality" actually means less greenhouse gases in the atmosphere, as the science tells us.
- I appreciate the commitments to Equity and Social Justice in Section 7 and to elevating the

voices and concerns of youth and those from the most vulnerable communities in Section 8. I believe these will only matter if you actually create a way to share power with these groups. I believe this path is very challenging and very worthwhile and is required for these sections to be meaningful. I believe it is important that you acknowledge the need for equity throughout the resolution.

- I believe that it is wise to identify "the most impactful, systemic strategies to shift Vancouver toward carbon neutrality and increased community resilience." I agree that climate science tells us that urgency is critical. It is good that the Early Action Package (Section 4) identifies these steps.

The rest of my testimony expresses some concerns as you implement the Early Action Package.

- Regarding Action 3 in the EAP. I agree that "Priority should be given to options that enable the City to either source its electricity directly from, or replaced in the power grid with, renewable, emissions-free resources." I have strong concerns about Renewable Natural Gas (RNG). First, the RNG supply is very limited, it is expensive, and it is C-intensive. I believe it is critical to avoid taking any action that allows NW Natural to build out any new gas infrastructure or improvement of existing infrastructure that justifies ratepayer money (including citizens and the city) to go to NWN rather than building the new electric infrastructure that can eventually allow very low emission energy sources. We must not allow our resources to go into any infrastructure investment that reduces our ability to make the investments that will produce or allow us to use low emission energy. This means electrification over fossil or renewable gas.
I agree with the research and policy advice that as a society should prioritize the use of the methane available at a reasonable price from decay of organic material to be used in difficult to decarbonize industrial processes like steel and concrete production. This will result in lower C emissions across the economy, which determine the level of climate change consequences we will face in Vancouver.
Renewable Energy Credits (RECs) must also be scrutinized carefully. These markets are controversial. We must be certain that taking this action will result in greater C emissions reductions than alternatives. If this isn't true, we will suffer greater consequences from climate change. Please get the very best advice you can on this.
- Regarding Action 4 in the EAP. I applaud the inclusion of these subsidies. Assisting low-income residents will accrue benefits to all of us. However, please keep in mind the need to avoid any new gas infrastructure or appliances.
- Regarding Action 7 in the EAP. The action states "Where electric or hybrid replacements are not yet feasible, which is likely the case for heavier-duty vehicles, seek opportunities to use lower carbon intensity 'step-down' fuels such as hydrogen, renewable diesel, and propane instead of traditional gas and diesel fuels. Short-term leases or other short-term arrangements may be prioritized where ZEVs are not available." The second sentence appears to acknowledge that use of 'step-down' fuels should not get any long-term investment. Again, I hope you will skeptically evaluate options like "hydrogen, renewable diesel, and propane". Make sure the true C intensity of these fuels are known. More expensive electrification in the short-term should be evaluated on its long-term benefits.

Thank you for listening and your work for our community.

Sincerely,
Mike Ellison (he/him)

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From: [City of Vancouver - Office of the City Manager](#)
To: [Dollar, Sarah](#)
Subject: FW: Changes to ordinances regarding protestors
Date: Monday, June 6, 2022 11:57:39 AM

Hi Sarah,

Please see the public testimony below for tonight's 6/6 council meeting.

Thank you,

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I am against any changes to ordinances for peaceful protestors rights to protest in Vancouver, as it goes against our 1st Amendment to the Constitution.

Respectfully,

Sharon Crowson

From: [City of Vancouver - Office of the City Manager](#)
To: [Dollar, Sarah](#)
Subject: FW: Consent Agenda Item #4 Climate Priority Resolution and Item #7 Fossil Fuel Facility Moratorium Extension
Date: Monday, June 6, 2022 12:13:00 PM
Attachments: [2022-06-06 City Council Consent Agenda Item #4, Climate Priority Resolution.pdf](#)
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Until next time,

Shannon Ripp | Support Specialist III



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From: Cathryn Chudy [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 6, 2022 12:01 PM
To: City of Vancouver - Office of the City Manager <CMO@cityofvancouver.us>
Subject: Consent Agenda Item #4 Climate Priority Resolution and Item #7 Fossil Fuel Facility Moratorium Extension

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See attached:

Item #4 Climate Priority Resolution and Item #7 Fossil Fuel Facility Moratorium Extension

Thank Youu, Cathryn Chudy

To: Vancouver City Council and Staff
Re: June 6 Public Hearing Fossil Fuel Facility Moratorium Extension
June 6, 2022/Cathryn Chudy

I am a long time resident of Vancouver and strongly continue to support permanent regulations to ban new and expansion of existing fossil fuels facilities in order to protect the safety and health of residents in our city and community. I appreciate the existing ordinance that has protected us from crude oil facilities since 2014, and this update to include other forms of bulk volatile fossil fuels is a necessary undertaking for Vancouver.

I appreciate that we are getting closer to finalizing a strong ordinance update and I support this last extension of the current Moratorium, for city staff and consultants to have the time to complete the necessary steps.

I am a local member of Columbia Riverkeeper (CRK) and I fully agree with the testimony of Dan Serres, CRK's Conservation Director, who for the first reading of the Extension Ordinance on May 23rd offered this testimony:

On behalf of Columbia Riverkeeper and our members in Vancouver and beyond, I urge you to extend the fossil fuel moratorium. The moratorium is necessary to protect Vancouver from the health and safety impacts of large-scale fossil fuel facilities while city staff conduct a full and thorough process.

In the City's final policy, we encourage staff to ensure that the City's analysis and final ordinance reflect the major health, safety, economic, and environmental benefits that would come from avoiding the additional fossil fuel-related hazards and pollution of large-scale fossil fuel facilities.

Smog-forming pollution, diesel particulate matter, spill risks, and safety hazards associated with large-scale fossil fuel facilities would pose environmental justice concerns in Vancouver. As noted in previous comments, environmental health disparities in Vancouver are already pronounced. We are counting on this policy to enable the City to reduce these burdens, a benefit to the health and safety of Vancouver residents.

Thank you for all you are doing to set strong policies to protect our health and safety, now and into the future.

To: Vancouver City Council and Staff

Re: Climate Priority Resolution/Consent Agenda Item #4/Cathryn Chudy

Officials at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) on Friday warned that continued dependence on fossil fuels keeps humanity hurtling toward a “global catastrophe” with one researcher noting that “we have known about this for half a century, and have failed to do anything meaningful about it.”

Up until now we have been hampered by a lack of collective will to face the problem and take effective action to reduce the use of fossil fuels that are harming our health and the environment around us. The problem is serious enough that our state and now our city are in motion to stop digging us deeper with unrestrained expansion of fossil fuels. This requires wise and proactive measures that resist short-term thinking. The pressure of the gas industry pushing greenwashing distractions that may serve their business model but will only prolong the transition (already underway) to truly clean energy in our buildings and transportation systems is a significant problem, and one I hope our Council will resist.

The Climate Priority Resolution with its Early Action Package marks a key step forward in setting our city and community on the necessary pathway to ensure that strong, equitable climate protection is front and center.

The Los Angeles City Council recently voted “NO” to fossil fuels in new buildings:

<https://cleantechnica.com/2022/05/30/with-las-vote-americas-two-largest-cities-have-said-no-new-fossil-gas/>

An excerpt from this article points to what we are facing in Vancouver regarding the “red herring” of “renewable natural gas” being pushed by the gas industry as a way to continue adding customers and expanding their business model (instead of genuinely participating realistically in the effort to transition off of fossil fuels in buildings):

“The industry has also started touting things like renewable natural gas and hydrogen as reasons to maintain their methane leaking pipelines, which are at best [red herrings](#). While both fuels may have roles to play in a decarbonized world, [most experts](#) agree they will be used in hard-to-clean-up sectors like heavy industry and not in easy-to-decarbonize sectors like buildings.”

A technology that cannot in the foreseeable future deliver a “renewable” product for use in existing as well as in new buildings, that won’t free us from methane in health-harming and climate-impacting leaky gas pipelines, has no place in Vancouver’s short-term action package.

For this reason I urge Council to simply remove the reference to “renewable natural gas” (in Item #3 of the Buildings and Energy section on p. 4 of Attachment A), since this only serves to reinforce continued gas use in municipal buildings instead of using available and cost-effective ways to transition municipal buildings to 100% renewable energy, maximizing localized clean energy generation along with utilizing all available energy efficiency programs.

From: [City of Vancouver - Office of the City Manager](#)
To: [Dollar, Sarah](#)
Cc: [City of Vancouver - Office of the City Manager](#)
Subject: FW: Public comment for 6/6/22 City Council meeting
Date: Friday, May 27, 2022 3:40:46 PM

Hi Sarah,

We received the below public comment for the 6/6 council meeting.

Thanks,

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From: Jean M. Avery [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, May 27, 2022 2:38 PM
To: City of Vancouver - Office of the City Manager <CMO@cityofvancouver.us>
Subject: Public comment for 6/6/22 City Council meeting

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- transition to 100% renewable energy,
- work with Clark PUD and other partners,
- emphasize social equity and climate justice.

In the same spirit that defeated the huge oil terminal, please extend the fossil fuel moratorium and make it permanent.

Thank you.

Jean M. Avery

Vancouver resident

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To: [City Council](#)
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City Council Contact Form

Submitted date: Saturday, May 28, 2022 - 5:38pm

Contact Information

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Rebecca

Last name:

Farrell

Email address:

[REDACTED]

Street address:

[REDACTED]

ZIP code:

98660

Inquiry Information

Subject:

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Recipient:

All of Council

Message:

I am here to provide support regarding the ordinance modifications for noise, gathering outside residences, and to enable public volunteers and/or members of council to protect themselves from harassment and stalking. I am in direct support of these modifications, as I believe that private residences should be safe spaces for families free of threat that they feel - regardless of how other people define threat. If a person and their presence is making someone feel unsafe at a personal residence, then people can find other legal ways to voice opinions and/or gather. It actually doesn't matter if someone or a group does not think they are being threatening, it only matters if someone on the receiving end feels unsafe. That's just the truth.

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Contact Information

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Larry

Last name:

Krauser

Email address:

[REDACTED]

Street address:

[REDACTED]

ZIP code:

98684

Inquiry Information

Subject:

Request information

Recipient:

All of Council

Message:

My previous message went directly to the mayor- I never received a response-

I want to know what you're doing to stop Vancouver from looking like Portland ?

When are you going to start letting the police do their job ?

Maybe it's time to start citizen patrols- someone has to watch out for our neighborhoods-it's obvious you don't.

You need to let the citizens know what you're doing instead of keeping quiet - hoping things will get better.

Is your bonus program for hiring new officers working ? we don't know.

What's happening with the homeless situation ? Are they being moved to transitional housing ? Are

camps being torn down ? we don't hear. The last news on this was when the encampment near Mill Plain and Chklov was cleared- since then nothing. We do not like being treated like mushrooms- try being pro-active instead of reactive and keep us apprised of the situations our tax dollars go to pay for.

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Contact Information

First name:

Jane

Last name:

Tesner Kleiner

Email address:

[REDACTED]

Street address:

[REDACTED]

ZIP code:

98663

Inquiry Information

Subject:

Share an opinion about a City project or initiative

Recipient:

All of Council

Message:

Good day

I would like to offer my support for the City to adopt a robust Climate Action Plan to move our city closer to carbon neutral sustainable efforts. There are many opportunities to make progress and large and small efforts, especially those activities that can be replicated by citizens on their own properties as well on city-owned lands. Ordinances such as reducing chemical uses on properties

(<https://www.a2gov.org/departments/sustainability/Sustainability%20Natural%20Resources/Pages/Phosphorous-and-the-Manufactured-Fertilizer-Ordinance.aspx>), increasing the urban tree canopy (including grants to support tree equity in lower income neighborhoods), and supporting naturescaping of properties to reduce lawn that requirements significant maintenance while increase urban wildlife habitat

(<https://bwsr.state.mn.us/sites/default/files/2019-12/Native%20Landscaping%20Ordinance%20Examples.pdf>).

Update all landscape ordinances to improve ecological function of required landscapes. Increase city messaging and education on the benefits of trees and naturescaping. Provide more volunteer opportunities for people in natural areas for planting and stewardship and ecological indicator inventories, such as birds, amphibians, butterflies, macroinvertebrates, fishes, etc. (e.g. <https://www.a2gov.org/departments/Parks-Recreation/NAP/Pages/NaturalAreaPreservation.aspx>)

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,

Jane Tesner Kleiner

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Contact Information

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Jean M.

Last name:

Avery

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98683

Inquiry Information

Subject:

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Recipient:

All of Council

Message:

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Thank you.

Jean M. Avery

Vancouver resident

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From: [Heidi Cody](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: My comments on the Early Action Plan
Date: Friday, May 27, 2022 10:46:12 AM

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Good morning Councilmember Hansen,

I agree with everything Peter Fels wrote in his recent letter to you, from May 26. I also agree with ACE's suggested asks and edits on the Early Action Plan, that you will receive soon, if you haven't already. I am thrilled that City Council has set a goal of carbon-neutrality by 2040.

To achieve carbon-neutrality in 18 years, City Council needs to act fast and make smart decisions. The Draft Climate Action Plan (CAP) contains a glaring issue that can derail the City's decarbonization efforts: Renewable Natural Gas, or RNG, in buildings. The Early Action Plan (EAP) lays the groundwork for the CAP, and RNG is mentioned in the EAP.

Washington updated its building electric codes recently. The state's move away from gas, and towards building electrification, is underway. The Washington Dept. of Commerce has determined that building electrification, along with energy conservation/efficiency, is the fastest route to decarbonization. Yet "the purchase/use of renewable natural gas" for municipal buildings is in the EAP, and "expand participation in (Northwest Natural's) Smart Energy program" is a suggested action for residential and commercial buildings in our Draft CAP.

Why? Why would the City Council do anything but choose to decarbonize ASAP, if our goal is an 80% Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions reduction by 2030?

RNG is a new, untested technology. Emerging energy technologies sound promising, but the time spent developing them (and banking on their success) could be crucial time lost. Likewise, the money invested on this fanciful RNG pipe dream, would be far better spent purchasing actual renewable energy, like wind and solar. While there may be some good uses for RNG (close to the source, or perhaps for the City's proposed RNG wastewater treatment plan), RNG is not a viable large-scale climate or public health solution for buildings.

I realize that NWN's Smart Energy program is in the CAP, not in the EAP. But including RNG in the EAP, even in municipal buildings, codifies and tacitly greenlights ongoing gas use in buildings, in our CAP. I ask that the City Council push back harder on gas. Please remove Renewable Natural Gas (RNG) from Buildings & Energy in the EAP (p 4, #3 of Attachment A "Early Action Package").

Thank you.

Heidi Cody

Date



Airbnb
12 guests 3 night
Last \$640.20
8/26-29
805-624-7437
Dulce Mercado

Dear City of Vancouver property owner,

You are receiving this letter because it has come to our attention that a short-term vacation rental (i.e., stays for fewer than 30 days) is being operated at one or more of your properties located in Vancouver, Washington, which is against the law. *print out all parts **

Currently, Vancouver Municipal Code 20.830 prohibits operation of short-term vacation rentals within the city limits, with the exception of those that have been officially registered with the City as a 1- to 2-bedroom bed and breakfast where the owner/operator also lives on the premises. Any short-term vacation rentals that are not registered as a bed and breakfast are operating illegally.

We realize that you may not have known until just now that short-term vacation rentals were illegal in Vancouver, or you may not be directly involved in this commercial activity at your property, which is why we're reaching out to you with this information. If a tenant is operating the short-term vacation rental at your property without your knowledge, you are still accountable as the property owner.

At this time, we are asking you to immediately cease operations of any short-term rentals that have not been officially registered with the City of Vancouver as a 1- to 2-bedroom bed and breakfast, in order to avoid a notice of code violation, which may result in financial penalties. To learn how to register as a bed and breakfast, contact the City's Land Use Planning Division at (360)487-7803 or cddplanning@cityofvancouver.us.

We understand that this will have an impact on you and want to let you know that the Vancouver City Council is currently considering changes to the City's Land Use and Development Code to possibly allow short-term vacation rentals and is seeking community input on the issue before they take any action on it.

*** We encourage you to take our online survey at: www.beheardvancouver.org/VacationRentalSurvey ***

It will be available through February 25, 2022. If you have any questions about this letter or the possible code changes, please email Jason Nortz at jason.nortz@cityofvancouver.us

Thank you for your voluntary compliance with current City of Vancouver laws.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jason Nortz".

Jason Nortz
Development Review Manager
City of Vancouver
(360) 487-7844

Cc: Chad Eiken, Director, Community Development Department



Dear City of Vancouver Property Owner,

An earlier draft of this letter was sent in error. At this time, the City of Vancouver is NOT asking short-term rentals to cease operations. We would like to apologize for the confusion and assure all hosts that any changes to short-term rental policy will occur through a public engagement process, with ample opportunity for input and concerns to be shared.

We encourage you to share your thoughts by taking the city's short-term rental host survey and to sign up for email updates using the links below. We also invite you to contact the project team to share your perspective. Below is the letter that was intended to go out to hosts. We again apologize for the confusion that the previous letter may have caused.

It has come to our attention that a short-term rental is being operated at one or more of your properties located in Vancouver, Washington. Currently, City code does not allow short-term rentals in a residential zone per the City's Land Use and Development Code, VMC Chapter 20. *where? exact citation*

We realize that you may not have known until just now that short-term rentals are not currently allowed in Vancouver, or you may not be directly involved in this commercial activity at your property, which is why we're reaching out to you with this information. If a tenant is operating the short-term rental at your property without your knowledge, you are still accountable as the property owner.

The Vancouver City Council will be considering changes to the City's Land Use and Development Code to possibly allow short-term rentals. Before the City Council takes action, the City wants to hear from you. Please share your thoughts, ideas, and experiences by taking our online short-term rental host survey at: cityofvancouver.us/hostsurvey. *2/16/22*

This survey will be available through February 28, 2022 and is designed specifically to gather feedback from short-term rental hosts. If you would like to participate in an upcoming conversation with the City and other short-term rental hosts, please share your email as part of the survey or contact Jason Nortz using the contact information below.

If you have any questions about this letter or the possible code changes, please email me at jason.nortz@cityofvancouver.us. You may also visit beheardvancouver.org/short-term-rentals for more information or to contact the project team. *↑*

Sincerely,

Jason Nortz
Development Review Manager
City of Vancouver
(360) 487-7844

C: Chad Eiken, Director, Community Development Department

4/29/2022

Good Afternoon Janie,

Thank you again for attending the small group conversation with other short-term rental hosts. I hope to answer some of your questions.

The complaints received have been about the issues raised during the conversation Wednesday. That being excessive trash, loud parties, lack of parking, and general concerns of safety having so many people coming and going to the rentals.

Our land use code does not specifically address short term rentals. That means short terms rentals are currently not regulated and they are not allowed in residential zones. The City recognizes we need to make some amendments, ordinance, permit process to clarify the lack of a law. As mentioned at the meeting, the City does not have any laws drafted and that will be a separate public engagement process to get feedback from the public around any proposed regulations. Right now we are gathering information from many groups including housing advocates, hotels, short-term rental hosts like yourself, and the general public. The future process of creating regulations or not will all depend on direction from City Council. VMC?

Please reach out with additional questions/comments and feel free to call my direct line: 360-487-7899

Becky Coutinho, AICP | Associate Long Range Planner

Pronouns: She/Her/Hers

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Please note that I am working remotely. Learn more about the [City's COVID19 Response here](#).

Good afternoon Ms. Wilson,

Thank you for your email expressing the recent challenges you have faced in operating GG's House as a result of certain policy communications from the City. As you know the City is in the process of addressing short-term rentals. Currently, the City's Land Use and Development Code, VMC Chapter 20, does not allow Airbnb-type short-term rentals in residential zones. *exact citation?*

The City is aware that there are roughly 300 short-term rentals operating in Vancouver, and that most of these property owners probably don't know they are doing so illegally. In February 2022, as part of a larger process to review the City's laws regarding short term rentals and explore ways of permitting businesses like yours to operate, the City began reaching out to owners of known short-term rentals to advise them of the existing restrictions and to invite participation in that review process. *VMC citation?*

We recognized that the initial letter included stronger language, including asking owners to cease operations of short term rentals not in compliance with code. However, implementing code enforcement at this stage was not our intent, so we immediately sent out a correction letter to remove that cease operations request. The intent of the City's communication was instead to alert operators that there is an issue of noncompliance, and to bring awareness to the City's efforts to improve this area and invite existing short-term rental operators into that process. *VMC citation?*

Is there a code? If not then can't ask us to cease operations.
Although the City's initial communication was determined to be a less effective approach, given that the City is looking to reevaluate the current code rather than conduct enforcement action, and the financial loss you experienced is unfortunate, the City cannot provide reimbursement for a claim of lost revenue that results from ceasing the conduct of an unauthorized business use within City limits, whatever the reason for ceasing such business activities. *VMC code?*

This is a complex situation and the input you've provided on how you and Don operate GG's House and the benefit it provides to Don's mother Sylvia and your entire family is extremely pertinent and helpful to this discussion. The short-term rental project is designed to update the City's code in order to better reflect evolving market practices (e.g., traditional Bed & Breakfast vs. Airbnb rental) and to facilitate code compliance for business owners who seek to lawfully operate. In the coming months the Vancouver City Council will consider making changes to the City code related to short-term rentals. Before we take up this issue, the City is gathering data and seeking public feedback and your voice is an essential part of this, so I very much appreciate you sharing the details of your experience in this area. Please know that your comments are important and will be taken into consideration as we consider a new approach to how we regulate businesses like yours. *code exists for garbage noise street parking*

The City Councilmembers have been blind copied on this email for their awareness of the response.

Sincerely,

Anne McEnerny-Ogle | Mayor



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To: City Council <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Submission: City Council Contact Form



City Council Contact Form Submitted date: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 - 4:05pm

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Street address:2008 NE 86TH AVE

ZIP code:98664

Subject:Share an opinion about a City project or initiative

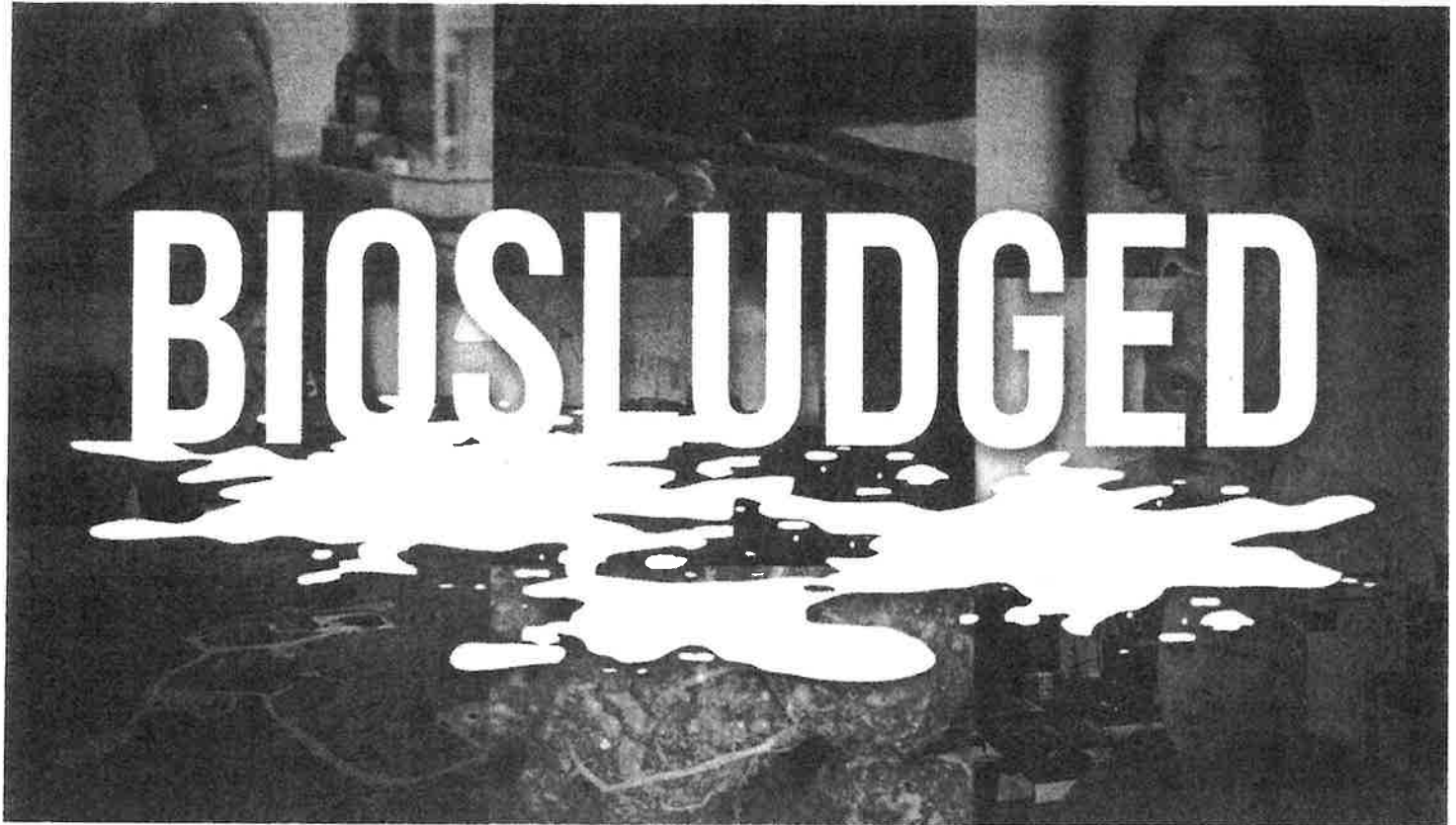
Recipient:All of Council

Message:Don and Janie Wilson own GG's House a short and long term furnished home rental next door to our primary residence. Jason Nortz Development Review Manager sent out a letter late January early February stating, "... VMC 20.830 prohibits operation of short-term vacation rentals. . . we are asking you to immediately cease operations. . . " We immediately changed our booking availability to over 30 days and cancelled an existing reservation for \$650. Shortly after we received a letter from Jason Nortz stating the first letter was in error and the City of Vancouver is NOT asking short-term rentals to cease operations. I have asked the City of Vancouver to reimburse the \$650 their error cost me but have not received my lost funds due to the cities admitted mistake. We have furnished GG's House with Don's mother Sylvia's belongings because we have kept this house available to her when she needs a place to stay near us. She was here November 2021 for her 101st birthday. We prefer long term rentals but depend on short term rentals to afford the mortgage on GG's House. We understand you have received complaints about party houses affiliated with Airbnb or other companies. This is an unusual occurrence considering there are approximately 350 furnished rented homes in Vancouver. If there are city ordinances broken such as noise and garbage violations those infractions just like any other residential disorderly conduct complaint can be dealt with and recorded by the specific departments established for such complaints. We know for a fact Airbnb, Vrbo etc want to keep a good reputation within the community. and if the City of Vancouver sent documentation to them of city ordinance infractions these houses would be taken off their web site at your request. The City of Vancouver would soon be known for shutting down furnished party homes and that they are not welcome in our community. The good apples should not be punished for the bad apples in the bunch. We are not in the furnished home rental business to make a profit. GG's house is a family venture decorated throughout with family antiques and memorabilia which we have shared over the past year with dozens of families who come to celebrate the life of a passed love one, weddings, sporting contests, birthdays, reunions, holidays, vacations etc. We have a guest book filled with their pictures and in the back ground on the wall is a picture of Sylvia. Sylvia enjoys reading the comments under the pictures and gives her joy to see their smiling faces. Why would you want to take that joy away from a 101 year old and our family and the families who come to enjoy GG's House?

Sewage sludge industry panics as Biosludged movie files posted for immediate downloading and sharing... get the files here

Thursday, November 29, 2018 by: Mike Adams

Tags: badfood, badpollution, Biosludge, Biosludged, Biosolids, Brighteon Films, documentary, Ecology, environ, environment, goodhealth, goodscience, Mike Adams, movie, sewage sludge, toxins



(Natural News) The *Biosludged* movie that exposes “the greatest environmental crime you’ve never known” is now available for full downloading and sharing. The film documents the EPA's outright crimes against the environment, along with industry collusion, science fraud and the mass pollution of the U.S. food supply with toxic sewage sludge.

The sewage sludge industry, which **relies on secrecy and lies** to continue its profitable pollution racket, is already in a panic over the release of this film. What they are starting to realize is that rather than restrict the film to theaters or pay-per-view, we planned all along to release the film to the public for sharing and posting everywhere. We even built our own video platform — Brighteon.com — so that YouTube, Vimeo, Google, Facebook, Twitter and other evil tech giants could not censor the film.

Grab the files at this link, and enter your email address there to subscribe to the Brighteon Films announcement list.

You are hereby granted permission to:

- Post the full movie, or snippets of the movie, to your YouTube, Vimeo, Bitchute, Brighteon or other video provider channel.
- Burn the full movie to DVDs and give them away for free (you may not charge for the film, however).
- Share the film files on torrent sites or file sharing sites.
- Download and store a copy on your local computer.
- Share the downloaded files with others using any means you wish.

We only ask that you give credit to Biosludged.com or BrighteonFilms.com, and remember that even though we grant you the right to share the film for non-commercial purposes, we still technically “own” the film and maintain copyright on the film.

Some great ideas of how to spread the word about Biosludge

By sharing the Biosludged movie, you join an **underground railroad of activist** citizens who are helping distribute critical information that's being systematically suppressed by industry, government and media. (Yes, all three are covering up the truth about toxic sewage sludge.)

That's why we've put this film out for you to share. Here are a few ideas of how you can get this film into the hands of other people who need to see it

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- Burn the movie to DVDs and hand them or mail them to your local city council members.
 - Upload the files to Dropbox or another service and share links with your friends on social media.
 - Send DVDs or file links to local journalists or news investigation teams.
 - Send copies to your members of Congress.

call
to action

Sign up for the email newsletter at BrighteonFilms.com to be kept informed of more news surrounding this film, as well as announcements on the release of upcoming films.

Also: **We need volunteer translators who can translate the film's captions into Spanish and other languages.** Please contact Natural News if you can assist in this effort.

Read Biosludged.news to stay informed about the topic of biosludge and the mass pollution of our soils and our food.

Also check out Brighteon.com, the new alternative to YouTube, now featuring thousands of active video channels and over a hundred thousand uploaded videos. All Brighteon Films documentaries are being posted to Brighteon.com.

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Electric cars, "sustainability," and other city folk ideologies are a clean energy MYTH – watch at Brighteon.com

Sunday, October 21, 2018 by: Ethan Huff

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(Natural News) Big-government leftists, many of whom live in large cities, are known to tout their electric and hybrid vehicles, social activism, and other "sustainable" lifestyle habits as helping to "save the planet." But much of what far-left liberals love to brag about concerning their alleged support of clean energy and environmental conservation are empty myths that have no basis in reality.

During a recent episode of his *Health Ranger Report* show, available for viewing at Brighteon.com, Mike Adams, the Health Ranger, punches a few big holes in popular liberal mantras that, upon closer investigation, represent little more than "fake news" from the usual suspects involved with the liberal mob.

"People who live in cities think of electric cars as being 'clean,' but really they just export pollution to rural areas outside the cities," Adams points out, reducing the "I'm better than you because I drive a Prius" crowd to logical rubble.

"What powers an electric car? Well, you might think batteries. Okay. But let's take it one step further here. What powers the batteries? Where does that electricity come from? Predominantly it comes from coal-fired power plants, which are located outside the cities. And those coal plants, of course, emit some amount of mercury and heavy metals, and they emit carbon dioxide, of course, and particulate pollutants, which then settle on farm lands and forests and rural areas."

Watch this full episode of the *Health Ranger Report* at Brighteon.com below:

City people, regardless of how "liberal" they are, represent the world's biggest polluters

Almost everything about city life in 2018, Adams points out, is far more polluting than activist liberals would have us all believe. Even if every single "gas-guzzling" automobile was pulled from the road and replaced with a Tesla, there's still pollution being distributed *somewhere*.

"If you have a city where, let's say, you don't even have combustion engines any longer for regular vehicles, all you're doing is you're taking that pollution that used to exist in the city, coming out of the tailpipes, and now you're pushing that pollution out into the countryside," says Adams.

"And that's not the first time that cities have done that. They also do the same thing with sewage: it's called bio-sludge. So all that sewage that people flush down their toilets in the city, that ends up spread as 'fertilizer' on farms in the countryside."

It's a completely unsustainable and unethical situation that ends up leaving all the pollution at the doorsteps of people who live in the country, even as their city folk counterparts revel in feelings of superiority for supposedly taking the moral "high ground" by living "sustainably."

"Cities ... they are polluters, they export pollution to surrounding areas," Adams states.

"They steal resources from the countryside as well – many cities have to steal water from rural areas in order to provide enough water for the city. So they're taking in water and they're stealing resources from the countryside while exporting their pollution back to the countryside."

In Adams' view, country folk are the truly sustainable ones, at least when they're not dumping harmful pesticides and herbicides all over their crops. Their septic systems, as opposed to city sewer systems, are better for the environment, and many of them grow their own food, collect their own rainwater, and all-around treat the environment better than the average city person.

"People who live in cities like to talk about 'sustainable living' and 'green living' and 'environmental consciousness,' but they don't realize that the very fact that they're living in a city is environmentally disastrous and completely unsustainable because they're just polluting the world with their feces and with their electrical usage, which is much higher, per capita, in a city than it is in a rural environment, by the way," explains Adams.

"Rural living is sustainable. In rural environments, you can collect your own rainwater, you can throw some solar panels on the roof ... or maybe you can go off-grid, even. You can grow some of your own food."

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BIOSLUDGE is a toilet-to-farm scheme that deposits toxic sewage sludge on food crops all across America

Friday, December 21, 2018 by: Lance D Johnson

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(Natural News) There's a reason why the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has implemented a Clean Water Act and a Clean Air Act, but NO Clean Soil Act.

A Clean Soil Act would fundamentally change how wastewater is processed and recycled. It would require the EPA come clean about the toxic composition of fertilizers being spread on North American soils. A Clean Soil Act would halt the mass spread of toxic sewage on food crops all across America. It would expose environmental crimes within the EPA itself. A Clean Soil Act would require the truth to come out; that the recycling of bio-solids is a toilet-to-farm scheme that is poisoning America's gardens and farmlands and forcing humans to eat from their own waste.

The bio-solids that are processed and recycled at municipal wastewater treatment plants are sold to homes and farms across the country as "fertilizers." These bio-solids are a chemical nightmare, consisting of a wide array of pharmaceuticals, agro-chemicals, industrial chemicals, household chemicals, pathogenic material, and heavy metals. This toxic biosludge should never come in contact with soils that grow food for human and animal consumption. (Related: The government is lying about the safety of biosludge.)

Documentary exposes deep truths about EPA fraud and the chemical poisoning of soils and the food supply

In the new documentary Biosludged, scientific experts and whistle blowers break down what is happening to North American soils and how this mass pollution scheme is making people chronically ill and mentally lobotomized. In this documentary, former EPA scientist and whistle blower Dr. David Lewis reveals the shocking extent of the EPA's criminal activities and scientific fraud. The fertilizer that people add to their soils is inundating crops with disease-promoting pathogens and a slew of chemicals that wreck havoc on the physiological processes of the human body.

The documentary also warns that the food supply is at grave risk of being used as a vector for terrorist activity. A terrorist can flush massive amounts of chemicals into the sewage system,

only to have it all recycled as fertilizer for use on crop fields. Sewage sludge could also be laced with bio-weapons and microorganisms that cause food poisoning and infectious disease. All the human dung that is deposited on food crops ultimately releases chemicals into the groundwater, too. People across the U.S. are literally regurgitating the toxic composition of their own poop, using water and fertilizer that has been poisoned over and over again. These biosludge chemicals directly affect brain function, immune function, and fertility. All the cancer marches and pink ribbon fundraisers should start to look at what's going on with the food supply, how toxic human waste is re-consumed, poisoning the population into cancerous states.

Watch the full documentary at BrighteonFilms.com and download the full movie files that you can openly share with others. Stay up-to-date on the "greatest environmental crime you've never heard" at Biosludge.News.

Please Don't Call This 'Science': How FDA, CDC Justified Approval of Moderna's Spikevax

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration's approval last week of Moderna's Spikevax COVID vaccine — backed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention — made a mockery of science and the regulatory process.

By Josh Mitteldorf, Ph.D.

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The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) did it again.

The FDA last week granted its seal of approval for a ghost vaccine that is unavailable in the United States — and it did so using a preordained process that made a mockery of “science” and of “regulation.”

Days later, the CDC backed the FDA's decision, using similarly flawed data and reasoning.

The approval of Moderna's Spikevax COVID-19 vaccine was an even greater travesty than the FDA's approval last August of Pfizer's Comirnaty shot.

That's because Moderna has been even more secretive than Pfizer about its trial data, and because Moderna's shot is linked to an even higher rate of heart disease than Pfizer's.

The FDA's approval of the Pfizer Comirnaty vaccine led people to believe they would get a fully licensed, FDA-approved vaccine — when in fact they were still getting the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine distributed under Emergency Use Authorization (EUA).

People can ask for the Comirnaty vaccine as often as they like — but it is not being distributed in the U.S. The Comirnaty vaccine is supposed to be the same formulation as the old Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine, but the vials labeled “Comirnaty” are in a legal class of their own.

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Why this Kabuki theater?

Because any adult who is harmed or killed as a side effect of an “FDA-approved” vaccine can sue the manufacturer. But if you are harmed in exactly the same way by an EUA vaccine, you are out of luck — the manufacturer and everyone in the chain of delivery has full immunity from lawsuits. The law depends on the label.

Now Moderna has the same legal advantage as Pfizer. Its “Spikevax” is the same formula as the old Moderna vaccine, but only if you are dosed with a vial bearing the “Spikevax” label can you sue for bodily harm. So, of course, the Moderna vaccine continues to be distributed, but Spikevax is not available in the U.S.

The approval of Spikevax is not just a legal sham. It's also a scientific sham. FDA approval is supposed to include long-term safety testing, but there is no long-term data available for a product that has been in existence less than a year.

The FDA hearings on the licensing of Spikevax were one-sided and dominated by self-congratulatory rhetoric. They also raised more questions than answers.

Questions for the FDA

- Besides offering publicity to the manufacturer and sowing confusion in the public mind, why would the manufacturers want FDA approval for a vaccine that is not available in the U.S.?
- Neither Pfizer nor Moderna explicitly specified the content of their placebos, but a published review claims they were simple saline. If this is the case, why is the rate of medical problems following injection with a "placebo" so much higher with Moderna's placebo compared to Pfizer's placebo?

For example, 18 people out of 15,000 in the Moderna placebo group died before the start of the trial (2 weeks from the second vaccination), while only 4 people out of 22,000 who received Pfizer's placebo dose died in a comparable period. There were 31 "severe adverse events" in the placebo group of the Moderna trial, and zero in the (larger) Pfizer placebo group. What was in that "placebo" that killed 18 people and sent 31 to the hospital?

- The FDA relies on the Vaccines and Related Biological Products Advisory Committee (VRBPAC) to help assess the safety of vaccines before approval. There was an animated debate at the VRBPAC meeting for the Pfizer vaccine. Why was VRBPAC not invited to convene for the Moderna vaccine? The answer is given in this letter of approval from the FDA to Moderna (January 31, 2022):

"We did not refer your application to the Vaccines and Related Biological Products Advisory Committee because our review of information submitted in your BLA [Biologics License Application], including the clinical study design and trial results, did not raise concerns or controversial issues that would have benefited from an advisory committee discussion."

- The FDA plainly states that it limited the scope of its analysis to the trial data alone. Why isn't the FDA interested in the enormous amount of data that has become available in the last year?

Safety: Did FDA cook the books?

Deaths and disabilities associated with the mRNA "vaccines" have occurred with shocking frequency, 90 times as many as the worst vaccine in the past. There have been more than 1 million COVID vaccine reactions reported to the Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System (VAERS), compared to 11,000 for the worst vaccine in 2020 (Shingrix).

There were more than twice as many deaths related to the COVID vaccines this year as the sum total of all vaccine deaths in the 30-year history of VAERS.

To rig the approval process in favor of such a product, the FDA needed to rewrite the rule book. The agency did this with a new statistical criterion, masking murder with mathematics. I am grateful to Matthew Crawford for having decoded the algebra and sounded the alarm.

The safety criterion chosen by the FDA is an obscure computation called PRR, which stands for Proportional Reporting Ratio. As the name implies, it is based on RATIOS of different event types and is utterly blind to the ABSOLUTE RATE of such events.

PRR measures the distribution of different kinds of adverse events, e.g. blood clots, heart attacks and deaths. If those ratios are severely out of line with the great variety of vaccine reactions in the past, PRR would detect that.

For example, if the new vaccines caused an extraordinary risk of myocarditis, but everything else was low, then PRR would flag that. But if myocarditis was just one risk among many that have been reported from past vaccines, then PRR would not pick that up.

The real scandal is that PRR is blind to the absolute risk numbers. PRR is defined in such a way as to look for unusual PATTERNS of adverse events, but it is completely insensitive to unusual RATES of adverse events.

Of course, it is the rates and not the patterns that are of primary concern, and the PRR is designed NOT to reflect that.

For example, suppose we have two vaccines:

- Vaccine A has 1 reported death per million vaccinations, 3 reported heart attacks per million, and 20 reported headaches per million.
- Vaccine B has 1 reported death per hundred vaccinations, 3 reported heart attacks per hundred, and 20 reported headaches per hundred.

Vaccine A is quite safe, and vaccine B is extremely dangerous. And yet the formula for PRR will produce the same result for vaccine A and B!

Clearly, PRR is not an appropriate criterion for evaluating the safety of any particular vaccine. Did the FDA use PRR in order to cook the books?

In Moderna's own trials, 1.3% of vaccine recipients had a reaction to the vaccine that was severe enough to require medical attention. The following possible side effects were listed in information given to doctors:

"Anaphylaxis and other severe allergic reactions, myocarditis, pericarditis, and syncope have been reported following administration of the Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine during mass vaccination outside of clinical trials."

Off with his head! — the CDC's ACIP hearings

In Alice's Wonderland, the Red Queen's justice began with the execution, then there was a verdict — and finally a trial.

The FDA hearing was followed by a meeting of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP), which reports to the CDC.

The committee on Feb. 4 voted to recommend the Moderna Spikevax. Only after that action step had been secured did the committee hear testimony from the Public Health Agency of Canada that Moderna's vaccine was associated with a myocarditis risk five times higher than Pfizer's.

Questions for the CDC

- All-cause mortality was equal in both placebo and vaccine groups (16 deaths in each). In the midst of a pandemic, Moderna's vaccine demonstrated no survival benefit. This should have been enough to end any further consideration of approval.

- We have detailed data on myocarditis from decades of past history. One-fourth of myocarditis patients are dead within 5 years, but the same study reports that if the myocarditis is caused by human immunodeficiency virus, then three-fourths die in the same 5 years.

We have no long-term data on vaccine-induced myocarditis, but we do have some 6-month data, which show 39% of cases still had their activity restricted by their doctors, 20% were still on heart medication, 32% still reported chest pain, 22% still had shortness of breath, 22% had palpitations and 25% still reported fatigue. Thirteen vaccine recipients died. (All these numbers were presented at the ACIP hearing on Feb. 4.)

Why should we have confidence that the course of vaccine-induced myocarditis will be much less severe than other forms of the disease?

- The Moderna trial, like the Pfizer trial, was limited to healthy people, mostly young, with no pre-existing problems. Pregnant women were explicitly excluded. Why is the vaccine being approved as safe for everyone, including diabetics and immune-compromised, elderly and pregnant women?
- When mRNA vaccines were approved on an emergency basis, the FDA promised to track all safety concerns with a new cell phone app called V-Safe. Why are the results of V-Safe being withheld from the public?
- The FDA was considering approval of Moderna's vaccine in January 2022. There was a full year's experience with side effects reported from nearly 200 million doses of the Moderna vaccine in the U.S. alone. But the FDA limited its consideration to the 15,000 subjects who were in the Moderna trial, ending March 26, 2021. Why was this huge trove of data on vaccine safety not reviewed by the FDA?
- Yes, we understand that the vaccine doesn't become fully effective until 2 weeks after the second shot. But is that a reason to exclude from consideration the damage that is inflicted by enhanced vulnerability to disease during those two weeks, or, for that matter, the four weeks between shots? These have been counted as diseases of the "unvaccinated," but in fact, people in this stage of treatment are much more vulnerable than the truly unvaccinated.
- France and Germany do not recommend Moderna's vaccination for young people, presumably because the Moderna vaccine is associated with a higher rate of myocarditis than the Pfizer vaccine. How did our FDA come to a different conclusion?
- Anaphylaxis following vaccination is an immediate, life-threatening and an undeniable consequence of the vaccine. The CDC claimed the rate of anaphylaxis is 6 per 1 million.

However, in March of 2021, an examination of anaphylaxis following mRNA vaccines revealed a much higher incidence of this adverse event. In fact, 9 of 38,971 Moderna vaccine recipients suffered documented anaphylaxis. This equates to 230 per million, or 38 times higher than the CDC estimate.

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Efficacy — but at what cost?

The proper measure of the efficacy of any medication is how it affects all aspects of a patient's health. But in evaluating the Moderna vaccine, the FDA looked only at its effect on COVID.

There are early but disturbing indications that vaccination worldwide has had dramatic effects on other aspects of health, unrelated to COVID. Insurance company trade journals report that they are paying life insurance claims for adults 18-64 years of age at a rate 40% higher than during any normal year.

This number from OneAmerica (Indianapolis) has been echoed by other studies in Europe. A leaked spreadsheet from the Defense Medical Epidemiological Database showed that incidences of many medical problems in the U.S. military surged in this year of vaccination. For example, heart attacks were up 343%, cancers up 218%, among many other disorders.

Could it be that the vaccines have had a small benefit for COVID severity and disastrous impact on other aspects of human health?

We now have some real-world experience with the efficacy of vaccines. For example, we know the virus mutated to a more contagious, less lethal form. Omicron is now the dominant form of the virus in the U.S. and most other parts of the world today.

The Omicron mutations are concentrated in the spike protein — the only part of the virus to which the vaccinated population has immunity. This suggests the virus is mutating in response to the vaccine, and mutations are an important factor affecting efficacy in the long run

Nevertheless, the FDA considered efficacy data predominantly from the first five months of data (through March 26, 2021) in making its decision to fully license Spikevax, with an absolute cutoff in November, before Omicron became dominant.

More questions

- Almost all subjects in the original Moderna trial who received placebo initially were subsequently given the vaccine. How will we ever know the long-term effects of the vaccine if we have no controls with which to compare?
- Why do CDC studies of death rates based on vaccination status differ so markedly from the same question asked by independent groups in other countries?

Here, for example, is a report from Public Health Scotland stating that vaccination increases vulnerability to Omicron. Here is a similar report from England. This study shows countries with higher vaccination rates tend to have higher rates of COVID, and this one confirms the same result for U.S. states.

- We are now in an era dominated by the Omicron variant, against which all the vaccines seem much less effective. But even “follow-up data” was analyzed only through March 26, 2021, nine months before Omicron took over. Why did the FDA base its decision on data only from older variants?
- The secondary efficacy endpoint was the prevention of severe COVID-19. Now that it is accepted that there is little, if any, protective effect of mRNA vaccines from infection, the prevention of severe disease should be the primary focus of approval determination.

Moderna claims its vaccine efficacy is an astonishing 98.2% in preventing severe COVID-19 (Table 8). Pfizer's was 96.7% (Table S6).

The reason for the calculated difference in efficacy between these two products was not from a lower incidence of severe disease in the vaccine arm of Moderna's trial (it was lower in Pfizer's trial). It was because the incidence of severe disease in Moderna's placebo group was much higher than in Pfizer's.

Severe COVID-19 in Pfizer's placebo group occurred in 30 participants out of 23,0379. In Moderna's, severe disease occurred in 106 participants out of 14,164 that received a placebo. Why was the incidence of severe COVID-19 nearly six times higher in Moderna's placebo group than Pfizer's?

Postscript: Failure was never an option

In America, why are clinical trials for new drugs run by the same companies that own the drugs, and will profit from them if the trial is successful?

It's a glaring conflict of interest, but necessary within a capitalist system. Since the trials cost, typically, hundreds of millions of dollars, only the company that will profit from the drug is motivated to invest such huge sums in testing.

In the case of the COVID vaccines, however, the development and the trials were both publicly funded. There was no excuse for contracting the same organization both to develop and test their own product.

Moderna's development cost was funded through Operation Warp Speed in the U.S. and Pfizer through the German government. Now, the companies are reaping windfall profits, though they risked no money of their own.

This leaves us wondering, did our government ever want a fair and unbiased evaluation of the COVID vaccines? Or — after a full year of telling the public that vaccines were the only path out of the COVID crisis — did NIH feel they could not risk the possibility that the trials might fail?

There were no animal tests. There was no time to experimentally optimize dosage and delivery. They had to guess right the first time.

Maybe they thought this is what the exigency of a pandemic required — but please don't call it "science."

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CLIMATE ENGINEERING OPERATIONS ARE BEING CARRIED OUT WITHOUT PUBLIC KNOWLEDGE OR CONSENT

Precipitation tests from around the world confirm alarming levels of aluminum, barium, strontium, (and other heavy metals named in climate engineering patents) are saturating our breathable air column. Human blood, urine, and hair tests confirm the extreme buildup of these highly toxic heavy metals in populations.

Government officials and Geoengineers have long since proposed spraying 10-20 MILLION TONS of highly toxic heavy metal and chemical aerosols into the atmosphere annually as a form of climate change mitigation. Though the blatantly obvious ongoing sun blocking "solar radiation management" programs are officially denied, all available data confirms full deployment of global geoengineering occurred decades ago with increasingly catastrophic consequences.



Color spectrums captured behind particulate dispersing aircraft makes clear the fact that we are not seeing "condensation trails".

All military tanker jets and all commercial jets use "high bypass turbofan jet engines", a jet powered fan that is nearly incapable of producing any condensation trails except under rare and extreme circumstances.



Military tanker jets are not the only aircraft involved with climate engineering operations. Countless commercial jet aircraft have now been retrofitted with spray nozzles aimed into the exhaust stream (though commercial carrier personnel do not appear to be directly involved with the geoengineering operations).



If you think there are only passengers in all commercial jet aircraft, think again. Commercial carrier personnel are not directly involved.



Massive plumes of climate engineering particulates are being dispersed by jet aircraft all over the globe, this is not condensation.

What are the known consequences of ongoing climate engineering operations?

GEOENGINEERING IS:

- **Further fueling the overall warming of our planet:**

SRM aerosol cloud canopies trap more heat than is deflected by SRM programs.

- **Contributing to extreme drought, flooding, and storms:**

Global geoengineering has completely disrupted the planetary hydrological cycle and thus weather systems all around the world.

- **Creating engineered cool-down zones and snow storms:**

Patented processes of "chemical ice nucleation for weather modification" are creating severe weather whiplash scenarios.

- **Destroying the Earth's vital ozone layer:**

Geoengineering particulates and associated microwave transmission atmospheric manipulation are decimating the ozone layer. This is allowing extremely dangerous levels of UVB and UVC radiation to reach Earth's surface.

- **Accelerating Forest devastation, die-off, and forest fire increases:**

Completely disrupted rain cycles, extreme UV radiation, toxic heavy metal fallout saturation of soils, more dry lighting, and incendiary dusts (from fallout) coating foliage, all are the result of geoengineering.

- **Alarming honeybee die-off:**

Peer reviewed science studies have now proven that massive aluminum contamination is killing bees. Again, the primary climate engineering element named in patents is aluminum.

- **Radically accelerating human degenerative and neurological diseases:**

Alzheimer's, dementia, autism, ALS, COPD, asthma, allergies, bronchitis, lung cancer, heart attack (and countless other forms of disease) are directly associated with toxic atmospheric particulate pollution, exactly what climate engineering / solar radiation management programs create.

- **Contributing to unprecedented species die-offs:**

We are now in the 6th great mass extinction on our planet with up to 300 species of plant, animal, and insect extinctions every single day. This is 15,000 times the background extinction rates.

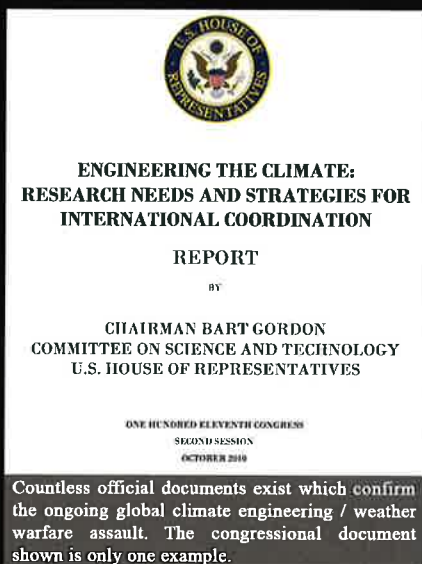
HISTORICAL DOCUMENTS AND DATA PROVES THAT GLOBAL CLIMATE ENGINEERING PROGRAMS WERE FULLY DEPLOYED IMMEDIATELY AFTER WWII AND HAVE BEEN STEADILY RAMPED UP SINCE. NOT A SINGLE ENVIRONMENTAL OR HUMAN HEALTH IMPACT STUDY HAS EVER BEEN DONE TO DOCUMENT THE DEVASTATION BEING INFLICTED ON THE ENTIRE WEB OF LIFE FROM THE ONGOING ILLEGAL GEOENGINEERING ASSAULT.

Populations (and all life forms) around the world have been completely betrayed by the governments, agencies, and experts they have been trained to believe existed to protect them. The corporate media is also a primary accomplice in the ongoing climate engineering cover-up. Any and all entities / individuals that are in any way associated with the illegal geoengineering operations must be fully exposed. Once exposed, all such entities / individuals must be held legally and morally accountable for their part in the climate engineering atrocities.

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Forty-one of the 50 largest cities in the U.S. have fluoride, a deadly hazardous waste, in their water. Millions of gallons of this deadly poison are doing irreparable damage by mass medicating everyone who drinks fluoridated water. Let's get this toxic chemical out of America's water supply! If the water in your area is fluoridated, join or start action groups to remove this dangerous chemical now to save yourself, your family and the lives of future generations!

Here are just a few of the serious health hazards of fluoridated water:

- Cancer in all its deadly forms.
- Digestive system disorders:
Ulcers, colitis, constipation, nausea, cirrhosis, hepatitis and inability to utilize vitamins B and C.
- Kidney, bladder and urinary disorders.
- Respiratory and lung disorders:
Tuberculosis, asthma, rhinitis, sinusitis and bronchitis.
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Arteriosclerosis, heart failure, varicose veins, coronary thrombosis, hypo-tension and hypertension.
- Blood conditions:
Leukemia, hemophilia and anemia.
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Alzheimer's, neuroses, psychoses, A.D.D. & multiple sclerosis.
- Eye diseases:
Cataracts, vision problems, glaucoma and detached retina.
- Endocrine dysfunctions:
Diabetes, goiter, and impaired function of the adrenal, thyroid and sex glands.
- Skin, nail and hair conditions:
Acne, boils, dermatitis, eczema, alopecia and lupus.
- Bone and joint conditions:
Osteoporosis, bone cancer, arthritis and aching joints.
- Teeth and gum diseases:
Mottled and darkened teeth, calcium and bone loss.
- Premature and still births, hearing loss and headaches.

14 Nobel Prize Winners oppose fluoridation (page 155)

More Shocking Facts on Deadly Fluoridated Water:

- Fluoridation is mass drug medication.
- Fluorides are toxic to pets, animals and humans.
- Fluorides are deadly poisons – in the same class as arsenic.
- Fluorides endanger people who drink a lot of water.
- 1 ppm fluoride added to water causes urinary output to increase 3ppm in 24 hrs, overburdening the kidneys.
- Fluorides impair the proper metabolism of fats, carbohydrates, proteins and all food eaten.
- Fluorides are cumulative poisons and some serious side effects may not become evident for 20 years or more.
- Fluorides also affects the genes of 2nd and 3rd generations.
- Fluorides depress the immune system, opening the body to disease and health problems.
- Fluoride passes through the placenta and can harm the baby.
- Fluorides interfere with the metabolism of calcium.
- Fluorides can stunt the growth of all living things.
- The U.S. Government strictly regulates the shipping of products containing sodium fluoride.
- Fluorides are concentrated in processed, canned, bottled and dried foods and can cause grave health problems.
- Not enough is known about how fluoride metabolizes.
- Fluorides in the water can ruin photographic films.
- Fluoridation interferes with all living, growing things.
- Measuring the concentration of fluoride in water is very difficult and often inaccurate.
- The equipment used to fluoridate water is expensive while its repair & replacement is a constant, costly problem.

Important, Vital Water Facts To Know:

- Water is more important than food or vitamin supplements. You can go days without them, but you can't survive long without water!
- 30% of Americans drink water that violates federal health standards!
- More than 90% of water companies don't use available technology to remove chemical contaminants and toxins from drinking water!

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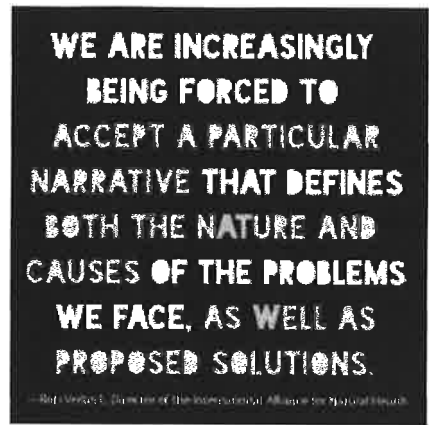
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We are increasingly being forced to accept a particular narrative that defines both the nature and causes of the problems we face, as well as proposed solutions. Shades of grey are replaced by black and white. The narrative is delivered by slick, global public relations and media systems. Any dissent is quickly 'fact-checked' against the narrative (which may omit readily available facts) and the inevitable consequence is a polarization of views. Viewpoints, and messengers of those views, that are not 100% in accord with the narrative are marginalized, stigmatized or scapegoated. This polarization generates a pro-narrative, 'in-group', and a dissenting 'out-group'. As Orwellian as it may be, being part of the outgroup means you are denied increasing rights and privileges. You will sooner or later become a victim of cancel culture. This very process incites social instability, which gives the power brokers ever more justification to impose centralized, systems of control on the populace."



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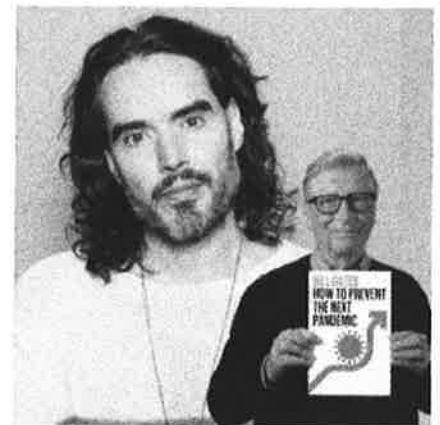
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Half of America to go dark this summer due to Biden's "Build Blackouts Better"

Sunday, May 22, 2022 by: Ethan Huff

Tags: Biden, Blackouts, Build Blackouts Better, chaos, Collapse, Drought, electricity, grid collapse, infrastructure, power grid, summer

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(Natural News) A perfect storm of megadroughts, heatwaves and reduced power generation thanks to "green" energy initiatives is shaping up to leave half of America completely in the dark this summer.

Rolling blackouts from the Great Lakes to the West Coast are expected to be a common occurrence this year, according to *Bloomberg*, citing a new report from the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC), a regulatory body that manages the stability of the electrical grid.

NERC is warning that the West Coast especially will be extremely strained during the warmest months of the year. Historic drought conditions reduce hydroelectric power generation due to decreasing reservoir levels. This is already occurring at the Hoover Dam, which is just days away from dropping below 1,050 feet (if it has not already).

Once the largest hydroelectric dam in the world, the Hoover Dam is now at its lowest level on record. And this is just one of many such dams throughout the West that is in dire shape leading up to what is expected to be an extremely hot summer.

"Compound the hellacious weather backdrop with grids decommissioning fossil fuel power plants to fight climate change and their inability to bring on new green power generation, such as solar, wind, and batteries, in time, is a perfect storm waiting to happen that will produce electricity deficits that may force power companies into rolling blackouts for stability purposes," reports *Zero Hedge*.

Of course they're also blaming Russia, saying "cyberattacks" will take down the grid

Since last summer, power generation capacity across the western United States has declined by about 2.3 percent, even as demand is expected to increase. The Midwest is also in pretty bad shape, with the grid expected to be extremely tight throughout the summer months.



Some grids may have to source power from neighboring grids if they run into shortages, which could trigger blackouts. The NERC expects this, having warned last year that at least 40 percent of the country is now at risk of losing power at a moment's notice, depending upon demand.

This year, expectations are even worse with at least half of the country expected to run into energy problems once the really bad heat arrives. Not only have conditions worsened since the last estimation, but more "green" energy has been installed to replace stable energy since that time as well.

The Electric Reliability Council of Texas (ERCOT) has issued multiple warnings as of late about how summer heatwaves could push that system over the edge. Texas is known to be hot and should be prepared, but after the freeze fiasco last year, there is no telling what will happen to the Lone Star State this year.

California is also in dire straits with a drought that is shrinking reservoir levels combined with the decommissioning of fossil fuel plants.

"We know that reliability is going to be difficult in this time of transition," said Alice Reynolds, president of the California Public Utilities Commission, during a recent press conference.

Keep in mind that this is all expected to hit a time when gas and other energy prices are skyrocketing, inflation is through the roof, and food shortages are expected to increase. Hell on earth is about to be unleashed, it seems.

"America is slipping into the abyss as households get a taste of what it's like to live in Venezuela," warns *Zero Hedge*.

"It's not that far off from what people are experiencing today: soaring inflation, shortages, a ruling regime which so many claim was not elected by the majority and soon, rolling blackouts."

To keep up with the latest energy news as it develops, be sure to check out [EnergySupply.news](https://www.naturalnews.com/2022-05-22-half-america-dark-summer-biden-build-blackouts-better.html).

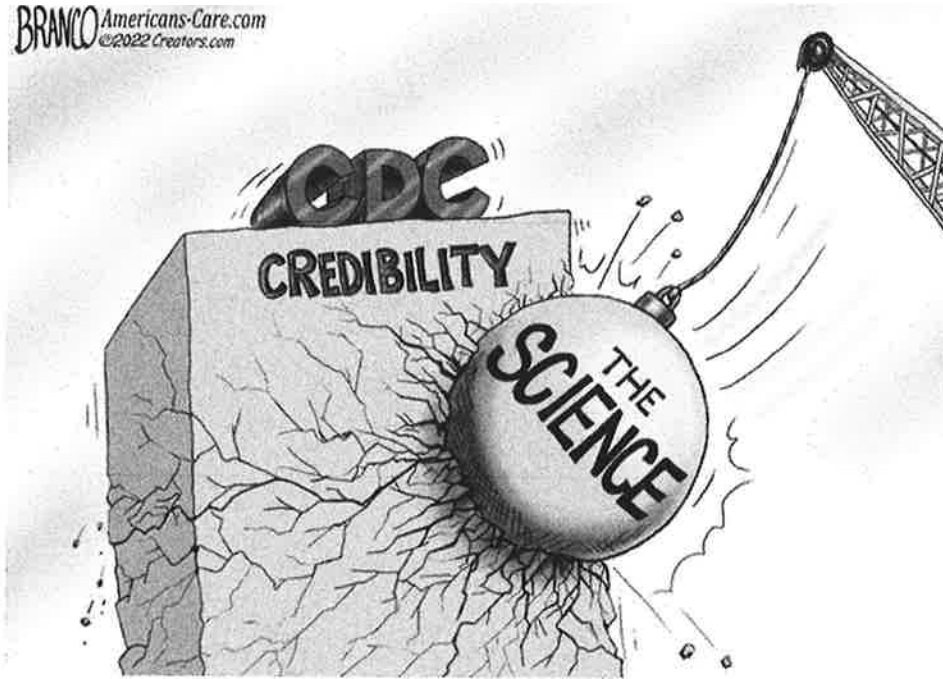
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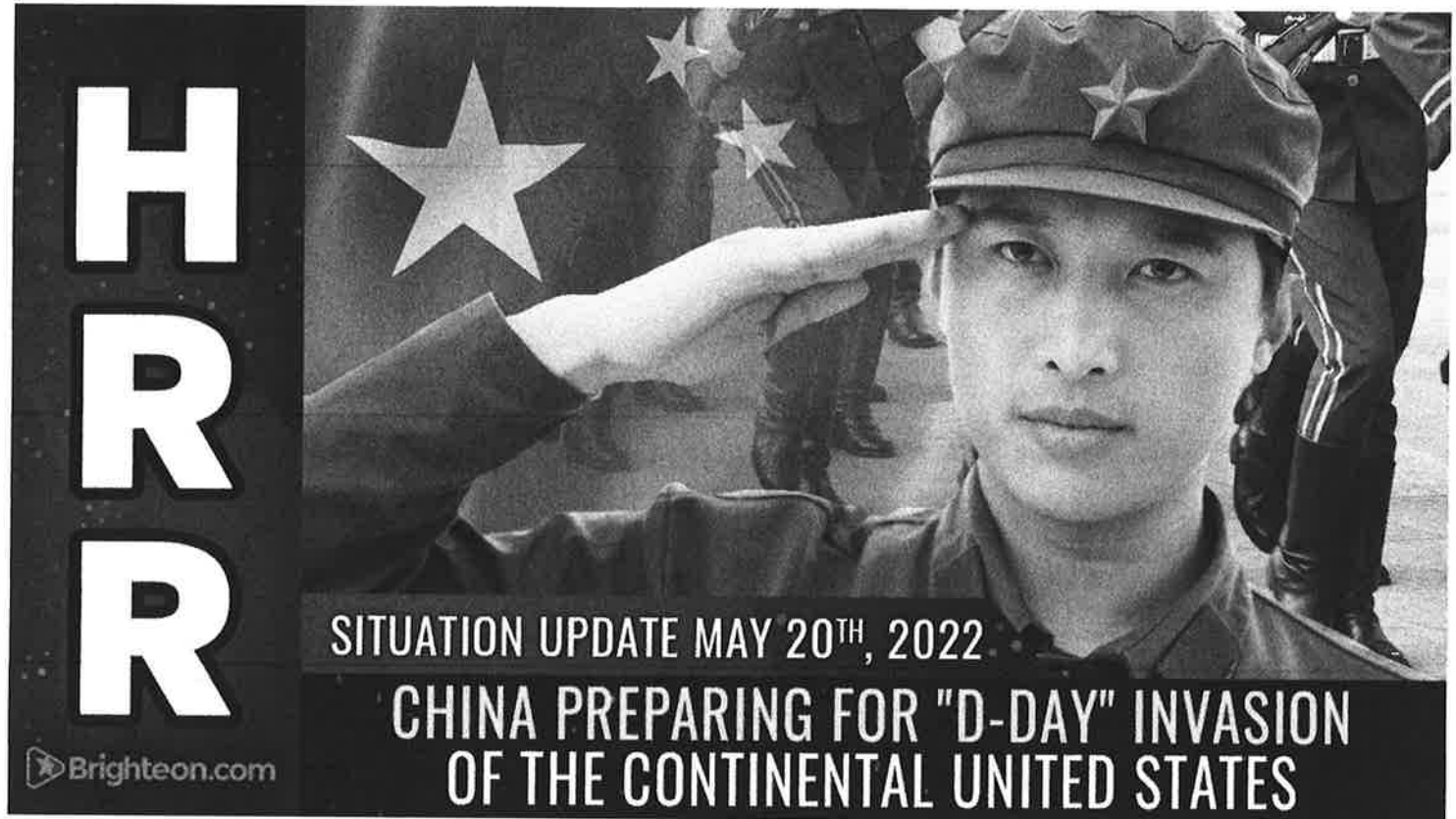
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SOURCES: China preparing for "D-Day" INVASION of the continental United States, with forces to land on the beaches of California, as Biden and Newsom serve as China's accomplices

Friday, May 20, 2022 by: Mike Adams

Tags: America, China, D-Day, final war, invasion, leaked audio, national defense, national security, Taiwan, USA

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(Natural News) Leaked audio that appears to have originated from a meeting of China's top war generals reveals elaborate plans for a land invasion in the near future, waged by the People's Liberation Army (PLA) and augmented with cyber warfare, orbital space weapons and the activation of CCP civilians currently embedded in corporations and governments around the world.

This is the bombshell that has emerged from the leaked audio out of China, for which a full English translation and transcript has now been published by whistleblower Jennifer Zeng at this link. (The English translation is somewhat rough but still very useful.)

Yesterday I interviewed John Moore (TheLibertyMan.com) who offered extensive details on this plan. His source, in turn, is JR Nyquist, with whom I spoke yesterday in a private phone conversation. (I am interviewing Nyquist today during the fourth hour of the Alex Jones Show, where I'm a fill-in host. See that at InfoWars.com)

I'm also scheduled to interview Nyquist in much more detail Monday, with that interview to be posted Tuesday next week at my channel on Brighteon.com, which will also post the recent interview with John Moore:

HR Report channel link on Brighteon.com

Some of the highlights of all this, which I cover extensively in today's Situation Update podcast (see below), including the following conclusions and/or claims. Note that no one can yet *prove* this is the active plan of China at this moment, but it appears that such plans are being actively pursued:

- China's shutdowns of Shanghai and Beijing were actually a cover story to allow the military to use sea port infrastructure to load cargo ships with military supplies in preparation for a large-scale "D-Day" land invasion.
- Although the United States is not specifically mentioned in the leaked audio, the preparations refer to a "Final War" and are deemed far too extensive to merely be targeting Taiwan.
- The invasion forces would cross the Pacific disguised as merchant ships / cargo ships. Once they arrive within short-range rocket range, containers on the top of these ocean vessels would open up and launch short-range rockets, including tactical battlefield nuclear weapons, striking National Guard and military bases in California. Chinese troops would then land on the beaches. They would seize the ports (such as Long Beach), then use the ports to land heavier ships which would offload armor, artillery, and other heavy weapon of war. From there, China would have established a beachhead similar to the way allied forces stormed the beaches of Normandy in World War II.
- Both China and Russia have pre-staged large caches of weapons, uniforms, RPGs, automatic weapons, night vision equipment and other military gear across the United States, county by county. These equipment caches will be activated when the CCP and Russian civilians are told to "go hot" and begin carrying out domestic sabotage operations targeting the US power grid, fuel refineries, railways and other infrastructure targets. From the transcript of the leaked audio, "We should take the way of using civilians to cover and support the military... We will mobilize overseas Chinese and overseas Chinese organizations to actively participate in supporting our military operations."
- China is deliberately stockpiling massive quantities of food supplies (grains), microchips, ammunition, commodities and other items in preparation for being economically cut off by the West, just as the USA and NATO did to Russia. This further implies that China is preparing to attack the West and is anticipating the West's response by watching what the USA and NATO have done to Russia.
- China is actively converting its economy from a normal peacetime operation to a wartime operation, and China's military leaders cite their "success" with covid lockdowns as proof that their command-and-control dominance over domestic operations will keep them in power.
- China is expecting massive riots and civil unrest in the large cities around Hong Kong (Guangzhou and Shenzhen), and they are committed to using special forces from the PLA to immediately execute protesters and instantly quell any uprisings.
- China and Russia have teamed up in this effort to destroy their common enemy (the USA). Russia's operations in Ukraine are essentially a "fixing operation" to cause the USA to commit its military hardware and troops to the Ukrainian theater of war, thereby creating vulnerabilities and lack of military readiness in the continental United States (CONUS), just as China is preparing to invade the USA in a D-Day-style landing of troops and military equipment.
- From other sources, we also know that China is taking active steps in global currency wars to dump the dollar, dump all dollar / Treasury debt, and prepare for a global dollar collapse.
- This invasion plan has all been aided by Gov. Newsom and the Democrats of California outlawing AR-15s and normal capacity magazines, causing the people of California to be ill-equipped to defend themselves against invading enemy forces.
- California Gov. Newsom is complicit in the entire operation and has been paid off with \$500 million in laundered money that the state of California first transferred to China as part of a \$1 billion "PPE purchase" scheme which resulted in \$500 million going back to Newsom and his treasonous co-conspirators. Newsom literally used taxpayer funds and China money laundering to pay himself half a billion dollars in kickbacks, believed to be denominated in gold, cash and crypto.
- China's goal is to exterminate every last American in North America, then conquer the fertile farmlands of the Midwest, which are desperately needed by China to produce the crops that will feed its people and support China's global expansion toward world dominance. The longstanding military posture of China includes a plan to exterminate every last American, including all the illegals who currently reside in the USA.
- China can raise up to 100 million military troops over time, flooding CONUS with a seemingly endless stream of combat troops.

Readying large numbers of ocean transport vessels for the invasion

From the leaked audio transcript, you can see China's preparedness activities involving ocean vessels and how they're being readied for war:



Commanders! Regarding the formation of the fleet and the distribution of personnel and equipment, we are prepared to arrange it in this way.

First, equip the ships with strong cadres. According to the different support items and specific uses, they are formed into 3 brigades, 45 squadrons, and 135 detachments. We have prepared 231 cadres to accompany the ships, 3 of them are in regimental positions, 45 battalion positions, and 183 other military cadres.

Second, optimize the ship's militia. Equip them with the main crew, veterans, and equipment in a mixed-mode. The transportation ships are mainly manned with defense forces, medical personnel, and correspondents. Ten thousand-ton ships are equipped with a platoon, thousand-ton ships with a squad, and hundred-ton ships with a squad. Each group of the militia is mainly composed of defense forces and main equipment operators.

Third, load the ships with high-tech equipment. Follow the latest task needs of the maritime militia, and equip the militia with a variety of unmanned equipment, radar, sonar, and other high-tech equipment. Altogether there are more than 2,000 sets.

End of report!

The transcript also makes reference to elements of drone warfare, cyber warfare and space weapons, specifically mentioning Huawei as a large company whose resources are needed to support China's war efforts:

As to the 2,000+ pieces of high-tech equipment, 480 drones and 70 unmanned boats are currently secured in place. We need to seize the moment to transfer.

Superiors asked us to mobilize 21 network attack and control detachments, we've mobilized 15, with a current shortage of 6 detachments and 60 people. We also lack 32 attack and control system industry network expert talents. Our advice is to mobilize Qianxin, Huawei, Tencent, and other key high-tech enterprises, and enhance the corresponding distribution to meet the needs of the troops.

In Shenzhen, we can find all satellite supporting enterprises. Can we take the initiative to take advantage of this area to contribute to the participation in the war to support the front?

Commander, at present we rely on Zhuhai Orbita, Shenzhen Aerospace Dongfanghong Satellite Co., Foshan Deliya and Ji Hua Laboratory, and have formed four satellite detachments. We have in total 16 low-orbit satellites, with 0.5 to 10 meters global remote ultra-high optical resolution sensing and imaging capabilities.

In addition, China's war leader make strong reference to the **psychological operations** that will be waged by their government to control the population as they wage war against the West:

First, we need to strengthen the protection in political field. Look at the recent several regional wars, especially the Russian-Ukrainian conflict war situation. If you look at the big picture, the United States and the West will try everything to slander us, smear us, in an attempt to confuse right and wrong, to shake our will to win a just and decisive battle. We must give full play to public opinion, legal struggle, psychological war and militia teams to strengthen the guidance of public opinion and psychological protection, and cohesion of patriotic support for the positive energy of the military front.

Estimated timetable is early November of this year

Although the leaked audio does not specifically refer to a calendar date, JR Nyquist told me he believes the planning details point to a rapid timetable, perhaps early November of this year. That would of course help the Democrats avoid any mid-term elections where they would be removed from power due to the overwhelming American frustration with Joe Biden's catastrophic fake presidency and

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the total destruction against America that has been unleashed by Democrats who rigged elections in order to steal positions of public office.

An invasion by China would suspend the mid-term elections and place America into a near-instant military dictatorship, commanded by none other than Joe Biden, the Impersonator-In-Chief who can barely command his own lips, much less the entire U.S. military.

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Monkeypox Virus Infection in the United States and Other Non-endemic Countries—2022

Summary

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) are investigating a confirmed case of monkeypox in the United States. On May 17, 2022, skin lesions that had several features suspicious for monkeypox—firm, well circumscribed, deep-seated, and umbilicated lesions—on a Massachusetts resident prompted specialized Laboratory Response Network (LRN) testing of swab specimens collected from the resident; preliminary testing confirmed the presence of DNA consistent with an orthopoxvirus using Orthopoxvirus generic and non-variola Orthopoxvirus real-time polymerase chain reaction (PCR) assays. This group of viruses includes monkeypox virus (the causative agent of monkeypox). Testing at CDC on May 18 confirmed the patient was infected with a West African strain of monkeypox virus. The patient is currently isolated and does not pose a risk to the public.

Cases of monkeypox have previously been identified in travelers from, or residents of, West African or Central African countries where monkeypox is considered to be endemic. CDC is issuing this Health Alert Network (HAN) Health Advisory to ask clinicians in the United States to be vigilant to the characteristic rash associated with monkeypox. Suspicion for monkeypox should be heightened if the rash occurs in people who 1) traveled to countries with recently confirmed cases of monkeypox, 2) report having had contact with a person or people who have a similar appearing rash or received a diagnosis of confirmed or suspected monkeypox, or 3) is a man who regularly has close or intimate in-person contact with other men, including those met through an online website, digital application (“app”), or at a bar or party. Lesions may be disseminated or located on the genital or perianal area alone. Some patients may present with proctitis, and their illness could be clinically confused with a sexually transmitted infection (STI) like syphilis or herpes, or with varicella zoster virus infection.

Background

Since May 14, 2022, clusters of monkeypox cases, have been reported in several countries that don't normally have monkeypox. Although previous cases outside of Africa have been associated with travel from Nigeria, most of the recent cases do not have direct travel-associated exposure risks. The United Kingdom Health Security Agency (UKHSA) was the first to announce on May 7, 2022, identification of a recent U.K. case that occurred in a traveler returning from Nigeria. On May 14, 2022, UKHSA announced an unrelated cluster of monkeypox cases in two people living in the same household who have no history of recent travel. On May 16, 2022, UKHSA announced a third temporally clustered group of cases involving four people who self-identify as gay, bisexual, or men who have sex with men (MSM), none of whom have links to the three previously diagnosed patients. Some evidence suggests that cases among MSM may be epidemiologically linked; the patients in this cluster were identified at sexual health clinics. This is an evolving investigation and public health authorities hope to learn more about routes of exposure in the coming days.

Monkeypox is a zoonotic infection endemic to several Central and West African countries. The wild animal reservoir is unknown. Before May 2022, cases outside of Africa were reported either among people with recent travel to Nigeria or contact with a person with a confirmed monkeypox virus infection. However, in May 2022, nine patients were confirmed with monkeypox in England; six were among persons without a history of travel to Africa and the source of these infections is unknown.

Monkeypox disease symptoms always involve the characteristic rash, regardless of whether there is disseminated rash. Historically, the rash has been preceded by a prodrome including fever, lymphadenopathy, and often other non-specific symptoms such as malaise, headache, and muscle aches. In the most recent reported cases, prodromal symptoms may not have always occurred; some recent cases have begun with characteristic, monkeypox-like lesions in the genital and perianal region, in the absence of subjective fever and other prodromal symptoms. For this reason, cases may be confused with more commonly seen infections (e.g., syphilis, chancroid, herpes, and varicella zoster). The average incubation period for symptom onset is 5–13 days.

The typical monkeypox lesions involve the following: deep-seated and well-circumscribed lesions, often with central umbilication; and lesion progression through specific sequential stages—macules, papules, vesicles, pustules, and scabs. Synchronized progression occurs on specific anatomic sites with lesions in each stage of development for at least 1–2 days. The scabs eventually fall off¹. Lesions can occur on the palms and soles, and when generalized, the rash is very similar to that of smallpox including a centrifugal distribution. Monkeypox can occur concurrently with other rash illnesses, including varicella-zoster virus and herpes simplex virus infections. Case fatality for monkeypox is reported to range between 1 and 11%. Confirmatory laboratory diagnostic testing for monkeypox is performed using real-time polymerase chain reaction assay on lesion-derived specimens.

A person is considered infectious from the onset of symptoms and is presumed to remain infectious until lesions have crusted, those crusts have separated, and a fresh layer of healthy skin has formed underneath. Human-to-human transmission occurs through large respiratory droplets and by direct contact with body fluids or lesion material. Respiratory droplets generally cannot travel more than a few feet, so prolonged face-to-face contact is required. Indirect contact with lesion material through fomites has also been documented. Animal-to-human transmission may occur through a bite or scratch, preparation of wild game, and direct or indirect contact with body fluids or lesion material.

There is no specific treatment for monkeypox virus infection, although antivirals developed for use in patients with smallpox may prove beneficial². Persons with direct contact (e.g., exposure to the skin, crusts, bodily fluids, or other materials) or indirect contact (e.g., presence within a six-foot radius in the absence of an N95 or filtering respirator for ≥3 hours) with a patient with monkeypox should be monitored by health departments; depending on their level of risk, some persons may be candidates for post-exposure prophylaxis with smallpox vaccine under an Investigational New Drug protocol after consultation with public health authorities.

Recommendations for Clinicians

- If clinicians identify patients with a rash that could be consistent with monkeypox, especially those with a recent travel history to a country where monkeypox has been reported, monkeypox should be considered as a possible diagnosis. The rash associated with monkeypox involves vesicles or pustules that are deep-seated, firm or hard, and well-circumscribed; the lesions may umbilicate or become confluent and progress over time to scabs. Presenting symptoms typically include fever, chills, the distinctive rash, or new lymphadenopathy; however, onset of perianal or genital lesions in the absence of subjective fever has been reported. The rash associated with monkeypox can be confused with other diseases that are more commonly encountered in clinical practice (e.g., secondary syphilis, herpes, chancroid, and varicella zoster). However, a high index of suspicion for monkeypox is warranted when evaluating people with the characteristic rash, particularly for the following groups: men who report sexual contact with other men and who present with lesions in the genital/perianal area, people reporting a significant travel history in the month before illness onset or people reporting contact with people who have a similar rash or have received a diagnosis of suspected or confirmed monkeypox.
- Information on infection prevention and control in healthcare settings is provided on the CDC website: [Infection Control: Hospital | Monkeypox | Poxvirus | CDC](#). CDC is currently reviewing this information to consider the need for updates.

- Clinicians should consult their state health department ([State Contacts](#)) if they suspect monkeypox; if the health department cannot be reached, CDC can be contacted through the CDC Emergency Operations Center (770-488-7100) as soon as monkeypox is suspected.
 - All specimens should be sent through the state and territorial public health department, unless authorized to send them directly to CDC.

Recommendations for Health Departments

- If monkeypox is suspected, CDC should be consulted through the CDC Emergency Operations Center (770-488-7100).
 - Appropriately collected samples can be sent to CDC or an appropriate [Laboratory Response Network](#) laboratory for testing by PCR.
- Laboratory Response Network laboratories can provide orthopoxvirus testing on lesion specimens that clinicians obtain from suspected patients; confirmatory monkeypox virus-specific testing at CDC requires a dry lesion swab specimen. [Collect](#) multiple specimens for preliminary and confirmatory testing as follows: 1) Vigorously swab or brush lesion with two separate sterile dry polyester or Dacron swabs; 2) Break off end of applicator of each swab into a 1.5- or 2-mL screw-capped tube with O-ring or place each entire swab in a separate sterile container. Do not add or store in viral or universal transport media.
- After diagnosis of monkeypox, begin contact tracing of individuals who may have been exposed to the patient while the patient was symptomatic. Contacts should be monitored for 21 days after their last date of contact with the patient.
- Share this HAN Health Advisory with relevant healthcare provider networks, including STI clinics that may not always receive CDC HAN messages.

Recommendations for the Public

- Based on limited information available at this time, risk to the public appears low. Some people who may have symptoms of monkeypox, such as characteristic rashes or lesions, should contact their healthcare provider for a risk assessment. This includes anyone who 1) traveled to countries where monkeypox cases have been reported 2) reports contact with a person who has a similar rash or received a diagnosis of confirmed or suspected monkeypox, or 3) is a man who has had close or intimate in-person contact with other men in the past month, including through an online website, digital application ("app"), or at a bar or party.

For More Information

- Contact your state or local health department if you have any questions or suspect a patient may have monkeypox.
- CDC Poxvirus and Rabies Branch: poxvirus@cdc.gov or for issues that cannot be resolved through emails, CDC's 24/7 Emergency Operations Center (EOC): 770-488-7100 or [CDC-INFO](#) (1-800-232-4636)

References

¹ [Clinical Recognition of Monkeypox](#)

² [Antivirals](#)

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As Monkeypox Cases Spread, Report Shows Gates Foundation, WHO, Pharma Execs Took Part in Monkeypox Pandemic 'Simulation'

The World Health Organization on Friday held an emergency meeting to discuss the outbreak of monkeypox after more than 100 cases were reported across 12 countries, as a report surfaced showing the Gates Foundation, WHO and Pharma execs in March 2021 conducted a monkeypox pandemic "simulation."

By Michael Nevradakis, Ph.D.

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The World Health Organization (WHO) on Friday held an emergency meeting to discuss the outbreak of monkeypox after more than 100 cases were reported across 12 countries.

Days before the WHO convened, the Biden administration placed a \$119 million order for monkeypox vaccines after the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) confirmed six people in the U.S. were being monitored for the viral infection, and one person had tested positive.

Belgium on Sunday became the first country to introduce a compulsory 21-day quarantine for monkeypox patients after reporting four cases of the disease in the last week, Politico reported.

The 100 newly reported cases, or suspected cases, garnered attention because many of them do not appear to be linked to travel to Africa, where in some regions, monkeypox is endemic.

Cases were reported in Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, France, Germany, Greece, Israel, Italy, the Netherlands, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland and the U.K. No deaths are reported as of yet.

The number of identified cases in Europe is a record, described by Germany's armed forces medical services as "the largest and most widespread outbreak ... ever seen in Europe," while its spread in the U.K. was described as "unprecedented."

U.K. public health officials warned more monkeypox cases are being detected "on a daily basis" and that there "could be really significant numbers over the next two or three weeks," though they did not specify what "numbers" would be considered "really significant."

The manner in which monkeypox may have spread — through sexual health services and sexual contact between men — also may have helped to heap attention on this new outbreak.

Many of the recent cases were traced to two "superspreader" events that involved situations in which men came into close physical contact, including 30 monkeypox cases in Spain traced to a single adult sauna in Madrid.

Monkeypox cases reported in Belgium appear to be connected to a recent gay "fetish festival."

For some, these developments may bring to mind the early onset of HIV, which at the time was connected to sexual contact among males, and to remarks by Dr. Anthony Fauci that he visited gay saunas and bars during the early years of the HIV outbreak to understand how the virus was spreading.

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WHO Europe regional director Hans Kluge last week expressed concerns about transmission at “mass gatherings, festivals, and parties.”

However, other public health professionals said there is a low risk to the public and a low likelihood that the epidemic will last long.

Meanwhile, questions are popping up about the similarity between a March 2021 tabletop “simulation” of a monkeypox outbreak and a similar simulation in 2019 — Event 201 — which correctly “predicted” the COVID-19 pandemic

Monkeypox — what is it?

Monkeypox was first discovered in 1958 in monkeys, although they are not the source of the virus. It was first identified in humans in 1970.

The virus is particularly prevalent in Central and West Africa and is considered a rare zoonotic disease, which means that it is caused by germs that spread between animals and people.

Monkeypox typically is spread by wild animals, such as in instances when a human is bitten or comes into contact with animal blood or bodily fluids. However, human-to-human transmission, while rare, is possible.

The virus is known to enter the human body through broken skin, the respiratory tract, or the eyes, nose or mouth, for instance through large respiratory droplets or through contact — including sexual contact — with bodily fluids or lesions, or indirectly through contaminated clothing or linens.

However, “common household disinfectants can kill it.”

A prior outbreak — the first to occur outside of the African continent — occurred in the U.S. in 2003, linked to animals shipped to Texas from Ghana.

And in July 2021, monkeypox was confirmed in a Texas individual who had returned to Dallas from Nigeria, according to the CDC.

Symptoms of monkeypox infection tend to be mild, and include fever, rash and swollen lymph nodes, and occasionally intense headache, back pain, muscle aches, lack of energy and skin eruptions which can cause painful lesions, scabs or crusts.

There are two strains of monkeypox: the West African and Central African strains. The latter is known as the deadlier of the two, but the cases identified in the recent outbreak all appear to have been caused by the milder West African strain.

Did March 2021 ‘pandemic exercise’ predict monkeypox outbreak?

In October 2019, just weeks before the outbreak of COVID-19, the Johns Hopkins Center for Health Security, along with the World Economic Forum (WEF) and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, organized “Event 201,” a “high-level pandemic exercise” that mirrored what later followed with COVID-19 pandemic.

In March 2021, the Nuclear Threat Initiative (NTI), in conjunction with the Munich Security Conference, held a “tabletop exercise on reducing high-consequence biological threats.”

This “fictional exercise scenario” involved the simulation of “a deadly, global pandemic involving an unusual strain of monkeypox virus that first emerged in the fictional nation of Brinia and spread globally over 18 months.”

According to NTI, this exercise, which was “[d]eveloped in consultation with technical and policy experts,” brought together “19 senior leaders and experts from across Africa, the Americas, Asia, and Europe with decades of combined experience in public health, biotechnology industry, international security, and philanthropy.”

The exercise culminated in a report, published November 2021, titled “Strengthening Global Systems to Prevent and Respond to High-Consequence Biological Threats: Results from the 2021 Tabletop Exercise Conducted in Partnership with the Munich Security Conference.”

This report contains key findings from the exercise, as well as “actionable recommendations for the international community.”

The outcome of this “exercise scenario” found the fictional pandemic, “caused by a terrorist attack using a pathogen engineered in a laboratory with inadequate biosafety and biosecurity provisions and weak oversight,” led to “more than three billion cases and 270 million fatalities worldwide.”

The fictional start date of the monkeypox pandemic in this exercise was May 15, 2022. The first European case of monkeypox was identified on May 7, 2022.

Key findings from the report included:

- The “need” for “a more robust, transparent detection, evaluation, and early warning system that can rapidly communicate actionable information about pandemic risks.”
- “Gaps in national-level preparedness,” which will require national governments to “improve preparedness by developing national-level pandemic response plans built upon a coherent system of ‘triggers’ that prompt anticipatory action, despite uncertainty and

near-term costs," described as a "no-regrets" policymaking basis.

- "Gaps in biological research governance" in order to "meet today's security requirements" and be "ready for significantly expanded challenges in the future."
- "Insufficient financing of international preparedness for pandemics," and a lack of financing for countries to "make the essential national investments in pandemic preparedness."

Key recommendations included:

- Bolstering international systems "for pandemic risk assessment, warning, and investigating outbreak origins," calling upon the WHO to "establish a graded, transparent, international public health alert system" and the United Nations system to "establish a new mechanism for investigating high-consequence biological events of unknown origin."
- The development and implementation of "national-level triggers for early, proactive pandemic response," including the adaptation of the "no-regrets" approach to responding to pandemics via "anticipatory action" based on "triggers" that would automatically generate a response to "high-consequence biological events."
- The establishment of "an international entity dedicated to reducing emerging biological risks associated with rapid technology advances," that would "support interventions throughout the bioscience and biotechnology research and development life cycle — from funding, through execution, and on to publication or commercialization."
- The development of "a catalytic global health security fund to accelerate pandemic preparedness capacity building in countries around the world," which would include "[n]ational leaders, development banks, philanthropic donors, and the private sector" with the aim of establishing and funding "a new financing mechanism to bolster global health security and pandemic preparedness" and that would incentivize "national governments to invest in their own preparedness over the long term."
- The establishment of "a robust international process to tackle the challenge of supply chain resilience," based on a "high-level panel" that would be convened by the UN secretary-general "to develop recommendations for critical measures to bolster global supply chain resilience for medical and public health supplies."

The above recommendations were borne out in practice during the simulated monkeypox pandemic scenario.

As stated in the report:

"In national pandemic response plans, specific readiness measures would be 'triggered' based on factors related to the potential severity of the outbreak, expected delays in situational awareness, and the time it would take to implement response measures and see results."

What would be "triggered" bears a remarkable similarity to the COVID-19-related measures of the past two-plus years.

The report states:

"Although triggered actions would vary depending upon the particular needs of the country, in most cases the goals are the same: slow the spread of disease to buy time and flatten the epidemiological curve, while using that time to scale up public health and medical systems to keep up with growing caseloads and save lives.

"NPIs [non-pharmaceutical interventions] such as mask mandates and ceasing mass gatherings were deemed to be critical for blocking chains of disease transmission.

"Participants generally did not endorse travel restrictions such as border closures, but travel health screening measures [i.e., vaccine passports] were viewed as valuable."

According to the results of the simulated scenario, the fictional countries that "prioritized keeping their economies open, undertaking little-to-no NPIs, and downplaying the virus and its potential impacts ... have experienced much worse outcomes in terms of illness and mortality" than those fictional countries that "promptly adopted aggressive measures to slow virus transmission," such as "shutting down mass gatherings, imposing social-distancing measures, and implementing mask mandates," in addition to establishing "large-scale testing and contact-tracing operations."

Gates Foundation, pharma execs, WHO participated in monkeypox pandemic simulation

Who took part in the NTI's monkeypox pandemic simulation?

Key participants included:

- Dr. Ruxandra Draghia-Akli, global head of Johnson & Johnson Global Public Health R&D and Janssen Research & Development.
- Dr. Chris Elias, president of the global development division of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.
- Dr. George Gao, director-general of the Chinese Center for Disease Control and Prevention (the Chinese CDC).
- Dr. Margaret (Peggy) A. Hamburg, interim vice president for global biological policy and programs at NTI, a member of the global health scientific advisory committee for the Gates Foundation and a member of the board of GAVI-The Vaccine Alliance.

- Sam Nunn, a former U.S. senator who is the founder and co-chair of NTI.
- Dr. Michael Ryan, executive director of the WHO Health Emergencies Program and a highly visible figure during COVID-19 times.
- Dr. Petra Wicklandt, head of corporate affairs for Merck.

Several of the participants listed above also “participated” in Event 201.

The authors of the report also stand out for their background.

For example, Dr. Jaime M. Yassif, vice president of NTI global biological policy and programs, holds a Ph.D. in biophysics from the University of California-Berkeley and a master’s degree in science and security from the King’s College, London, war studies department.

Yassif previously led the initiative on biosecurity and pandemic preparedness at the Open Philanthropy Project, including the management of nearly \$40 million in biosecurity grants, the “initiation of new biosecurity work in China and India,” and “establishment of the Global Health Security Index.”

She also previously advised the U.S. Department of Defense on science and technology policy and worked on the Global Health Security Agenda at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Co-author Chris Isaac, program officer for NTI’s Global Biological Policy and Programs team, “has been involved with synthetic biology through the Internationally Genetically Engineered Machines Competition since the start of his scientific career” and “is an alumnus of the Emerging Leaders in Biosecurity Fellowship at the Johns Hopkins Center for Health Security.”

The report is the product of a partnership between NTI, co-founded by Nunn and Ted Turner, and the Munich Security Conference.

Both NTI (\$3.5 million, for “vaccine development”) and the Munich Security conference (\$1.2 million) received funding from the Gates Foundation.

The report itself was funded by the Open Philanthropy project, one of whose main funders is Dustin Moscovitz, co-founder of Facebook along with Mark Zuckerberg.

Open Philanthropy, over the past decade, has provided donations and grants to the following entities and for the following purposes:

- \$166.9 million for “global health.”
- \$90.2 million for “biosecurity and pandemic preparedness.”
- \$18 million for “global catastrophic risks.”
- \$40.2 to Johns Hopkins Center for Health Security.
- \$17.9 to NTI.
- \$2.2 to The Guardian.
- \$1.6 to Rockefeller University.

Johns Hopkins Center for Health Security at center of multiple tabletop exercises

NTI and the Munich Security Conference are not new to “tabletop exercises” — their report highlights previous simulations, including a 2019 report titled “A Spreading Plague,” and a 2020 report titled “Preventing Global Catastrophic Biological Risks.”

Other simulations in the recent past, in addition to Event 201, include:

- Operation Dark Winter (June 2001, less than three months before the 9/11 attacks and subsequent anthrax scare, “examining the national security, intergovernmental, and information challenges of a biological attack on the American homeland”).
- Operation Atlantic Storm (January 2005, “designed to mimic a summit of transatlantic leaders forced to respond to a bioterrorist attack”).
- The Clade X exercise (May 2018, “to illustrate high-level strategic decisions and policies that the United States and the world will need to pursue in order to prevent a pandemic or diminish its consequences should prevention fail”). Yassif helped develop the Clade X exercise.

The common denominator among all of these simulations? The Johns Hopkins Center for Health Security, which published a document titled “The SPARS Pandemic 2025-2028,” comprising “a futuristic scenario that illustrates communication dilemmas concerning medical countermeasures (MCMs) that could plausibly emerge in the not-so-distant future.”

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Predictions for the future don’t end there, however. For instance, in September 2017, NTI and the WEF organized a roundtable discussion on the current state of biological risks presented by technology advancement in light of the Fourth Industrial Revolution.

And in January 2020, NTI and the WEF again joined forces, issuing a report titled "Biosecurity Innovation and Risk Reduction: A Global Framework for Accessible, Safe and Secure DNA Synthesis."

According to the report:

"Rapid advancements in commercially available DNA synthesis technologies — used for example to artificially create gene sequences for clinical diagnosis and treatment — pose growing risks, with the potential to cause a catastrophic biological security threat if accidentally or deliberately misused."

Merck, whose head of corporate affairs participated in the monkeypox simulation, was the subject of an FBI and CDC investigation in November 2021 regarding 15 suspicious vials labeled "smallpox" at a Merck facility in Philadelphia.

Bill Gates no stranger to predicting the future

Bill Gates has himself been remarkably prescient with his predictions of future events.

Here are some of Gates' predictions:

- In a November 2015 TED talk, he stated "[i]f anything kills over 10 million people in the next few decades, it's most likely to be a highly infectious virus rather than a war. Not missiles, but microbes."
- In a 2017 speech at that year's Munich Security Conference, he said "the next epidemic could originate on the computer screen of a terrorist intent on using genetic engineering to create a synthetic version of the smallpox virus," arguing in favor of the merger of "health security" and "international security."
- In May 2021, Gates said "[s]omebody who wants to cause damage could engineer a virus so that the cost, the chance of running into this is more than that of naturally-caused epidemics such as the current one ... [t]he ways the humans interact with other species, these viruses are coming across the species barriers whether it's bats or monkeys."
- In November 2021, Gates publicly pondered, "[y]ou say, OK, what if a bioterrorist brought smallpox to 10 airports? You know, how would the world respond to that? There's naturally-caused epidemics and bioterrorism-caused epidemics that could even be way worse than what we experienced today."
- In February 2022, Gates warned that the next pandemic "... won't necessarily be a coronavirus or even the flu. It is likely to be a respiratory virus. Because, with all the human travel we have now, that's the one that can spread in such a rapid way," emphasizing the significance of providing sufficient funds to the private sector and academia to build better vaccines, therapeutics and diagnostics.
- Earlier this month, Gates called for the development of a so-called "Global Epidemic Response and Mobilization" (GERM) initiative, stating that present WHO funding was "not at all serious about pandemics" and that \$1 billion a year would be needed to operate this initiative.
- Also this month, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation announced "a new financial commitment of up to US\$125 million to help end the acute phase of the COVID-19 pandemic and prepare for future pandemics," with much of the money going toward "strengthening health systems in low-income countries, enhancing integrated disease monitoring, expanding access to pandemic tools, and helping countries manage COVID-19 alongside other pressing health needs."
- In his new book, "How to Prevent the Next Pandemic," Gates argues that, despite COVID fatigue, the world must focus on preparing for future pandemics, regardless of whether a disease is circulating.

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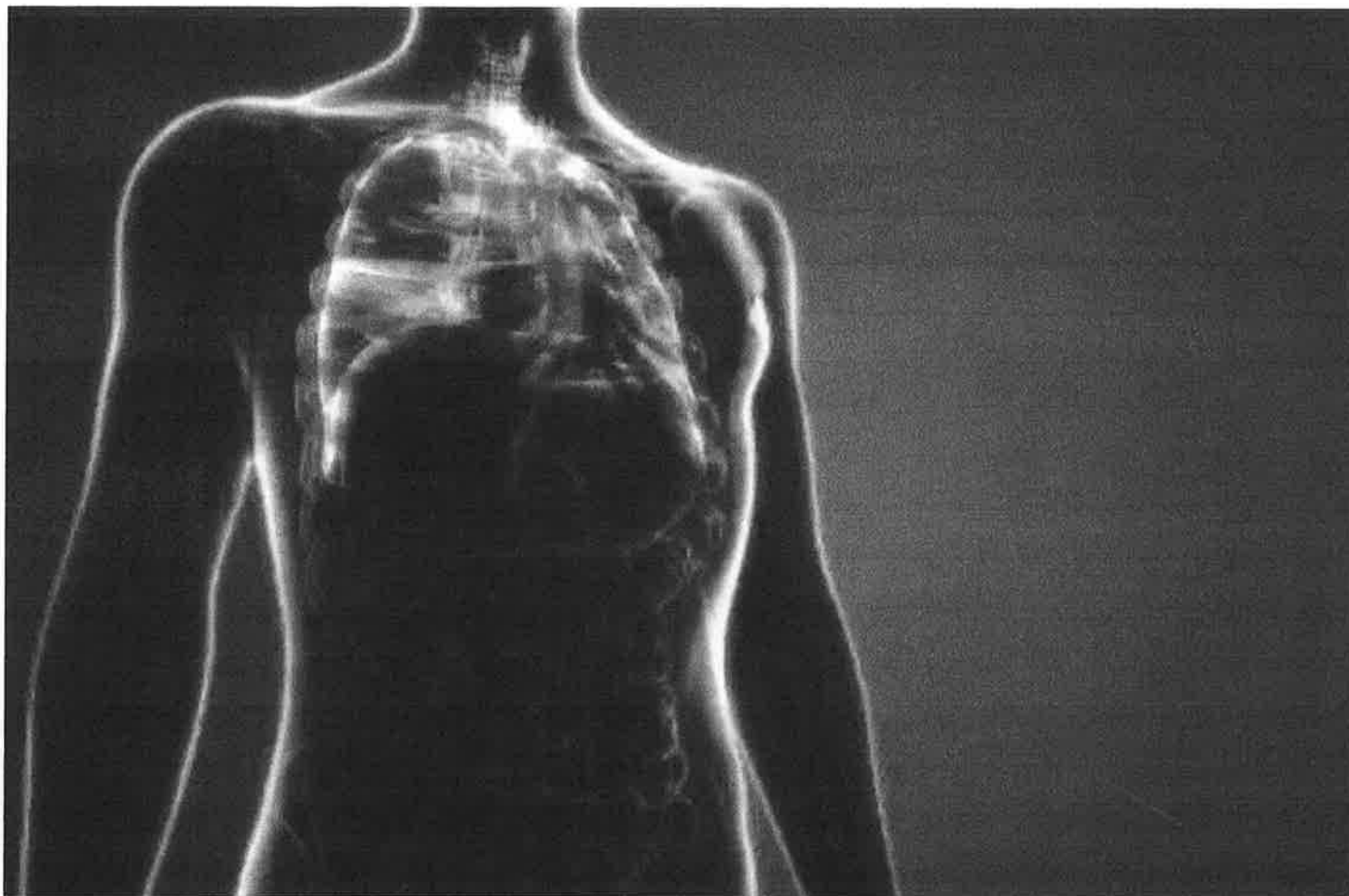
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By **Ashley Curtin** - April 7, 2022



After a study recently revealed microplastics were found in human blood, new research shows further evidence that microplastics are penetrating the living body. A study, which will be published in *Science of the Total Environment*, found microplastics in the lung tissue of living people for the first time.

In 11 out of 13 people sampled, a total of 39 microplastics were found in all regions of the lung, according to the study.

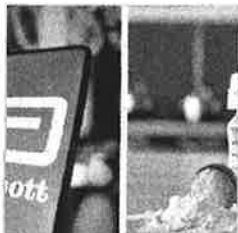
"Microplastics have previously been found in human cadaver autopsy samples; this is the first robust study to show microplastics in lungs from live people," Laura Sadofsky, senior author of the study from Hull York medical school, said.

While previous studies conducted during autopsies found plastics in lung samples, this study, which was conducted on live people, used spectrometry to identify "11 microplastics in the upper parts of the lung, seven in the middle and 21 in the lower parts," according to the Press Association.

"We did not expect to find the highest number of particles in the lower regions of the lungs, or particles of the sizes we found," Sadofsky said. "It is surprising as the airways are smaller in the lower parts of the lungs and we would have expected particles of these sizes to be filtered out or trapped before getting this deep."

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Central Banks Would Gain Unprecedented Power Over Your Spending Under New World Order

Under the pandemic-driven geopolitical agenda, central banks could gain full insight into every single transaction of every single person on the planet, and they will have the ability to program currency so that it can be used to purchase only certain things.

By [Dr. Joseph Mercola](#)

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Story at a glance:

- The New World Order (NWO) intends to implement a programmable currency that would give the central banks unprecedented and previously unimaginable power over individual spending.
- The COVID pandemic has been used to justify the implementation of a global biosecurity strategy with increased tracking and surveillance, and war will put the final nail in the coffin of the global economy and supply chains. With all of this currently underway, our opportunity to change course is short.
- The NWO is a defined globalist project to establish a centralized global governance by an Anglo-Saxon elite.
- War is a favored NWO strategy. It's a means to an end, as war provides economic stimulus and social change that can then be used to consolidate and centralize power.
- The environmental "green" movement is doomed to fail, as there simply aren't enough mineral resources. To achieve the goal to make all vehicles in the U.K. alone electric by 2050 will require twice the total annual cobalt produced worldwide, nearly all of the neodymium produced globally, and three-quarters of the world's lithium.

Technocracy is the proverbial operating system for the "superclass," a centralized global elite that is working toward securing the exclusive ownership of all the world's assets, reducing the rest of us to indebted serfs.

While the plans for a [NWO based on technocracy](#), i.e., [The Great Reset](#) and the Fourth Industrial Revolution, are clearly outlined on websites like that of the World Economic Forum (WEF), and world leaders are using these terms on a regular basis, when people point out the nefarious meaning of these terms, they're typically dismissed as loony conspiracy theorists.

But the NWO is no conspiracy theory. It's not even theory. It's a fact, and details of the plan are publicly available for anyone willing to look at them. As noted by Russell Brand in the featured video, the way you stay in power is by discrediting the opposition. Calling the opposition crackpot is the oldest trick in the book.

The best defense is to grow thicker skin and simply ignore the slander. At this point, the time between conspiracy theory and fact ranges from weeks to mere hours, so the time of suffering for truth-tellers has become fairly negligible.

The price we'll pay for ignoring truth will be far more severe, as it'll cost us literally everything — our financial wealth, our material possessions, our health and bodily autonomy, our freedom and any possibility of pursuing happiness on our own terms.

By now, it's become clear that the NWO intends to implement a programmable currency that would give the central banks unprecedented and previously unimaginable power over your spending.

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Defining the NWO

Aiding the NWO in their effort is mainstream media. While that's been the case for many decades, it's only in the last couple of years that their role has become transparent. In a blog detailing the historical background of the NWO, Iain Davis explains:

"The mainstream media (MSM) role is to confuse and mislead the public. They do not want the people to know what the NWO really is. They hide its history and generally deny its existence ... The MSM insist that when U.S. presidents talk about the NWO they are simply referring to changes in the behavioral norms, regulations and laws that broadly shape international relations.

"This may be the case, but that doesn't alter the fact that the NWO has a precise historical meaning ... It is clear that many presidents, prime ministers and geopolitical experts have referred to the NWO in its proper context ...

"Contrary to the opinions of propagandists and debunkers, the NWO is a defined globalist project. The objective is to establish global governance. It was inaugurated more than 100 years ago and it has undergone numerous changes over subsequent generations.

"While it wields immense political influence, it is not 'all-powerful.' The NWO is tyrannical and oppressive by nature, hence the need for subterfuge and concealment. Its architects cannot simply enforce their dictatorship and expect to get away with it. We would resist, and if we did so in sufficient numbers there's not much the NWO could do about it.

"Therefore, we need to be controlled by other means. Education, society, culture, economics, party politics, finance, applied psychology, behavior modification, censorship, propaganda, war and crisis management are all used to maneuver us into accepting the NWO's policy agendas.

"We persistently fall into this trap because we imagine our 'elected' leaders are making the 'big' decisions: they're not."

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The father of the NWO

The NWO traces back to Cecil Rhodes, a British businessman and founder of De Beers Consolidated Mining. At his death in 1902, he bequeathed an immense fortune to the creation of a number of public foundations, a secret society, and a new world government based on the British empire. This NWO — delineated in Rhodes' 1877 manifesto, "Confession of Faith" — was to be:

"... ruled from its center by an Anglo-American elite who would exercise their control by covertly collaborating with, and manipulating, the world's political, economic, scientific and cultural leaders. In order to exert their covert power, the group Rhodes created had to be a secret organization. As such, it wasn't given any formal identification.

"Nor was it some sort of quasi-mystical, funny handshake brigade, though many of its members were also in other secret societies which were, but rather a group by voluntary association, shared interest and a united common purpose.

"Membership was offered based upon power and influence. Those who joined, agreed to take action in pursuit of the society's aims. It wasn't just a talking shop. They meant business.

"The constituent groups came to be known by many names. 'Milner's Kindergarten,' 'The Round Table Group,' 'the Rhodes Crowd,' 'the Times Crowd,' 'The Chatham House Crowd,' 'All Souls Group' and 'the Cliveden set' have all been names given to various organizations within this secret society over the years.

"It worked on the basis of 'rings within rings.' At the center was a small group, 'the Society of the Elect,' who influenced the development and activities of its larger, working groups ... However, all members agreed to the key objective. To establish a single global government, which some people today refer to as the 'New World Order.'"

Confession of Faith

Here, in Rhodes' own words, is how he described his vision for a one-world government in "Confession of Faith":

"I contend that we [i.e., the Anglo-Saxons] are the finest race in the world and that the more of the world we inhabit the better it is for the human race. Just fancy those parts that are at present inhabited by the most despicable specimens of human beings ...

"Why should we not form a secret society with but one object: the furtherance of the British Empire and the bringing of the whole uncivilized world under British rule for the recovery of the United States for the making the Anglo-Saxon race but one Empire ...

"To forward such a scheme what a splendid help a secret society would be, a society not openly acknowledged but who would work in secret for such an object ...

"Let us form the same kind of society a Church ... A society which should have members in every part of the British Empire working with one object and one idea. We should have its members placed at our universities and our schools and should watch the English youth passing through their hands ...

"For fear that death might cut me off before the time for attempting its development I leave all my worldly goods in trust to S. G. Shippard and the Secretary for the Colonies at the time of my death to try to form such a Society with such an object."

The NWO is playing a long game

In 1891, Rhodes, together with W.T. Stead, Lord Nathan Rothschild and Reginald Baliol Brett, a friend and adviser to the British monarchy, joined forces to set Rhodes' plan for global domination into motion.

Two months after Rhodes' death in 1902, the decade-old NWO group established the Pilgrims Society to create a "special relationship" between the wealthiest individuals in Great Britain and its former colony, the United States of America.

Davis writes:

"The difficulty many people have in grasping the way the NWO wield power often stems from their focus upon the long game. Their strategy isn't built upon quick profits or immediate successes. Like any well-made plan, they know things will go awry. But each move is a step along the path to the ultimate objective of a New World Order.

"It doesn't just span years but rather decades, across generations or even centuries. Inexorably moving towards the global economic and political dictatorship they are determined to create. Something they are currently very close to achieving thanks to their creation of the climate emergency ...

"Foundations were made 'tax exempt' in the U.S. as 'charitable' organizations by the Revenue Act of 1917. This enabled the wealthiest people on Earth to fund their various social engineering projects without the need to pay any income tax. Income tax is only for the little people ...

"By presenting the outward appearance of benevolent 'foundations,' numerous groups ... work behind closed doors to achieve the societies' geopolitical aims ...

"As technology has advanced the goal of centralized authority over a global governance structure has become more attainable. While the manipulation and control techniques have advanced, the goal hasn't changed ...

"There have always been people who wish to rule and many more who are content to be ruled. Our collective obedience to authority guarantees tyranny. The NWO is by no means the first kleptocracy to have cultivated and exploited our compliance.

"Like all the empires that preceded it, from its inception the proposed NWO was designed to take the form of a public-private partnership between government and an immensely wealthy 'Superclass' ...

"Elected politicians, and the governments they formed, were always the junior partners in this network. Many were hand-picked for their malleability, predisposition to corruption or loyalty to the NWO project.

"With the intelligence and security agencies thoroughly co-opted, the deep state — the 'state within the state' or 'shadow state' — flourished ... Policy agendas were set and then political puppets were installed to sell the desired policies to the people, no matter who they voted for."

War leads to consolidation of power

As noted by Davis, while many wealthy charities and foundations claim to be promoters of peace, the real agenda is anything but. War is a favored NWO strategy. It's a means to an end, as war provides economic stimulus and social change that can then be used to consolidate and centralize power.

Davis writes:

"Once you know this, even mainstream interpretations of history render this glaringly obvious. Every significant conflict ends in a negotiated peace conference and every negotiation establishes further centralization of power within larger regional bodies or intergovernmental organizations, consistently eroding sovereignty and consolidating power."

Resource wars

Will the war in Ukraine end up serving the same NWO purpose? Possibly. During a March 28 investment conference, BlackRock CEO Larry Fink stated that "Russia's war on Ukraine will trigger a new world order, taking globalization into a different phase."

The destruction of global supply chains will force companies to seek new suppliers closer to the point of demand, but while many interpreted Fink's comments as the war bringing an end to globalization, Fink stated that the new system "still means globalization" but under "a different framework."

While we may not yet be able to see what this reorganization will look like, there's no doubt that we're about to enter what journalist Michael Lind refers to as "resource wars," with every nation on the planet scrounging to secure their own needs from a suddenly choked-off supply of crucial goods and energy that have been outsourced and offshored for decades.

As noted by Lind:

"Even the beneficiaries of U.S. dependence on China — Silicon Valley, universities, Wall Street, 'green' technologies that need Chinese imports — are being forced to acknowledge that we still live in a material world in which countries can be great powers even if they do not dominate global banking and insurance markets, on the basis of mining energy and minerals, growing crops, and making physical things.

"Russia and Ukraine together are responsible for more than a quarter of global wheat exports. Russia and Belarus together produce nearly half of the global exports of potash, a critical nutrient used in fertilizers, while Russia produces more than a fifth of the ammonia exports used in global agriculture.

"For its part, China dominates global production of many essential minerals, both directly — producing 63% of rare earths and 45% of molybdenum — and indirectly, by investing in lithium mines in Australia, platinum mines in South Africa, and cobalt mines in the Democratic Republic of Congo."

The 'green' fantasy

Lind goes on to discuss the doomed ideology of the environmental movement, which claims we can go "green" without forgoing our standard of living. According to experts on mineral production, to achieve the goal to make all vehicles in the U.K. electric by 2050, using the most resource-frugal next-gen

batteries, will require the U.K. to annually import twice the total annual cobalt produced worldwide, nearly all of the neodymium produced globally, and three-quarters of the world's lithium.

And that's just for the U.K. Other European countries and the U.S. also say they want all vehicles to be electric by 2050. In short, the environmental idealists' goal to do away with gas-powered vehicles is a pipedream. There aren't enough mineral resources for even a small country like the U.K. to achieve it within the next four decades. The same goes for green energy.

Aside from that, "clean" energy isn't clean, so the entire premise is a fraud. Solar, wind and hydropower equipment all require natural gas, oil and minerals. So, such transitions achieve nothing in terms of environmental protection. We still need the same massive mines, the same gas and oil extraction.

Some of this "green" equipment is also toxic and near-impossible to dispose of once they reach its useful lifespan. Wind turbines, for example, are deemed "hazardous waste" and cannot be disposed of or recycled thanks to the toxicity of the carbon and glass fiber used in their construction. Each blade can weigh up to 15 tons, and as of yet, no one has figured out how to safely dispose of them.

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The Chatham House Rule

A key tool that has allowed for the creation of a "deep state milieu" where powerful individuals can meet and strategize in secret was the creation of the Royal Institute of International Affairs' Chatham House Rule in 1927. According to this rule, when a meeting is part thereof, "participants are free to use the information received, but neither the identity nor the affiliation of the speaker(s), nor that of any other participant, may be revealed."

In short, what goes on or is said in the room may be revealed, but not the identity of the person or persons who did or said it. Under the rule, the list of attendees is also to be kept secret from anyone not in attendance. Breaking these rules will result in disciplinary action and exclusion from all future activities.

The anonymity afforded under the Chatham House Rule is said to encourage openness to express one's true views, without the worry of potentially tarnishing one's reputation, thereby strengthening business relationships.

In reality, however, the rule is what has allowed the "deep state" to flourish and shape international affairs in secret. Needless to say, owners of media are also members of various NWO groups, and respect the Chatham House Rule without question. As noted by Davis, "Effectively it means the most powerful, wealthiest people on Earth can meet to discuss whatever plans they may have without any public scrutiny."

The Royal Institute of International Affairs isn't the only organization using this rule. It's also used by the Council on Foreign Relations, the Trilateral Commission, the Bilderberg Group, Le Cercle and various think-tanks, as well as international corporations, financial institutions, government steering committees and various policy advisory boards.

Our financial future under threat

As detailed by political scientist Piers Robinson in a March Pandemics-Data & Analytics article, the COVID pandemic has been orchestrated to work hand in glove with major economic and political events over the past two years. It's no longer difficult to see how the pandemic has been squeezed for every ounce of "juice" possible, from fearmongering and compliance training to wealth transfer and the destruction of the middle class.

As mentioned at the outset of this article, the geopolitical agenda driven by pandemic measures includes the push toward a programmable central bank digital currency (CBDC) that is under centralized control.

What this means is that not only will the central banks have full insight into every single transaction of every single person on the planet, they will also have the ability to program the currency so that it can only be used to purchase certain things and not others. They would literally have the ability to control the spending of the global population.

As explained by the general manager of the Bank of International Settlements, Agustin Carstens, in October 2020 (video below):

"We intend to establish the equivalence with cash and there is a huge difference there. For example, in cash we don't know who is using a 100-dollar bill today ...

"The key difference with the CBDC is that the central bank will have absolute control on the rules and regulations that will determine the use regarding that expression of central bank liability and also we will have the technology to enforce that."

We got a first-hand look at how this kind of power can be used when the Canadian government started seizing the personal bank accounts of protesters and even those who donated small amounts of money to the freedom movement.

Robinson writes:

“These political and economic agendas have major potential consequences for our societies and, arguably, lead to a profound, and highly problematic, concentration of power and curtailment of democracy.

“One legitimate fear is that we are witnessing a drive toward a Chinese-style social credit system, in which the integration of personal data and money through digital ID allows assets to be stripped by authorities and, more broadly, unprecedented levels of control over the lives of people ...

“It is clear and empirically demonstrable that populations have been subjected to coercive and aggressive attempts to limit their autonomy, including restrictions on movement, right to protest, freedom to work and freedom to participate in society. Most notably, increasing numbers of people have been required to take an injection at regular intervals in order to allow their participation in society.

“These developments have been accompanied by often openly aggressive and discriminatory statements from major political leaders with respect to people resisting the injections. The threat to civil liberties and ‘democracy as usual’ has been, arguably, unprecedented.”

Ukraine conflict can serve the NWO in more ways than one

Robinson fears the war in Ukraine is now being used to divert our attention from the multitude of civil liberties problems and corruption that have come to the forefront during the pandemic. They all need to be addressed and remedied but aren't getting traction, in part due to internet censorship and in part due to the shift in attention toward the Russia-Ukraine situation. But there's more.

Robinson continues:

"... perhaps more importantly, war fever might also serve as a new distraction from the underlying political and economic agendas that some analysts have been warning us about.

"Indeed, war in the Ukraine has significant potential to serve as a new enabling event facilitating the drive toward restrictions on liberties and the roll-out of agendas that, for example, the WEF has been waxing lyrical about for two years.

"A distracted and war-terrified public will be easy to manipulate whilst policies such as digital ID, mandated injections and Central Bank Digital Currencies are ushered in. Indeed, the current drive toward expanding the powers of the World Health Organization (WHO) is a clear example of the dangers of further centralization of power.

"Under the guise of pandemic preparedness, the objective is to allow the WHO to force states to implement the kinds of restrictive measures we have seen over the last two years ... The possibility of a global bio-security regime, that radically disempowers local and community-level autonomy, should be of serious concern to all of us.

"We simply cannot afford to continue tumbling from one highly propagandized crisis to the next and allowing our emotions to be harnessed by those who wield political and economic power ...

"Now is the time for calm and rational assessments of the events we are living through and, more than ever, determined engagement with widening public understanding of the agendas that many now believe to have been underlying COVID-19.

"This includes the need to interrogate the propaganda and manipulation populations have been subjected to over the last two years and the increasingly discredited policy responses involving lockdowns and mass injections.

“Even more importantly, critical examination and awareness of the concentration of power and loss of democracy inherent in developments such as digital ID and CBDC digital currencies, and their interconnection with political visions regarding 4IR and digitized society, is more vital than ever.

“It is these processes that present the most serious and substantive threat to people, potentially ushering in an era of what some describe as global totalitarianism ...

“More than ever before, we must have the confidence to challenge those in positions of political and economic power. We are, without doubt, at a pivotal moment in our histories. People must stay focused on the big picture.”

So, in summary, the pandemic and the global countermeasures implemented in response to it, the wealth transfer and economic destabilization, the Russia-Ukraine conflict, programmable CBDCs and the NWO plan for global control are all connected.

It's important to realize that these are not separate and unrelated events, but a coordinated effort to herd the global population in a specific, predetermined direction — one they know we'd never choose voluntarily, were we to be given all the facts. After all, who wants to “own nothing” and have every moment of your day and night surveilled in every way possible, from your correspondence and geolocation to your innermost thoughts and biological functions?

The good news is that resistance is not futile, because they need our cooperation. There are simply too many of us for them to do anything if everyone refuses to go along with their plan. At least it won't be easy for them if a majority simply says no.

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It has come to my attention that there is a proposed vote to amend city ordinance code 7.04.020 on June 6th. I want to ask and urge you council members not to amend this code. Please do not do this. Please vote against the amendment and leave the code as it is.

Thank you,

Respectfully,

Tatyana Trishchuk

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It's ok. I know you didn't mean to overlook me. I didn't make it clear in the topics I wanted to speak on. I wrote "climate" and not community forum. That was my bad. Thank you saying you will pass along my testimony. I sent it through the website where it says contact your city council but yes it would be great to make sure that they get my testimony.

Here it is:

I have a major concern about Renewable Natural Gas in the early action package.

We the people have gotten so used to gas because that's what's been given to us for decades. And look where that's gotten us, dirty air that's making us sick and killing so many people.

It's time to listen to science and really understand that the extraction of natural gas has nothing natural about it. There are so many chemicals pumped into the ground to retrieve this natural gas.

Wind, solar and new technologies need to be implemented because if we do nothing or keep on doing the same thing they won't be a future.

This isn't about taking your rights away, it's about saving us and our children and being able to live on a healthy planet. The right you're trying to preserve is to destroy the planet and suck up its resources and make it uninhabitable for future generations is very short sighted. We have all gotten comfortable with the way things are but that doesn't make things the way they are the right and healthy way to do things.

I thank you with every fiber of my being by choosing to take a bold stand with the climate action plan. I've cried knowing that we have a chance. I send you all big hugs for this.

There is an amazing documentary Breaking Boundaries on Netflix with Sir David Attenborough, it's about Earth's tipping points. I encourage all to watch it.

Also, I will be speaking this summer at a community roots breakfast fundraiser about my story. Like Siobhan said there are many different ways people become homeless. My family and I were asked to leave from our home a year ago so that the landlords could renovate and make the duplex more expensive to rent. We had no home. Then we received the best gift of a tiny home from my family at LULAC! We need more tiny homes and affordable housing for everyone.

I hope your days are filled with laughter and love, take care.

-Concerned Momma

Monica Zazueta

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*These two videos, one a trailer for a documentary on Netflix called "Breaking Boundaries" and the other a instrumental animated music video where the humans are animals and animals are humans are important to me because they say what I am feeling and what is the reality of the times we live in. Please take 10 min to watch these two videos. Thank you to all that have watched.

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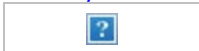
Sarah,

Councilmember Fox asked to share this message below with the rest of the Council. Can you please include it with the next batch of written comments on agenda items?

Amanda Delapena | Assistant to the Mayor and City Manager
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Message:

I am in support of the stalking ordinances. I Lived on 30th St. when the group of Joey Gibson supporters harassed the Young family for several weekends. It was to say the least unnerving (I lived directly across the street) The bull horn, the guns, the people blocking the street and walking on or disturbing our property was lawless. I was stunned the police were no where to be seen. Any attempt to ask them to leave was met with anger and disrespect and they filmed you, One neighbor was mowing his lawn and they told him he had to stop because it was interfering with the filming and the dialogue they were spewing. I left town the next weekend they were to be there. I felt like I could not stay and be a part of this harassment, and at the same time, upset I had to leave my home because of this harassment. Molly Silva

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Thank you.

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