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## **Buildings as Climate Action #1: Postcards and Index Cards**

**March 5, 2020**

At the Thursday March 5th BACA meeting, Chris van Daalen handed out postcards and index cards with two requested actions. These action requests are still valid and ready to act on, just follow the instructions below.

### **Action 1A: Send a Postcard to City Council, County Commission Members**

Sign and personalize one of the postcards provided (see below), and address it to one of our local City Council and County Commissioners. These are urging their support and Early Action for Buildings and Energy Actions in the Draft Thurston Climate Mitigation Plan.

Be sure to write your name and address in the "From:" area

Write a sentence or two in the space provided about your own interest and passion in this topic. For example:

- "Incentivize Zero-Carbon Homes"
- "Hire a Green Building Specialist for the Planning Department!"
- "More built-green homes means lower energy bills for everyone"
- "I support Community Solar!"
- "Affordable Housing should be green building"
- "I challenge you to build 20 Zero-Carbon Buildings by 2025!"

See Postcard, next Page

NOTE: To complete this action without the postcard "provided", print the next two pages on card stock paper, cut along the lines, fill it out, stamp or send. OR, email the message to your City County elected officials. We want to track your actions, so please email carbon-copy us if you email them, or email us that you sent the postcard.

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Dear

I urge your continued support for, and early action on, the ***Thurston Climate Mitigation Plan***, especially the Buildings and Energy section which represents ½ of our greenhouse gas emissions in Thurston County. We cannot meet the adopted targets without slashing building emissions to near-zero by 2050. We need strong requirements and incentives for new buildings and retrofits that meet rigorous efficiency, health and affordability standards. It's an opportunity to invest in good jobs and quality affordable housing that will benefit our whole community for decades. You don't need to wait for the Plan to be published, we know what we need to do. Please start preparing and taking bold action now, for the sake of future generations.



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To:

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### **Action 1B: Fill out an Index Card to help us Engage Building Industry**

On the index cards provided: 1) write your name, phone and email; and 2) write down the name of one or more businesses in the Construction Industry (or related professions) who you know or have done business with. Preferably OTHER THAN someone already engaged with this group or the TCMP Process.

We will collect the cards and follow up with you to connect with them. You will be asked to invite them to the May 20th Education Event: re: launch of 20 by 2025 Building Challenge.

NOTE: To complete this action without an index card, email your industry contact suggestions to:

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