AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY
(Must be submitted NLT 3PM Wednesday for next week agenda)

Department: BOcc

WORK SESSION Meeting Date: 1/17/17

REGULAR AGENDA Meeting Date: 1/24/17

Required Originals Approved and Attached?  

Item Summary:*

☐ Call for Hearing  ☐ Contract/Agreement/MOU**  Contract #  

☐ Resolution  ☐ Proclamation  ☐ Budget Item

☐ Draft Ordinance  ☐ Final Ordinance  ☒ Other - Letter

Documents exempt from public disclosure attached:  

Executive Summary:
The BOcc has been approached by members of Olympic Climate Action who have asked that we consider writing a letter to Senators Murray and Cantwell reinforcing that climate change and adaptation is important to the future well-being of citizens of this county and asking our Senators to carefully vet President-Elect Trump’s cabinet nominees. Commissioner Ozias drafted the attached letter for the entire BOcc to review and discuss.

Budgetary Impact: (Is there a monetary impact? If so, are funds for this already allocated or is a budget change necessary? If this is a contract and a budget change is necessary, the budget change form must be submitted with the item at work session and for the regular agenda)  
If a budget Action is required, has it been submitted and a copy attached?  
None

Recommended Action: (Does the Board need to act? If so, what is the department's recommendation?)
Request BOcc support in sending letter to Senators Murray and Cantwell reinforcing that climate change and adaptation is important and request careful vetting of President-Elect Trump’s cabinet nominees.

County Official Signature:  

Date Submitted: 1/12/17
24 January 2017

The Honorable Patty Murray
Office of the Senator
154 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Maria Cantwell
Office of the Senator
511 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

RE: Climate Change

Dear Senators Murray and Cantwell:

We write on behalf of the citizens of Clallam County, many of whom are deeply concerned about President-Elect Donald Trump’s nominees for high-level positions in his incoming administration.

President-Elect Trump’s nominees include individuals who deny the reality of climate change, individuals who have worked on behalf of the fossil fuel industry to weaken or eliminate environmental laws that protect our climate and public health, and individuals who have led companies which have knowingly deceived the American public about the risks of climate change.

As the risks of climate change to our local community are well-documented, including in a recent multi-stakeholder study led by the North Olympic Peninsula Resource Conservation and Development Council (http://www.noprcd.org/about2) we urge you to vet these nominees with the utmost scrutiny and from the point of view of protecting our local communities from the consequences of failing to act decisively on the issue of climate change.

We simply cannot afford to stop making progress on preparing for the climate impacts that we won’t be able to avoid. Please stand up to protect our common future.

Sincerely,

BOARD OF CLALLAM COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Mark Ozias, Chair
Randy Johnson
Bill Peach