

To: council@seattle.gov

Subject: \$1 million for Electrifying Residential Housing

Dear Councilmembers:

I am writing to you on behalf of the Seattle chapter of People for Climate Action to thank you for including the OSE positions in the proposed budget and also to urge you to vote in favor of CM Sawant's proposal for \$1 million for electrifying residential housing.

The three OSE positions for a Climate Policy Advisor, a Green New Deal Advisor, and the manager for the Energy Benchmarking and Building Tune-Ups programs are a modest cost and they are all critical for planning, outreach, and for maintaining programs that have already had a positive impact. Thank you for putting them back in the budget.

We are also urging you to support the proposal for \$1 million for electrifying residential housing. Buildings account for about one third of Seattle's greenhouse gas emissions. \$1 million will provide initial services to an estimated 100-200 homes. It will give the city the opportunity to learn how to run the program well: how to insure equity, how to establish fair labor practices, and how to spend the money wisely, so that next year, when the program is fully funded, it will have a smooth rollout and public support. It will show the city, and our children, that by working together we can address climate change.

Sincerely,

Robin Briggs on behalf of People for Climate Action - Seattle

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