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As a citizen in this world, I understand the importance of protecting the planet through every means possible. As a father, I am concerned most days about the world that I brought my son into. We are on a very dangerous crash course with a very bleak ending. As a resident of Shoreline, I am discouraged by what seems to be a very rushed and poorly thought out plan. I oppose the ban on Natural gas in residential buildings for all of the unintended consequences that will occur.

I would like to ask a few questions. With the expected growth of Shoreline and the Seattle area how many btu's of natural gas energy will we now need to supply in electricity? Can our current infrastructure carry that load, and where is that energy coming from? How much longer will we get energy from hydroelectric dams, due to the growing concerns about native salmon runs? Will we be getting this electricity from nearby coal fired power plants? How much will Seattle City Light customers pay while the current infrastructure is updated and expanded in order to supply this quickly growing area of the country? How will rates change over time as fewer and fewer Puget Sound Energy customers are forced to pay to maintain aging infrastructure?

A Natural Gas Ban seems to put us on track for inflated costs for customers, shortages in energy supplies, rolling blackouts and system failures that we have seen elsewhere in the country when an area depends too heavily on one provider for energy.

Transportation gasoline and diesel (53% and 14% of emissions Figure 1) seems to be a much larger slice of the pie and it'd be more effective to tackle these issues in order to create change.

I can only project that a ban on natural gas in new construction will eventually lead to a phasing out of natural gas in existing homes. In my small home it would cost over 20,000 dollars to convert my house entirely to electric, and then I am bound to Seattle City Light for all my energy, with no other options.

Natural Gas is clean and available. Renewable Natural Gas is made from waste that would otherwise be sent to a landfill and utilizes our existing infrastructure. We need innovation and big ideas to change the world, we do not need to have options taken away without anything to replace them. I cannot support the ban on natural gas.
8. (o) Oppose

Thank you,  
City of Shoreline

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