

DRAKE IS CLOSING:

What's Next for Climate Action
in Colorado Springs?

AGENDA

1. **Updates from CSU** on Drake transition and Q&A - 10 mins
2. **Panelist #1:** Jenny, gas-free buildings - 8 mins
3. **Action Workshop & Questions #1** - 5 mins
4. **Panelists #2:** Max, zoning ordinances - 8 mins
5. **Action Workshop & Questions #2** - 5 mins
6. **Panelist #3:** Chandra & Kevin, protecting public lands - 8 mins
7. **Action Workshop & Questions #3** - 5 mins
8. Survey, Raffle and Optional: **Break out rooms** to answer any remaining questions and to connect with the speakers and other interested folks (15 mins)



350 COLORADO SPRINGS







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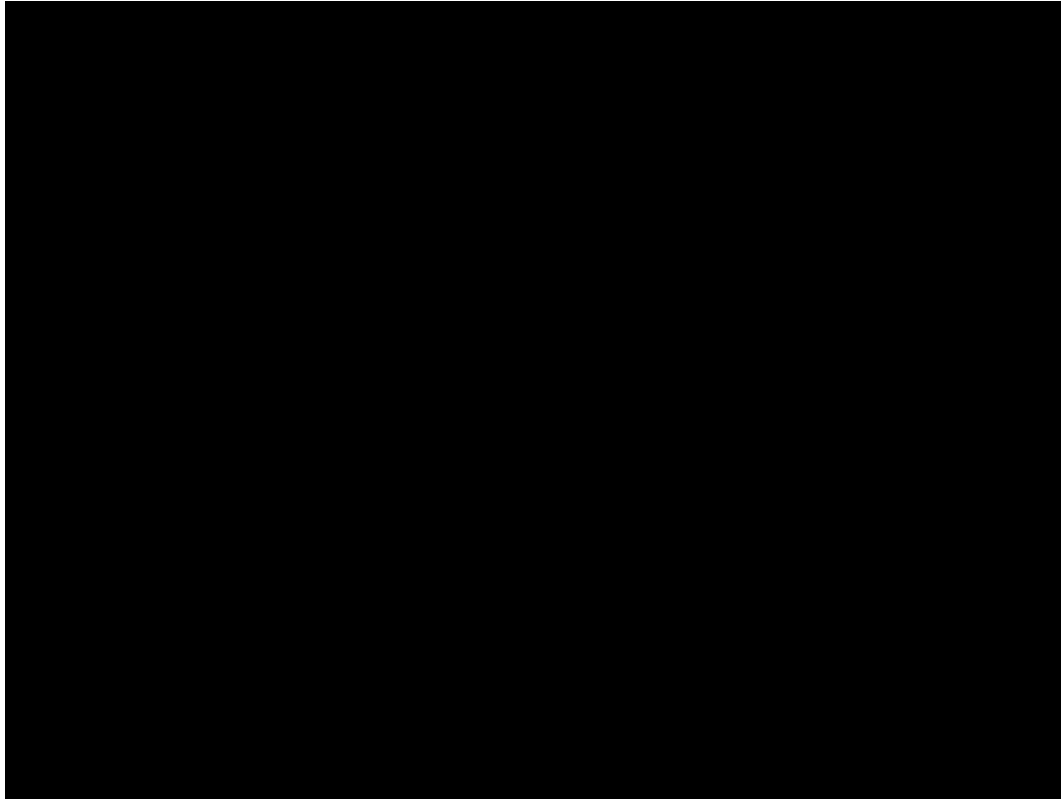
Gas Free Homes and Buildings

Colorado GHG Emissions

2020 CO GHG Emissions (MMT CO₂e, AR5 100-yr GWP)



What's next for climate action?



What's the problem w/gas?



The problem with using gas inside our homes and buildings: gas pollutes our indoor air, is harmful to our health, and releases emissions into the atmosphere. Gas usage is a top contributor to climate change.



Where is gas used in my home?



Water Heater
Furnace



Gas Stove

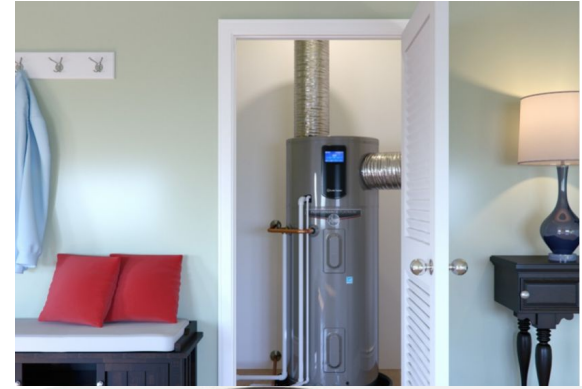


Health impacts of gas use

- Children living in a home with a gas stove have a 42 percent increased risk of asthma.
- Lower-income populations and communities of color may be disproportionately impacted
 - Risk factors including increased exposure to indoor emissions due to smaller and older homes and older, less efficient gas appliances.



What's the solution?



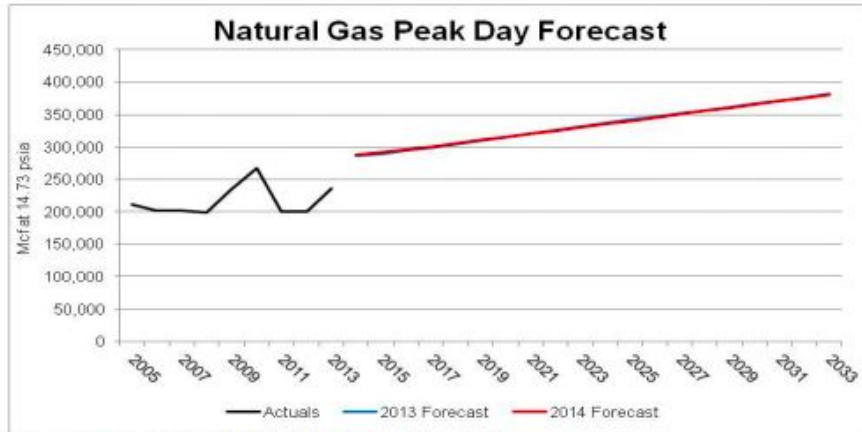


Figure 4.12: Natural Gas Peak-Day Forecast
Graph shows the natural gas peak-day forecast.

Table 4.9: Ten-Year Demand Forecast.

Ten-Year Peak Demand Forecast Scenario [Mscf @ 14.73 psia]		
Winter	Daily Peak Demand (Dth/Day)	Hourly Peak Demand (Dth/Hour)
2015-2016	291,357	15,442
2016-2017	295,611	15,667
2017-2018	300,310	15,916
2018-2019	305,442	16,188
2019-2020	310,507	16,457
2020-2021	315,400	16,716
2021-2022	320,295	16,976
2022-2023	325,225	17,237
2023-2024	330,215	17,501
2024-2025	335,256	17,769

Basalt Vista



Gas Free Buildings in 2021

- Anticipated action at the state legislature aimed at investor owned utilities (leaves out municipal owned utilities)
- Local control preemption legislation.
- Local action @ city level in Colorado Springs is needed!



Act Right Now For Cleaner Buildings!



1) Email your State Representative and Senator!

<https://leg.colorado.gov/find-my-legislator>

2) Email your City Council Member!

○ <https://coloradosprings.gov/city-council>

Sample ask: “My name is XXX and I’m one of your constituents. I’m worried about the climate and indoor air pollution from gas appliances in our homes and I’d like to see action to reduce the pollution coming from our buildings. Please stand up for gas free buildings in Colorado Springs and let me know how I can help.”



Questions?

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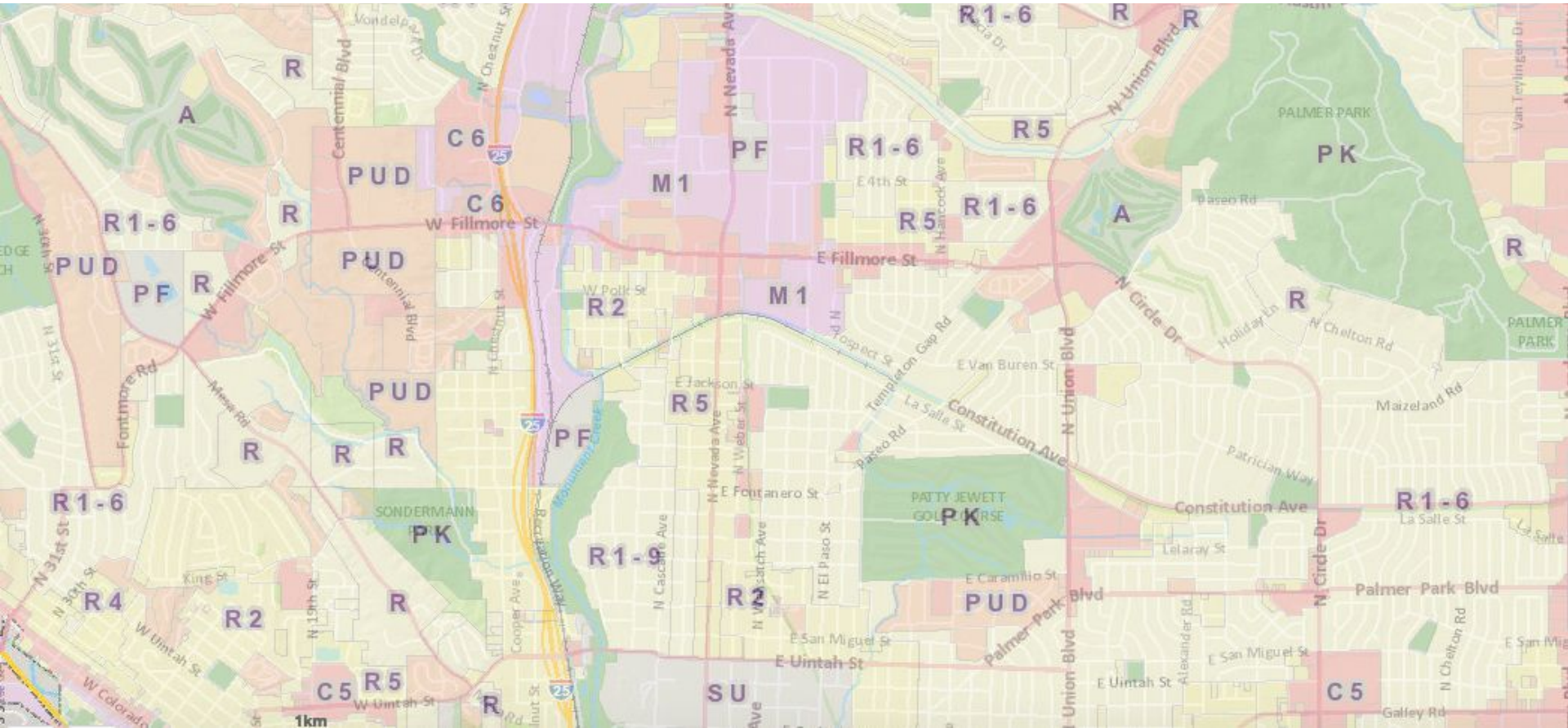
Co-founder, COS Pro-Housing Partnership

Zoning: Boring, but Important



By Max Kronstadt and the
Colorado Springs Pro-Housing
Partnership

What is zoning?



And why does it matter?



Zoning and the Environment



- Urban sprawl
 - # cars on the road
 - Availability of open space
 - Robust public transit
- Walkability, bikeability
- Home energy usage

Urban Sprawl



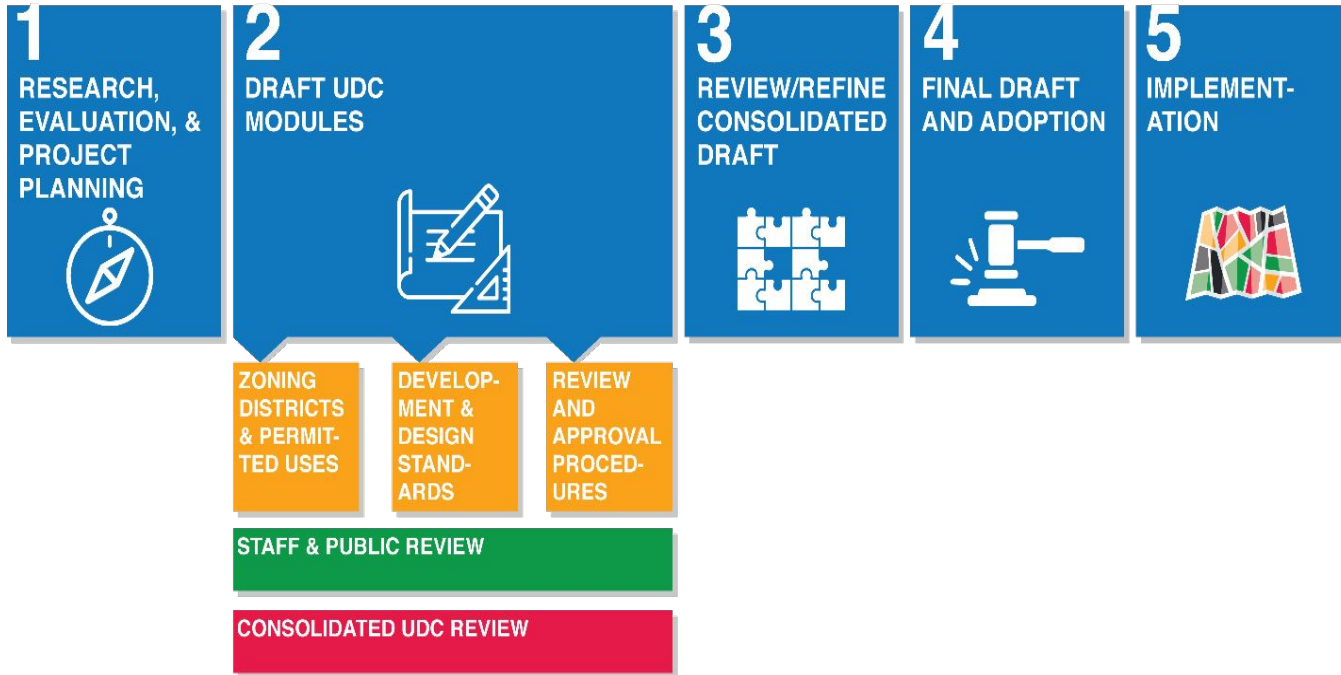
Walkable, Bikeable Neighborhoods



Home Energy Usage



RetoolCOS



Comprehensive review of the zoning code

- Module 1 - Zone districts - May 2020
- Module 2 - Design standards - November 2020
- Module 3 - Review procedures - ??
- Consolidated draft - ??
- Draft to city council - ?? (Likely summer or fall)

City will accept comments at any time

Action

Send to: retoolcos@coloradosprings.gov

CC: tom.strand@coloradosprings.gov, wayne.williams@coloradosprings.gov, bill.murray@coloradosprings.gov, richard.skorman@coloradosprings.gov, david.geislinger@coloradosprings.gov, yolanda.avila@coloradosprings.gov, and mike.omalley@coloradosprings.gov

Bcc: cspringsphp@gmail.com

- Acknowledge that there isn't a current comment period open but explain that you recently learned about RetoolCOS and wanted to make your voice heard.
- Explain that you want to see **more permitted uses in existing single-family zones and higher density in R-Flex zones**, for any of the following reasons:
 - It would make housing more affordable
 - It would reduce urban sprawl, reducing vehicle emissions and protecting open space
 - It would make neighborhoods more walkable and bikeable
 - It would make it easier for the city to develop a robust public transit system
- Explain that you want to see greater reductions in minimum parking requirements for any of the above reasons.

As a PS: Say you appreciate the electric vehicle charging incentive but would like to see it be stronger.



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CLIMATE IMPACTS FROM FEDERAL LAND

- Oil and gas leasing and production
- Mining of minerals and coal
- Grazing of cows and sheep
- Carbon sinks
- Watersheds



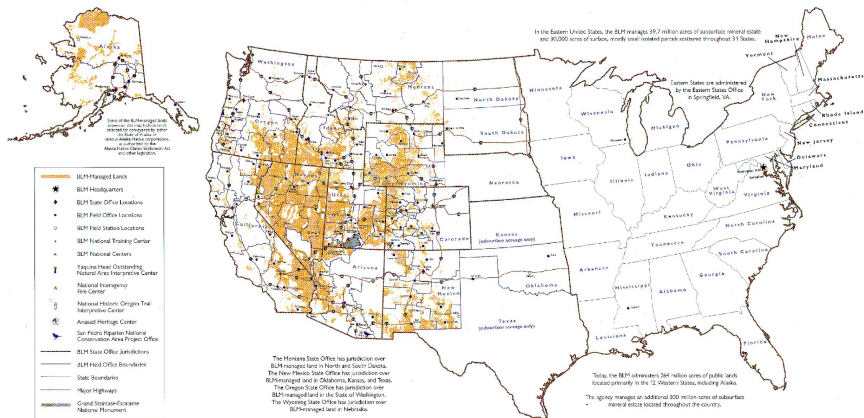
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ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSIBILITY**

BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT: BLM

- The agency that manages the MOST federal lands: 245 Million acres.
- 26 million acres have been leased for oil and gas development as of 2019.
- Biden Administration plan to halt leasing.

Public Lands Managed by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM)



don't believe in climate change?
then why is this dog melting into
the carpet?



@transgenderpterodactyl

Climate change is real folks

UNCOMPAHGRE FIELD OFFICE COLORADO

- 900,000 acres of public land in BLM Colorado's Southwest District.
- Four river systems—the Gunnison, San Miguel, Dolores, and Uncompahgre.
- The topography ranges from lowland riparian along the Dolores River (at around 4,700 feet) to red rock desert to a moonscape of highly erodible Mancos Shale badlands to the piñon-juniper woodlands of the Uncompahgre Plateau.
- [Under Trump Administration's "energy dominance" agenda](#) to bolster domestic oil, gas and coal industries expanded energy development across 675,800 acres of land and 971,200 acres of mineral.

ROYAL GORGE FIELD OFFICE



SAN LUIS VALLEY FIELD OFFICE





The Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 5 USC § 552



Freedom of Documents

- No Duty to make new records
- Duty to perform a reasonable search
- Request must reasonably describe
 - Records
 - Custodians (optional)
 - Timeframe (optional)
- Duty to respond in 20 working days (30 in unusual circumstances)



When the government's got records and I want em

Requests



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Agency: All Agencies

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Enter search criteria into the Keyword Search field. Multiple keywords can be used, which will search using OR logic. To find a request by tracking number, enter the entire number (EPA-2012-00023), or a partial number (00023). Results will include both requests and records that match the entered criteria. If you can't find what you are looking for, then try Advanced Search.

Advanced Search
Enter search criteria using the Look Up By dropdown and enter/select a value in the corresponding Search For field. Multiple selections can be made in the dropdown, which will search using AND logic, meaning the search results must match all criteria entered. Multiple selections can also be made for specific criteria in the Search For field, which will search using OR logic.

Search Criteria

Look Up By	Search For
Select One	Department of Justice
Assigned to Organization	Yes
Open	01/01/2018 To 02/12/2018
Received Date	

Perform keyword searches and filter the results using the Quick Search function. Or try the Advanced Search and select specific criteria to find agency data.

* indicates a required field.

Agency Selection

* Agency

Request Type

Request Type

Contact Information

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Middle Initial	<input type="text"/>	Address Line 2	<input type="text"/>
* Last Name	<input type="text"/>	* City	<input type="text"/>
Email Address	<input type="text"/>	* State/Province	<input type="text" value="--"/>
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Processing Fees

[Why are fees required?](#)

* Will Pay Up To

Description

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The Request



February 16, 2021

1. Intro (optional)
2. The Records you want
3. Who has them
4. Fee waiver request

Dear FOIA Officer:

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. 552, as amended, Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility ("PEER"), requests certain information and communications from the U.S. Department of Energy ("DOE") regarding the Department's handling of interoffice referrals and extensive delays regarding certain FOIA requests.

Background

Fee Waiver

- Educational request
- “Other” requesters have to show:
 - No commercial Interest
 - Concerns the operations or activities of the government
 - Likely to contribute to public understanding
 - Significant Contribution to Public Understanding

Fee Waiver Request

PEER requests that all fees be waived because “disclosure of the information is in the public interest . . . and is not primarily in the commercial interest of the requestor” (5 U.S.C. 552 (a) (4)(A)):

1. The records concern the operations or activities of the Government.

The FOIA request is, by its terms, limited to identifiable activities of the BLM State Offices and the agency’s capacity to respond to imminent threats to health and safety with sufficient qualified personnel.

2. The disclosure of the requested records is likely to contribute to public understanding of these operations or activities.

If the public sees these materials, it will help enhance their understanding of how the BLM state offices have responded to personnel and resource shortfalls identified by DOI/OIG and how many employees BLM has in its state, district, and field offices qualified to survey or respond to potentially hazardous abandoned mine sites.

3. The release of these requested records will contribute significantly to public understanding of the governmental activities.

The nature of the information should inform the public about the operation, performance, and management of the BLM abandoned mine lands program.

PEER intends to provide the requested information to members of Congress and its relevant committees, as well as members of state governments whose constituents may be affected by abandoned mine lands on BLM lands. We also intend to disseminate it to the general public though –

- Release to the news media;
- Posting on the PEER web page which draws 5,000-7,000 unique visitors per month; and
- Publication in the PEER newsletter that has a circulation of approximately 20,000, including 1,500 journalists.

deaths and injuries which were caused by abandoned mines on BLM lands underlines the broad public interest in this material.

4. Disclosure would not serve a commercial interest of the requestor.

Disclosure is in no way connected with any commercial interest of the requestors in that PEER is a nonprofit, nonpartisan public interest organization concerned with upholding the public trust through responsible management of our nation’s resources and with supporting professional integrity within public land management and pollution control agencies. To that end, PEER is designated as a tax-exempt organization under section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue code.

Withholdings and Redaction

§ 552(b):

Exemption 1 (classification)

Exemption 2 (internal rules)

Exemption 3 (prohibited by other statutes)

Exemption 4 (trade secrets & commercial info)

Exemption 5 (discovery privileges)

Exemption 6 (personal privacy)

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Exemption 8 (regulation of financial institutions)



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Jon Bracey

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THANK YOU!



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