



City Council

October 10, 2023
Packet Addendum #1

From: [Jojo Follmar](#)
To: [City Council](#); [Jeff Durbin](#)
Subject: Please vote yes on Louisville's Decarbonization Plan
Date: Thursday, October 5, 2023 8:41:44 PM

Dear City Council,

I am Jojo Follmar, a Ward 1 resident of Louisville. I am writing on behalf of myself as an individual and not OSAB.

Thank you all so much for entertaining this incredible plan! This is one of the biggest steps our city can take at this time to reduce the impact of climate change, and this will make Louisville an even larger climate role model to other municipalities.

Louisville is not currently on track to meet our municipal climate goals, but this plan will help set a clear path and direction toward achieving those goals. This plan is also very strategically beneficial to the city. The sooner we decarbonize our city's facilities, the cheaper it will be in the long run due to the cumulative money saved over time. Additionally, on-site solar would enable the city to become more independent from Xcel, save money on the energy produced, and save energy due to using it where it was produced. The transportation and building sectors make up a large portion of Louisville's emissions, and the city's facilities are currently a significant portion of that, but this plan would enable us to turn that around. The city has put in a ton of work to make this plan as effective and beneficial as possible, and thus I believe it is of utmost importance to pass.

Thank you for your time and consideration!
Jojo

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From: [Gray Woodward](#)
To: [Jeff Durbin](#); [City Council](#); [Monai Myles](#)
Subject: The Decarbonization Plan Passing
Date: Sunday, October 8, 2023 3:01:31 PM

Dear Louisville City Council Members,

Hello, my name is Gray Woodward. I am 14 years old in 9th grade at Centaurus High School, and a member of the Centaurus Eco Warriors Club. Sadly, I am not a Louisville resident yet but I am hoping that one day I will be! I'm writing to you today in support of the internal decarbonization plan that the council will be issuing a decision on October 10th of this year. A vote in support of this plan will definitely support the future of Louisville - and the time ahead of young individuals.

On behalf of my generation, I hope you will consider the following when making your choice:

- To decarbonize, we must remove any harmful fuels (fossil) from our buildings and vehicles. Buildings use up to 47% of Louisville's energy and more than 80% of total emissions/releases, as in the most recent report. Passing and agreeing to the plan would make important steps toward decreasing that percentage; a necessary action.
- The plan includes on-site solar generation, which is much more cost-effective than Xcel Energy grid-purchased electricity and Windsorce credits. By increasing the amount of local, on-site solar, we will be able to reduce our dependence on external, privatized energy sources.
- The largest driver of utility savings in the Louisville Internal Decarb project is the onsite solar arrays. The solar panels will continue to generate local, renewable energy after the loan for the project is paid off, which leads to reducing utility costs over time.
- Louisville is currently not meeting our "Climate Action Goals". Specifically, we are not meeting our goal to "reduce core municipal GHG emissions annually below the 2016 baseline through 2025". Our building emissions today are higher than they were in 2016; an increase we cannot afford under any circumstances.
- This item has been a high priority on the 2022 and 2023 City Council Work Plans and this year's work plan calls out "Complete and begin implementation of internal strategic decarbonization plan for City facilities and operations"

Overall this plan would really benefit our future environment. If we just had the support to pass this plan, we might be able to keep our environment in a healthy state!!

I strongly encourage you all to pass the Internal Decarbonization Plan, this can be huge for

the future of climate and just the world overall. This can also show the youth of Louisville and the community in general that you care about our future and understand the severity and risks of the climate crisis.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Gray Woodward

14 years old, 9th grade

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From: [RJ Harrington](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Cc: [Jeff Durbin](#)
Subject: ADOPT Internal Decarbonization Plan - Resolution #48, Series 2023
Date: Monday, October 9, 2023 11:23:55 AM

Neighbors,

Reality (Marshall Fire, 2023 warmest summer on record, etc) continues to reflect the science which dictates urgency to eliminate emissions from our buildings and vehicles. Because industry will not stop extracting and combusting, thereby emitting pollutants and endangering our biosphere, we must act locally.

None of the risks of adopting Resolution #48 outweigh the risks of inaction, or continued delay, of the Internal Decarbonization Plan (IDP).

Relatedly, as you evaluate City Manager Durbin, be advised that without his and staff's leadership we wouldn't be considering eliminating emissions from the City's portfolio as robustly as the IDP intends.

Finally, following adoption of the resolution, the City should focus on the circular economic benefits of contracts. Although EPC work to implement the IDP may lead to some efficiencies, there are many local, intrastate firms that bring solutions at a low price while employing local contractors.

Thank you for reading and acting for the benefit of this and every generation,
RJ

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