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Dear Mr. Mayor, Madam Vice Mayor, City Council members and City Manager:

On September 22, 2020, I spoke before Council on behalf of the EPC to request that new language be added to the Resolution creating the Task Force, adding to the Task Force's mission to provide feedback and guidance on the update of the ECCAP, *"including a plan on specific, measurable, time-bound steps to implement the targets of the Environmental Action Plan (EAP) 2040 on climate change, energy and transportation."* **You approved the addition of this language to the Resolution.**

Over the past year, Task Force members and community members consistently raised concerns about the Task Force's success in fulfilling this mission. After reviewing the draft ECCAP, the EPC believes the Task Force has not fulfilled the mission to provide specific, measurable and time-bound actions to implement the EAP2040 targets or the Climate Emergency Declaration commitments made by Council.

The EPC, however, urges that the City **does not spend any additional resources (time or money)** to amend the Draft Energy and Climate Change Action Plan (ECCAP). Rather, we recommend the City shift its focus towards addressing specific concerns about the draft ECCAP's inadequacies to provide specific, measurable, achievable, realistic, time-bound implementation actions necessary for the City to reach the targets established by the EAP and Emergency Declaration. While the draft ECCAP's methodology demonstrates the need for immediate and bold actions and clearly identifies focus area targets, it does not provide realistic, feasible, or implementable strategies to be successful in meeting those targets.

We believe a more clear and comprehensive approach towards implementation can be devised by a joint-effort between the EPC and the Office of Climate Action.

The EPC will provide multiple pages detailing specific concerns and inadequacies of the draft ECCAP during the public comment period. EPC members voiced concerns during our January meeting, reaching consensus that the draft ECCAP 1) fails to provide realistic actions for the City to be successful in meeting its climate goals 2) fails to focus on actionable strategies that could "move the needle", 3) and, instead, focused on "what" needs to be accomplished, but not "how" to do it. For example, recommended strategies suggest the need for additional analyses to assess feasibility of the strategy; however, the ECCAP's establishes projected milestones before the feasibility of strategies are presumed to be completed.

Rather than investing any more resources in the ECCAP, we believe the City could better achieved its targets through a commitment to a joint effort between the EPC and Office of Climate Action.

Sincerely,

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