

June 24, 2020

Mayor Darrell Steinberg  
City of Sacramento  
915 I Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Mayor Christopher Cabaldon  
City of West Sacramento  
1110 West Capitol Avenue  
West Sacramento, CA 95691

Chair Anne Stausboll  
Mayors' Commission on Climate Change

**RE: Support for Mayors' Commission on Climate Change Recommendations**

Dear Mayor Steinberg, Mayor Cabaldon, and Chair Stausboll,

I cannot thank you enough for your leadership and commitment to addressing climate change in Sacramento, West Sacramento, and throughout the region. I also want to extend my great appreciation to all the Climate Commissioners and the committee members providing these well-informed and thoughtful recommendations. I do not recall such a comprehensive and concerted effort on a single topic of this magnitude being under-taken in recent history. So again thank you all.

It is well documented and understood that our neighborhoods and communities are already experiencing the negative impacts of climate change, in particular our disadvantaged and underserved communities. You all are more than aware of the problems ahead for our cities and our region if we do not take appropriate action now. These climate impacts and the harm being brought to especially our poorer residents will only worsen over time. I am asking you to support the recommendations of the Mayors' Commission on Climate Change for achieving carbon zero by 2045.

I am writing as a well-informed resident of the City of Sacramento. I am viewed an expert on matters of climate change, sustainability and health. I have led teams that were instrumental in leading policy and code changes that will improve health outcomes and mitigate climate change. I say this so you understand that I am well aware of the implications of the Commission's recommendations and the necessity for you to accept the Commission's recommendations.

The recommendations are bold and will require transformative action to achieve deep reductions in greenhouse gas emissions, and we have shown we can do it as exemplified in COVID and the stay at home orders. Unfortunately, the recommendations have to be bold because inadequate action has been taken over the last 10 years to significantly address climate change. As a basic human right we need to provide an environment that will improve and sustain public health outcomes-not exacerbate them like we have been doing. We must create and support a more equitable and resilient future for all, starting with higher paid jobs to address poverty.

I understand that some do not support these recommendations and that businesses may be harmed. The reason that we have failed to take the necessary actions for the past 10 years is out of fear and concern for harm. There is no good time, so the time must be now. Harm has already been happening with increasing asthma and respiratory disease rates. Pregnant women exposed to high temperatures or air pollution are more likely to have children who are premature, underweight or stillborn, and African-American mothers and babies are harmed at a much higher rate than the population at large. How is it that this kind of harm is ok and goes on being ignored? This is the choice the Commission needs to make; who will we harm if the recommendations are not adopted, who will we help if they are.

The strategies set forth in the Commission's report are both ambitious and achievable, appropriately reflecting the level of urgency necessary to address the defining crisis of our time. I also support the Commission's recommendation that the cities pursue early actions over the next year to demonstrate the benefits of reducing emissions and build momentum for their full suite of strategies.

Thank you for your consideration.

Please feel free to contact me at [Robinsonju364@gmail.com](mailto:Robinsonju364@gmail.com) with any questions or further discussion.

Sincerely,  
*Judy Robinson*

Judy Robinson  
Concerned Resident of the City of Sacramento  
[Robinsonju364@gmail.com](mailto:Robinsonju364@gmail.com)