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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:

Thank you for your leadership and commitment to addressing climate change in Sacramento, West Sacramento, and throughout the region. I write to express my support for the recommendations of the Mayors' Commission on Climate Change for achieving carbon zero by 2045.

I've attended the majority of the Climate Commission meetings and have seen how hard this group has worked to develop solid recommendations that will have a real effect. The level of expertise brought to the recommendations and the level of cooperation is unparalleled for our region.

Our communities are already experiencing the negative impacts of climate change, which are projected to worsen over time and disproportionately harm marginalized communities. Now is not the time to weaken the recommendations, nor bow to interests unwilling to prepare for a future that is one we plan not just for ourselves but for generations to come.

The Commission has called for bold, transformative action to achieve deep reductions in greenhouse gas emissions, improve public health outcomes, and create a more equitable and resilient future for all. 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.

The current pandemic has shown both how serious the threat is and also how quickly the earth can rebound if we take swift action. We saw air pollution drop dramatically during the two-month Covid-19 shut down.

I fully support the Commission recommendation that Sacramento and West Sacramento pursue early actions over the next year to demonstrate the benefits of reducing emissions and build momentum for the full suite of strategies.

Please be strong, be firm, be the leaders we need for this time.

Sincerely,
Kathy Les