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Commitments in Support of Mayors' Climate Commission Recommendations

Resources For Independent Living commits to working with our private and public partners and stakeholders as Sacramento and West Sacramento implement the Mayors' Climate Commission recommendations. As a cross-disability, intersectional social justice organization, we work in communities that are disproportionately impacted by climate change. This is due in part to systemic racism, poverty, and ableism. The global pandemic brings a new urgency to our work to address climate change and its impacts on minority communities. For the past 18 months, Resources For Independent Living participated in the development of the Mayors' Climate Commission recommendations, including the Equity TAC foundational principles and recommendations. Resources For Independent Living commits to the following activities to advance the recommendations put forth by the Mayors' Climate Commission:

- Our Executive Director and Community Organizer will participate in the development of an Environment Justice Collaborative designed to vet implementation tactics through an equity lens.
- Provide technical assistance to city staff on the impact of implementation tactics on people with disabilities, as well as how to fully integrate people with disabilities into climate resiliency plans.
- Designate key staff to participate in all community meetings related to implementation of the Commission's recommendations.
- Promote the Commission's recommendations and implementation activities on our social media, newsletter, and to our advocacy team.
- Educate our consumers about the implementation tactics and ways to engage as citizens in the process.

It has been my pleasure to serve as a Commissioner on the Mayors' Climate Commission. I acknowledge that the hard work is just beginning. Attaining carbon zero by 2045 (or earlier) is going to take leadership. We must not allow ourselves to become complacent, or to wallow in the devastation of the present moment. Together, we can create an equitable society for future generations to enjoy.

Sincerely,

April Marie Wick
Executive Director