

December 5, 2022
Alliance for Community Engagement

City of Vancouver
Mayor, City Council and Staff

Dear Mayor McEnerny-Ogle, City Council and Staff,

Thank you for making meaningful progress to protect Vancouver's health, safety and resilience. Alliance for Community Engagement (ACE) and our partner organizations support City Council adopting this ambitious Climate Action Framework (CAF). We appreciate that this Framework clearly anchors carbon-neutrality for Vancouver by 2040. It is time now to move this policy forward in order to position the City for implementation funding.

We appreciate that the City has engaged our community in developing a comprehensive roadmap of strategies that will reduce harmful emissions. The CAF ensures those most impacted by climate pollution have a voice in the ongoing process of implementing the CAF's proposed actions.

ACE hopes the City will continue to prioritize and track equitable investments. We support a transparent and public process to review and evaluate progress across CAF programs, as the City makes decisions based on its values of climate, safety and equity. Investments that achieve multiple benefits will strengthen and speed our path to a healthier and safer Vancouver.

The Climate Priority Resolution adopted in June outlines the challenges of climate disruption with its disproportionate impacts on our most vulnerable community members. That Resolution set the stage for the comprehensive CAF that has been proposed for adoption today. We commend City staff, City Council, and all in our community who contributed to this forward-thinking Climate Action Framework, and urge you to vote "YES" to adopt.

Sincerely,

Alliance for Community Engagement and partner organizations
Columbia Riverkeeper
Washington Physicians for Social Responsibility
Friends of the Columbia Gorge
Cascade Volcanoes, Great Old Broads for Wilderness
Washington Environmental Council
League of United Latin American Citizens Council #47013
Sunrise Movement SWWA
Sierra Club Loo Wit
Friends of Clark County
Community Roots Collaborative
Oregon Physicians for Social Responsibility



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