



February 10, 2023

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

The EPC urges the City not spend any additional resources (time or money) to amend the flawed Draft Energy and Climate Change Action Plan (ECCAP) because it does not meet the original requirements in the City's enabling Resolution. Rather, we recommend the City shift its focus towards addressing specific concerns about the ECCAP's inadequacies to provide specific, measurable, achievable, realistic, time-bound implementation actions necessary for the City to reach the targets established by the EAP2040. While the Draft ECCAP's data demonstrates the need for immediate and bold actions, and identifies focus area targets, it does not provide realistic, feasible, or implementable strategies within a set time 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.

On September 22, 2020, I spoke before Council on behalf of the EPC to request that Council approve new language to the Resolution creating the Task Force. The proposal added to the Task Force's mission to provideupdate 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."* **Council approved the addition of this language to the Resolution.**

Over the past year, Task Force and community members raised concerns about the Task Force's success in fulfilling this mission. It is unclear if this resulted in any actions. After reviewing the Draft ECCAP, the EPC believes the Task Force has not fulfilled the mission per our added language to implement the EAP2040 targets.

The EPC also provided 14 pages detailing our specific concerns and inadequacies of the Draft ECCAP during the public comment period and we urge you to review them. However, during our January meeting we reaching consensus that the Draft ECCAP: 1) fails to provide realistic, achievable actions for the City to be successful in meeting its climate targets, 2) fails to focus on actionable strategies that could "move the needle," and 3) instead, focused on the "what" and "why" like the EAP2040, but not enough on the "how" to achieve success.

Rather than investing the necessary resources to address the ECCAP flaws, 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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