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On Behalf Of Paul Browning

Sent: January-25-19 10:35 AM

To: Mayor

Subject: Climate change is happening now. We need to hold fossil fuel companies accountable.

Dear Mayor and Council,

Climate change is one of the major threats facing our community. As residents we are already experiencing its impacts, and as taxpayers we are starting to pay for the costs of dealing with and preparing for those impacts.

As long as the fossil fuel industry makes billions of dollars on the assumption that we alone will pay for the costs of climate change, big oil companies like Chevron and Exxon Mobil will have every incentive to continue to stand in the way of real action on climate change.

I write to encourage you to send climate accountability letters to twenty of the world's largest fossil fuel polluters, who are responsible for nearly 30% of all greenhouse gas emissions, and ask them to pay their fair share for climate costs incurred by our community.

I believe this is a unique opportunity for climate advocacy. By holding fossil fuel polluters accountable for their role in causing climate harm to our communities we can ensure that taxpayers are not the only ones on the hook for the costs of preparing for and rebuilding from the impacts of climate change.

If fossil fuel companies have to pay their fair share of the costs of climate change, this creates an economic incentive for them to stop opposing climate action and instead use their considerable resources and expertise to develop alternatives and help solve our collective climate challenge.

Sincerely,

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Paul Browning

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