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Referred to:
Environment and Social Planning
Committee (2019.09.03)

Copied to:
City Manager
Dir. Corporate Services
Dir. Engineering

Dear Mayor Hurley and Councillors,

I'm an international student at UBC and I live in Burnaby for half year now. As an international student who come from a city that has heavy air pollution, I have many concerns about environmental protection. I know City of Vancouver, Richmond, New Westminster, Port Moody, the district of North Vancouver and the City of North Vancouver have already adopted the IPCC targets or higher for community-wide greenhouse gas reduction. Six of them have also declared climate emergency. As a Burnaby ~~resident~~ resident, I don't want our city to fall behind, because I know Burnaby can lead on climate. Comparing to Vancouver, we have more highways. For me as a student, driving to school when you live in Burnaby and study in UBC saves much more time than taking public transit. Even though, I still try to take bus and skytrain instead of driving because of the greenhouse gas a car can produce. I know, for many people, saving time is more important than caring about environment. And when I do canvassing, I ask people to sign petition to support ~~the~~ the greenhouse gas reduction, many people said they don't care about the environment. However, I still think I'm doing the right thing. Strong climate targets mean great climate ~~targets~~ solutions that will benefit our communities and economy.

I hope Burnaby to adopt ambitious greenhouse gas reduction targets in line with IPCC or higher, I want Burnaby to measure and report emissions with clear interim targets. I want city council to update your community plans. In addition, I want direct staff to draft a plan to adopt and reach these targets. I thank

Council for what you've done so far on climate,
but I want you to take the next step in addressing
the climate crisis. You can see that our current
community GHG reduction targets sit at a low 5%
by 2030, which is far below what the IPCC report calls
us to meet. Responding to the climate crisis requires more
than a declaration, but a clear path to rapidly lowering our
emissions. I hope you could consider my suggestion.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
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