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Cc: Cara Kaser; Tom Andersen; Brad Nanke; Jackie Leung; Matthew Ausec; Chris Hoy; Vanessa Nordyke; Jim Lewis
Subject: Meeting 1/21/2020 & Climate policy

City Councilors and staff,

The City of Salem is expected to have a policy priority related to climate change this year. I'm writing as a professor who lives in Salem and studies climate policy. I will be at the 1/21/2020 policy meeting advocating that the City of Salem join ICLEI (pronounced ick-lee) the non-profit International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives. It is geared toward resource-constrained small cities and helps create a tailored plan for climate action. It also recommends changes that are low cost and high impact that have been tested widely in other cities. Cities go at their own pace of change. It helps leverage local knowledge and data without hiring expensive consultants.

(I benefit in no way by recommending it to you.)

More details on ICLEI USA:

<http://icleiusa.org/about-us/who-we-are/>

Cost (I know this isn't a budget meeting but it's low cost):

<http://icleiusa.org/membership/join-iclei/>

What other Oregon cities are current members?

Newberg, Milwaukie, Lake Oswego, Beaverton, Eugene, Bend, Portland

Here's an Assistant City Manager's opinion:

"ICLEI has been a vital resource to the City of Boynton Beach [Florida] over the past 5 years...We have been provided with best practices, toolkits, templates, software and technical guidance through their website and friendly, knowledgeable staff. Considering the cost we would have incurred for contracting with individual consultants and vendors, our ICLEI membership remains the best return on investment for our ongoing sustainability needs."

Thank you for seriously considering this opportunity to join ICLEI,

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