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**From:** Brian Amstutz <bamstutz@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, October 12, 2020 9:59 AM  
**To:** citycouncil  
**Subject:** greenhouse gas reduction

Hello,

I am writing to ask the City Council of Salem to adopt greenhouse gas reduction goals, consistent with the established scientific goals. The Kyoto protocols were passed when I was 5 years old. This science is well known and well established. What we need to do is well known and well established. It has been for the past 30 years. I am now 35 years old, asking for something that should have been moved forward when I was 5 years old.

Please support our planet and environment. And for god's sake, stop building roads everywhere. More cars are not the answer.

Thanks

Brian Amstutz

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**From:** Brian Hines <brianhines1@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, October 9, 2020 9:39 PM  
**To:** CityRecorder  
**Subject:** Testimony on agenda item 5.b

I heartily support Councilor Andersen's motion to designate greenhouse gas reduction goals in the Salem Climate Plan. The recent wildfires on the West Coast and record number of hurricanes in the Gulf area point to the horrendous effects global warming is having on our planet.

It is no exaggeration to say that the habitability of Earth for humans hangs in the balance. Large decreases in greenhouse gases must occur as soon as possible.

Everyone needs to contribute to these reductions. Nations, states, and, yes, cities. It makes no sense to argue that since Salem contributes a small fraction of global emissions, Salem doesn't have to do anything to fight global warming.

By that logic, no one anywhere would do anything, since everyone contributes a fraction of global emissions. Councilor Andersen's motion is a great first step toward Salem doing its part in this worldwide effort.

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**From:** Danielle Hoffman <dalazzaro@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, October 12, 2020 8:33 AM  
**To:** citycouncil; Vanessa Nordyke; cotyrecorder@cityofsalem.net; Chuck Bennett  
**Subject:** Climate Action Plan Support

Good Morning,

I move that the City Council adopt the following goals as part of the City's Climate Action Plan (CAP) & urge you to as well:

- By 2035, Salem's greenhouse gas emissions shall be reduced to 50% of the citywide greenhouse gas emissions for the baseline year of 2016, and
- By 2050, Salem should be carbon neutral.

Thank you,

Danielle Hoffman

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**From:** Helen Caswell <helenjcaswell@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, October 11, 2020 4:56 PM  
**To:** CityRecorder  
**Subject:** Comment in favor of Councilor Andersen's motion

Dear City of Salem City Councilors,

I support Councilor Andersen's motion to join other Oregon cities - and forward thinking cities around the world - in setting goals for greenhouse gas reduction.

Climate change has endangered our city's public health in recent years, both with two years of grave forest fires and with the serious disturbance to our water system several years ago from toxic algae.

It is costly to ignore the warming climate. It is bad for human health, for environmental health and the health of our businesses - no construction, for example, was done several weeks ago because of the hazardous air.

It is high time Salem took action on the issue of climate change. As we learn from other communities, so will those who have not made this issue a priority learn things from us.

That is the kind of example I want my city to be.

Thank you for your time and service,

Helen Caswell  
Salem

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**From:** Janet Lorenzen <jlorenze@willamette.edu>  
**Sent:** Sunday, October 11, 2020 4:45 PM  
**To:** CityRecorder  
**Subject:** Comments on climate reduction goals

Hello Salem City Staff,

I live in Salem and I'm writing to support the city council in adopting specific climate reduction goals. Salem should be net zero by 2050 and halfway to net zero by 2035. Setting these goals are necessary to guide the Our Salem comprehensive land use plan revision and the Climate Action Plan.

Thank you,

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**From:** Kim Davis <k.mdavis@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, October 9, 2020 1:36 PM  
**To:** CityRecorder; CityRecorder  
**Subject:** Support Motion to Adopt Goals as Part of the Climate Action Plan

I am writing to express my strong support for Councilor Andersen's motion to reduce Salem's greenhouse gas emissions by 50% by 2035 and to be carbon neutral by 2050. Salem needs to move swiftly and proactively to address the rapidly escalating impacts of emissions on the global environment and ecosystems. As we have just endured the worst wildfires, and must now attempt to protect our waterways from probable floods and mudslides that will result, I would hope the sense of urgency has finally found its way to even the most skeptical minds. Around the globe, nations and peoples are dealing with unprecedented storms, fires, ice melt, sea level rise, ocean warming and acidification, all which jeopardize the basic biological systems that support life on Earth.

Salem must actively participate in the regional, national and global efforts underway to reduce green house gas emissions. Action now by City Council will set clear goals for the Climate Action Plan Task Force, which has precious little time to lose in establishing specific strategies to create the changes needed.

Thank you, on behalf of my grandchildren and their grandchildren, Kim Davis

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**From:** Meredy Goldberg Edelson <medelson@willamette.edu>  
**Sent:** Saturday, October 10, 2020 9:52 PM  
**To:** CityRecorder  
**Subject:** Pass motion 5b

I support Councilor Tom Andersen's climate action plan motion 5b for Salem. Please vote in favor of this motion. It is a vital step toward reducing greenhouse gases and addressing climate change.

Thank you,

Meredyth Goldberg Edelson, Ph.D.  
Professor of Psychology/Women's and Gender Studies  
Willamette University

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**From:** Meg Hummon <meghummon@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, October 9, 2020 8:19 AM  
**To:** CityRecorder  
**Subject:** Motion from Councilor Tom Andersen regarding adopting goals as part of the City's Climate Action Plan.

To: City Council, Salem, Oregon

From: Meg Hummon, South Salem resident

Date: 10-9-20

Subject: Support for Motion from Councilor Tom Andersen regarding adopting goals as part of the City's Climate Action Plan.

Please support Councilor Andersen's motion, to reduce Salem's GHG emissions by 50% by 2035 and to be carbon neutral by 2050. Salem needs to be part of local, regional, national, and international efforts to reduce GHG. Action now by City Council will set clear goals for the Climate Action Plan Task Force. As a community, we must do all we can to reverse disastrous trends related to climate change. We cannot afford present complications, like wildfires, and they will get worse even faster if GHG are not curbed. Thank you.

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**From:** nadene@yatesguitar.com  
**Sent:** Sunday, October 11, 2020 12:32 PM  
**To:** CityRecorder  
**Cc:** Tom Andersen  
**Subject:** Support for Councilor Andersen's motion to reduce GHG

Dear Council Members,

Thank you for the time and effort you have invested in the Our Salem process and Climate Action Plan.

I am writing to urge support for Councilor Andersen's motion, to reduce Salem's GHG emissions by 50% by 2035 and to be carbon neutral by 2050. Before we go further with Our Salem and the Climate Action Plan, I urge you to set these goals as the foundation of our planning, not an afterthought.

Cities across the world, and more than 60 countries, have adopted these goals. As the capitol city, Salem should be leading the way in climate action and yet we are lagging far beyond our peer cities like Eugene, Corvallis, Bend, Ashland, Milwaukie and Portland. Salem has just received an influx of people who have fled wildfires. These climate refugees in our midst should be all the wake-up call we need.

Climate change represents the biggest challenge to the future of humanity and the life-support systems that make our world habitable. If we are to avoid the worst effects of climate change, including more destructive wildfires, we need to develop a plan that will allow us to meet this most urgent priority of our time.

We have a choice. Our Salem isn't about planning for the next few years. The actions we take right now will solidify growth patterns for the next century and beyond. Please help ensure a stable climate and secure future for all of us.

Again, thank you for all the work you do on behalf of Salem citizens.

Nadene LeCheminant  
Salem, Oregon

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**From:** Phil Carver <philiphcarver@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, October 11, 2020 8:16 PM  
**To:** CityRecorder  
**Cc:** Clair Clark; Roberta A  
**Subject:** Comments by 350 Salem Oregon on Item 5.b.

Thanks for the opportunity to comment. The comments below have been endorsed by 350 Salem Oregon.

Phil Carver, Co-coordinator

### **COMMENTS by 350 Salem Oregon On Councilor Andersen's Motion #20-383 Oct. 11, 2020**

350 Salem Oregon thanks Councilor Tom Andersen for his Motion #20-383 (Item 5.b.) and supports passage as drafted at the Oct. 12 meeting of the Council.

We also thank the City for initiating a Climate Action planning process to develop a comprehensive plan to reduce community greenhouse gas emissions. We applaud the City's actions to date, including estimating baseline emissions, conducting a climate audit, assigning staff, budgeting for and hiring a climate consultant, and selecting a taskforce.

The City's climate audit calls for setting at least two measurable emission reduction goals, one for a date less than 20 years in the future and one for 20 or more years ahead. 350 Salem supports the two dates in the motion. 2035 is soon enough to inspire quick action. 2050 is late enough to gauge the likely effects of policies that have lasting effects. These dates, of 15 and 30 years in the future, satisfy the audit recommendations. It is appropriate for the Council to set goals early in the development of a climate plan. Setting the goals is a high-level policy choice that would be an inappropriate task for the staff, the consultant or the taskforce. 350 Salem supports the two numerical goals in the motion as consistent with the urgency and level of reductions needed and with the goals of other governmental entities. The goals are strong yet achievable.

The unprecedented weather conditions on Labor Day evening and the next few days created the largest firestorm the state has ever seen. The acreage burned in the last ten years is beyond the state's historical norms. These disastrous fires are a stark reminder of the severity of the climate crisis. The increase in average global surface temperature to date has been just over 1 degree Celsius. Under the Paris Accord the world is struggling to limit the increase to 2 degrees. The goals in the motion are consistent with limiting the damage to that level.

In addition to being consistent with the goals of the state of Oregon and many of Oregon's cities, the two goals are consistent with national and international efforts.

Over 40 developed countries have promised to become carbon neutral by 2050 or before. These include the European Union (only Poland dissenting), the United Kingdom, Switzerland, Norway, Iceland, South Korea, New Zealand, South Africa, Uruguay, Chile, and Canada. Japan and Singapore have promised to be carbon neutral as soon it becomes viable after 2050. China recently promised to be carbon neutral by 2060.

A diverse array of other states have also made a similar pledge for 2050, including:

1. California: Carbon neutral by 2045.
2. Nevada: Carbon neutral by 2050.
3. Washington: 95% reduction by 2050.

4. Montana: Carbon neutral between 2045 and 2050
5. Michigan: Carbon neutral by 2050
6. Louisiana: Carbon neutral by 2050
7. New York: Carbon neutral by 2050

Once the Salem City Council has adopted numerical emission goals, 350 Salem sees the Climate Action Plan Taskforce's task to be to develop reasonable and achievable strategies to meet the goals, focusing on the near-term 2035 goal to cut our greenhouse gas emissions in half compared to 2016 levels. While achieving these goals will require cooperative actions by other governments and by the citizens of the Salem area, the City of Salem must take every reasonable action to achieve these community goals.

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**From:** Philip Ratcliff <skazz999W@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, October 11, 2020 10:01 PM  
**To:** CityRecorder  
**Subject:** Climate Action Plan:

To use an analogy of a baseball game, it's the bottom of the ninth inning, two outs, the bases are empty, and the batter has two strikes. That's the global climate situation. The game may be lost already. Carbon dioxide (CO2) persists in the atmosphere for decades, and the 418 parts per million of CO2 is dangerously high, the highest it's been in 400,000 years.

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Salem can set an example for the state by adopting a tough plan to reduce CO2. The rest of the nation will take notice if the plan succeeds. But Salem can't "kick the can" down the road by setting goals far into the future. The situation is critical, and action is called for. The usual suspects would protest that stringent measures to cut CO2 emissions would hurt business. It's a matter of survival, and the fools who see their profits suffering would drag the rest of us down with them. Bold action cannot wait.

Philip Ratcliff - Salem

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**From:** Roberta A <robertaanne1@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, October 9, 2020 6:54 AM  
**To:** CityRecorder  
**Subject:** Climate Change Considerations for City Councilors...

City Recorder,

Climate change is real; it is here; it's past time for Salem's Climate Action Plan to set realistic goals to reduce carbon.

Councilor Andersen submitted a motion of absolutely necessary goals to mitigate the slow start we've had. He mentioned several cities in Oregon which have set goals already.

While I'd like to think, living in the Capitol, we'd be the engine and lead in Oregon, at the least, we need to be on the train, even if the caboose.

The Climate Action Plan Task Force must develop strategies to achieve the goals in Andersen's motion.

Thank you,  
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**From:** Robert Hoffman <rahoffman80@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, October 12, 2020 10:43 AM  
**To:** citycouncil; Chuck Bennett; Vanessa Nordyke; CityRecorder  
**Subject:** Support for the Climate Action Plan

Good Morning,

I move that the City Council adopt the following goals as part of the City's Climate Action Plan (CAP) & urge you to as well:

- By 2035, Salem's greenhouse gas emissions **shall** be reduced to 50% of the citywide greenhouse gas emissions for the baseline year of 2016, and
- By 2050, Salem should be carbon neutral.

Thank you,

Robert Hoffman

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**From:** Ray Quisenberry <rayquisenberry@centurylink.net>  
**Sent:** Sunday, October 11, 2020 11:18 AM  
**To:** CityRecorder  
**Subject:** Regarding 5.b. Setting GHG limits

I'm writing in support of moving forward as quickly as possible and have Salem finally step up and set goals for limits on Green House Gas emissions by our city. It's the responsibility of the city council to set the targets, and then we can develop the plan via the consultant and advisory board on how to meet the goals.

By the council setting the goals now, it puts the mileposts out there to guide the advisory board in their work. It also underscores the seriousness of the issue. Salem is years behind other cities in Oregon that have already accepted their responsibility. I was told growing up that I shouldn't expect others to do my work for me. I'm glad Salem is finally seeing that we need to do our part as well.

Ray Quisenberry  
Ward 1

Sent from my iPad

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**From:** Sarah Deumling <sdeumling@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, October 10, 2020 8:51 PM  
**To:** CityRecorder  
**Subject:** GHG Emissions

Mayor Bennett  
City Council Members,

Councilor Anderson's upcoming motion to establish GHG emission goals is perhaps the most basic foundation of both the Salem Climate Action Plan and the "Our Salem" project. Climate change is the greatest threat, by far, to the livability of Salem (as well as the rest of Oregon and the world). The seriousness of this threat can and must be addressed at all levels from the household to .internationally. I urge you to pass the motion to create the foundation on which to build both the CAP and the "Our Salem" document. Then, the proof of the pudding will be figuring out how to reach these goals. Investment up front will pay off in the long run and 350 Salem stands with you, ready to do the hard work of turning goals into reality.

Thank you for past, current and future work on behalf of Salem.

Sincerely,  
Sarah Deumling  
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Salem, OR 97304

**Amy Johnson**

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**From:** Susan Lloyd Graves Chapman <susanlloyd@peak.org>  
**Sent:** Saturday, October 10, 2020 9:34 AM  
**To:** CityRecorder  
**Subject:** support for reduction of greenhouse gas emissions

Dear City of Salem Mayor and Council;

This is to urge you to support Agenda item 5.b, regarding the reduction of greenhouse gases in Salem. It is urgently needed, and it's time to join many other Oregon cities in taking this action to protect our planet.

Thank you

Susan Graves  
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**From:** Spens Wu <spencerpharmd@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, October 11, 2020 9:18 PM  
**To:** CityRecorder  
**Cc:** Shaundi Woolley  
**Subject:** Support for a carbon neutral Salem

To Whom It May Concern,

I wish to voice my support for the motion Ward 2 Councilor Tom Andersen will introduce to set Greenhouse Gas Reduction (GHG) goals for the Salem Climate Action Plan.

The goals to reduce Salem's GHG emissions by 50% by 2035 and for Salem to become carbon neutral by 2050 are critical for our children's future.

Oregon has already witnessed the beginning of the devastation global warming will bring by lighting ablaze our homes and communities. We cannot allow this to become any worse than it is. Will we stand by and do nothing? Please support this motion.

Sincerely,

Spencer Woolley, PharmD  
779 Van Buren Dr NW, Salem, OR 97304

To reiterate my specific request, here is the motion (Agenda Item 5.b) that Councilor Andersen will make:

<https://salem.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=4662997&GUID=14D81794-7DE6-46A6-8F6D-B3FF419978E5>