

## Amy Johnson

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**From:** Clair Clark <clairclark86@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, October 12, 2020 12:23 PM  
**To:** CityRecorder  
**Cc:** Cade Bobbie; Phil Carver  
**Subject:** Comments on Item 5.b.

Good afternoon,

I would like to thank Councilor Anderson for his motion (#20-383) for the City of Salem to adopt goals for greenhouse gas reductions to guide the development of a Climate Action Plan. The specific goals put forward by Councilor Anderson are both achievable and consistent with the urgency of the climate crisis.

We're already experiencing the devastating impacts of a warming climate, including erratic weather and more frequent and prolonged droughts that contributed to the unprecedented forest fires last month. The climate will continue to warm from past emissions, but we have one final, precious decade to avoid truly catastrophic climate change by rapidly reducing emissions and adapting to the global heating already "baked in".

Once the Council adopts emission reduction goals, the Climate Action Plan Task Force should develop reasonable, equitable strategies to meet those goals with a strong focus on near-term reductions. Achieving these goals will require cooperation between governments, businesses, and Salem residents and the City of Salem should make every effort to ensure these goals are met.

Sincerely,

Clair Clark  
Salem resident, Ward 2

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**From:** Hollie Oakes-Miller <hollie@holsgem.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, October 12, 2020 12:13 PM  
**To:** citycouncil; CityRecorder  
**Subject:** 10/12/20 City Council Meeting Public Comment

City Leaders,

We are writing today in support of Councilor Andersen's motion to adopt goals as part of the City's Climate Action Plan. Specifically that "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." We feel this motion is very much in line with the latest [IPCC special report](#) which makes it clear that we need to halve emissions within 12 years and zero them out by 2050. Given the lack of federal leadership on climate, we believe that US cities bear responsibility to meet these goals. Especially since the people most negatively impacted by climate change are largely poor and non-white, even though these are the people that have historically contributed the least to global greenhouse gas emissions. The US is one of the worst greenhouse gas emitters and we have a moral obligation to reduce our greenhouse gas emissions to zero as soon as possible.

Gary Miller & Hollie Oakes-Miller  
Ward 5

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**From:** STEVEN ANDERSON <andersonriskanalysis@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, October 12, 2020 2:51 PM  
**To:** CityRecorder  
**Subject:** Testimony for Oct 12th City Council Meeting  
**Attachments:** Tagedy of the Commons.pdf

Recorder:

Please include the attached testimony for Agenda Item 5.b. for the record of tonight's City Council meeting. Please confirm receipt of this email. Than you.

Steve Anderson  
andersonriskanalysis@comcast.net

Mayor & City Council; Steve Anderson; Ward 8  
Agenda Item 5.b. Oct. 12, 2020

The story is told of several ranchers grazing their animals on a common field. When the field is not over capacity, ranchers may graze their animals with few limitations. The rational rancher will seek to add livestock thereby increasing profits. Thinking logically but not collectively thus repeating the benefits alone while the costs are shared among all ranchers. The tragedy is that ultimately as each rancher, thinking only of themselves, adding more and more livestock results in overgrazing. Now no rancher will be able to graze the field.

Known as the “Tragedy of the Commons”; a bedrock principle in modern ecology made popular by Garrett Hardin in 1968. The tragedy being individuals acting independently according to their self-interest behave contrary to the best interests of the whole group by depleting some common resource. I believe Councilor Andersen’s motion is a positive step forward establishing vision and measurable goals for our air quality.

30 plus years doing risk analyses to determine the impacts of toxic air pollutants on the quality of airsheds and resulting effects on human health around the world guides my question of where is the visionary leadership today. City Council is being asked to link arms, roll up your sleeves, and set a course for preserving the Commons before it is ecologically destroyed.

When I prepare to go on a whitewater river trip, I pull out my maps, go to my bookshelf for my copy of Soggy Sneakers, and assemble information on river conditions, etc. Why? I want to establish a vision of where I am going and what is needed to get there. Experience has taught me that river conditions can change, rapids will need scouting, but without my vision and preparation of where I am going, there can be no successful whitewater adventure.

Councilor Andersen’s motions to set measurable Greenhouse Gas Emissions goals is the vision needed to preserve our air quality, THE COMMONS. He knows, as do you, that the experts will need to run scenarios on how we can get there. Our community will have its input. However, if Council does not define the vision, it is like the Cheshire cat in the tree.

“One day **Alice** came to a fork in the **road** and saw a **Cheshire cat** in a tree. “Which **road** do I **take**?” she asked. “Where do you want to go?” was his response. “I don’t much care where—” **said Alice**. “Then it doesn’t matter which way you go,” **said the Cat**.

Please support Councilor Andersen’s motion. Get somewhere. Thank you.

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**From:** Shaundi <shaundiw@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, October 12, 2020 11:19 AM  
**To:** CityRecorder  
**Subject:** Support for a carbon neutral Salem

Dear Committee:

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,

Shaundi Woolley  
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>

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**From:** Spens Wu <[spencerpharmd@gmail.com](mailto:spencerpharmd@gmail.com)>  
**Date:** Sun, Oct 11, 2020, 9:18 PM  
**Subject:** Support for a carbon neutral Salem  
**To:** <[cityrecorder@cityofsalem.net](mailto:cityrecorder@cityofsalem.net)>  
**Cc:** Shaundi Woolley <[shaundiw@gmail.com](mailto:shaundiw@gmail.com)>

To Whom It May Concern,

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Sincerely,

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

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