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Dear Council Members,

I am emailing to ask you to support #22-1529 Resolution adopting the City of La Crosse's 2022 Climate Action Plan

This plan is the next step on the path to sustainability started in 2009 with the city's Sustainability Plan. Creating the Climate Action Plan (CAP) has been a year-long process with dozens of CAP team members devoting many hours to research, meetings, discussions, learning, and sharing ideas. We have looked at other communities' work on similar plans, we have read articles and studies, we have debated what is needed and what is possible, and we have relied on the professional guidance of our experienced consultant, pale BLUE dot llc. In addition, there have been many public input sessions, opportunities for the public to suggest changes or share their own experiences and ideas, and continuing fine tuning by the CAP team.

Our global window of opportunity to avoid catastrophic climate outcomes is rapidly closing. It's up to each of us, as individuals and community members, to do all we can. Fortunately, there are many things we can do that will make a big difference. Many of the changes are relatively easy and have been tested and proven in other cities. And, assistance and innovations are on the way.

The actions recommended in this plan will not only help meet our carbon reduction goals, they will also save money, improve our city's resilience, support a healthier environment for beneficial plants and animals, improve air and water quality, and make our city more livable and more equitable,

This is the best time to act. I hope you will approve this most important resolution for the new year tonight.

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