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I am writing in strong support that the City of LaCrosse declare a climate emergency. This simply makes sense...to be as proactive as possible to develop resiliency and to contribute towards mitigation of climate change problems the city will experience at an ever-increasing scale. Climate change is real and already affecting our regional climate with severe storms, warmer summers and winters and greater likelihood of severe droughts and episodic winter severe cold events due to an unstable polar vortex. LaCrosse already has underway an assessment of vulnerabilities and opportunities to mitigate climate change impacts on the city's infrastructure, economy, and quality of life. Included in this are plans to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and develop more sustainable renewable energy resource diversity.

What's the emergency? Time is limited. Proactive efforts towards mitigation and prevention now will be much less costly and more effective earlier rather than later. This emergency does not single out fossil fuels to be eliminated in a thoughtless or harmful way. Statements that gas powered cars would be illegal are simply untrue and are distortions of the intent of this resolution.

Community commitment to look ahead and act responsibly depends leadership to raise awareness of urgency. Your leadership is important.

Thanks you
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