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Dear City Leaders,

I'm writing to you today in support of Climate Emergency Resolution 22-0977.

One of the basic responsibilities of City Government is ensuring public safety: through zoning, building codes, policing, firefighting, etc. But there was a time not that long ago (for example) when the City of La Crosse didn't employ a fire department. The idea of not having a fire department is unthinkable today, but it was only after witnessing several decades of tragedy that the City finally admitted Government was the only entity that could effectively address the challenge.

Today, like cities around the world, La Crosse faces another challenge: Can we look at what's happening to our planet and at least admit there's a problem? For several decades, we've witnessed these problems firsthand.

A Wisconsin Public Radio article published February 23, 2021 titled "**Wisconsin Farmers Say Agriculture, Consumers Can Drive Response To Climate Change**" recounted that "Jim Goodman, a retired dairy farmer from Juneau County, said extreme weather events like flooding and fires have caused more people to accept the reality of climate change and the fragility of the current food system." On July 21, 2021, News8000 published an article titled "**Wildfires from West Coast and Canada lead to air quality issues in La Crosse County**" This article highlighted "Poorer air quality is leading to concerns for people who have respiratory or heart-related conditions". The fact that smoke from the West Coast was adversely impacting La Crosse's air quality is perhaps the starkest example of the interconnected nature of our ecosystem.

The City of La Crosse has a responsibility to admit the planet is facing a Climate Emergency and I implore you to adopt the resolution. Thank you.