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Dear City Council Members,

I am emailing to urge you to pass the resolution declaring a climate emergency (#22-0427 on tonight's J&A committee agenda). After decades of inadequate action on this unprecedented threat, our world has reached the virtual edge of the cliff. If we don't stop burning fossil fuels as quickly as possible, we will have no path to keep global heating below the thresholds that climate scientists have identified as the limit for future habitability of our planet for humans and billions of other species.

We are already on the "maybe" list. Because models have been relatively conservative so far, even if we stop immediately, there's a chance it will have been too little too late.

This is not an Internet conspiracy. This is the conclusion of hundreds of thousands of professionals using facts and data. You have read it, I'm sure. If not, I've included a gift link (behind the paywall) to a good New York Times summary of the latest IPCC report.

Now, you, as community leaders, must go beyond simply knowing. I hope, if you haven't yet, you will sit with this situation and let it really sink in. Because then you will be passionate and adamant about the need to act.

As climate scientist Michael E. Mann says, we must have urgency AND agency about the climate crisis.

The city's past acts--improving energy efficiency, installing solar, moving to electric buses, and more--and current climate action planning are great steps in the right direction, not just to provide and take actions that will make a difference, but also to model for other communities in our region how to move forward on this most important issue.

That's why your passing this resolution is important. Not only will La Crosse join hundreds of others around the world to strongly press for meaningful global and national action, we will also elevate and amplify the facts and discussion, encouraging others to join the effort.<sup>6</sup>

I am so proud of our city's leadership on this. The ripple effects of La Crosse's strong commitment to climate action increase the momentum to make the big changes needed.

Please vote to pass the climate emergency resolution.

Thank you.

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Stopping Climate Change Is Doable, but Time Is Short, U.N. Panel Warns (by Brad Plumber and Raymond Zhong, NYT, April 4, 2022)

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