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Hello,

I am emailing to encourage you to vote for resolution #22-0977: Resolution Declaring a Climate Emergency.

As of mid-August, according to [ClimateEmergencyDeclaration.org](https://climateemergencydeclaration.org), "2,268 jurisdictions in 39 countries have declared a climate emergency. Populations covered by jurisdictions that have declared a climate emergency amount to over 1 billion citizens." This number includes at least 18 national governments and the European Union.

A lot has happened since this resolution was brought before you a couple of months ago. In the past few weeks, we have had [six 1,000 year rainfall events](#) in our country. And, as we have seen, [one-third of Pakistan](#) has literally been washed away by historic floods. Extreme events and higher temperatures are occurring sooner than models have predicted. This truly is an emergency and the whole world must act quickly, including La Crosse, Wisconsin.

While I hope you will pass the resolution, the removal of "fossil fuels" from the text is worrying. Greenhouse gas emissions are mostly caused by burning fossil fuels. That is a fact. We are not going to reduce those emissions if we don't stop using fossil fuels, and the sooner, the better. I am concerned that censoring the fundamental cause of this existential emergency from the resolution will make it easier for people to block or weaken the actions--ending use of fossil fuels--that will need to be taken. As we look forward to the completion of our city's climate action plan, we will need to be clear about the threat, the cause, and the actions. The [fossil fuel industry has spent decades lying and denying](#) their role in this crisis. Fossil fuels are the problem and stopping their use is the necessity, whatever words are in the resolution.

Please pass the resolution.

Thank you.

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