

DIRECTORS'/ORGANIZATIONAL AGENDA ADDENDUM

Monday, March 22, 2021

I. DIRECTORS CORRESPONDENCE

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

1. March 2021 Sales Tax Report reflecting January 2021 sales

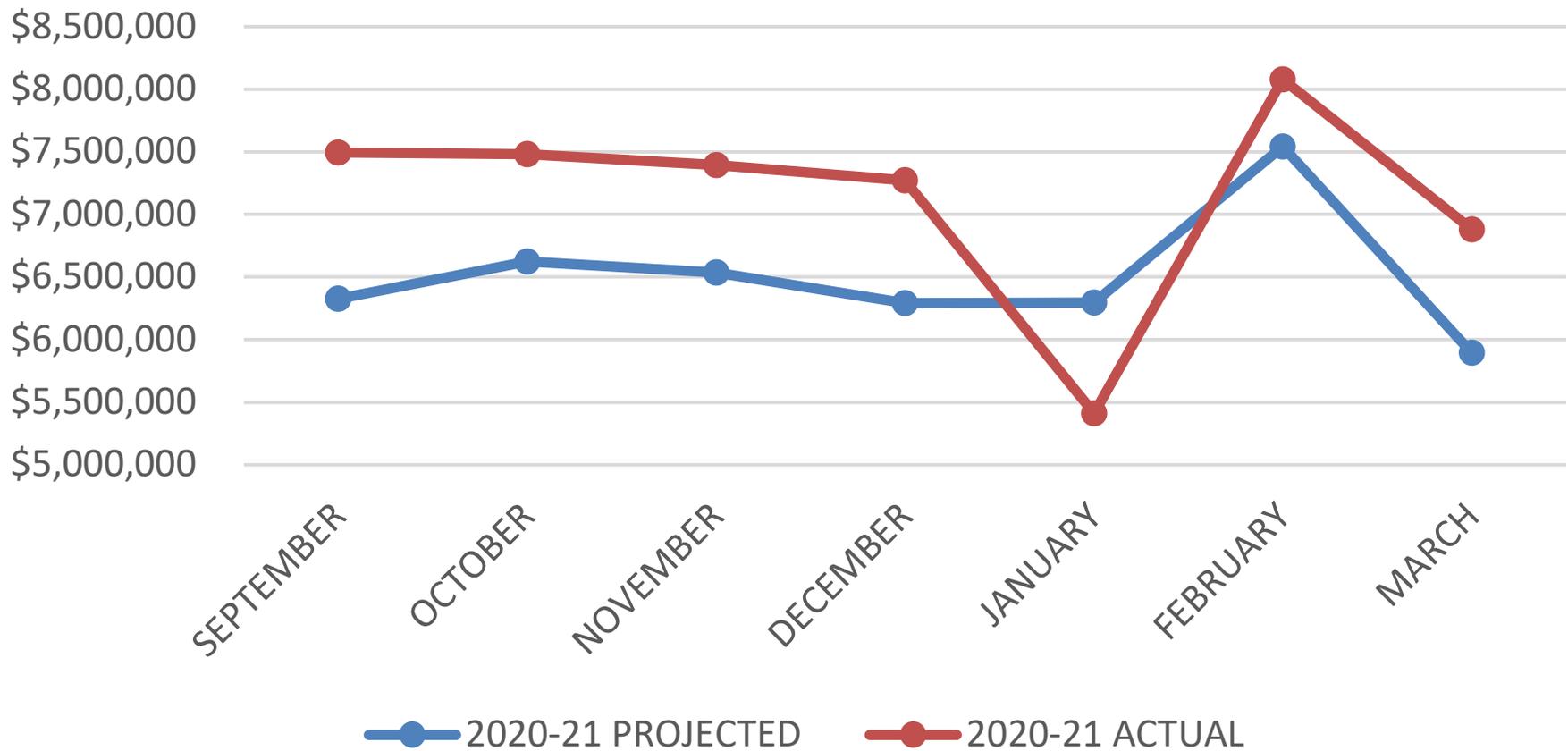
II. CONSTITUENT CORRESPONDENCE

1. Water Main/Historic Pin Oak – Raina Engelhard
2. Wyuka Development – Betty Hunter
3. Official/Final Version with chart of Mortality Numbers – Robert Borer
Response from Tom Nebelsick
4. Against Raising Rates on LES – Snu Light

III. CONSTITUENT CORRESPONDENCE RELATED TO CLIMATE ACTION PLAN

See attached items

FY 2020-21 Projected vs Actual Net Sales Tax



**Actual Compared to
Projected Sales Tax Collections**

	2020-21 PROJECTED	2020-21 ACTUAL	VARIANCE FROM PROJECTED	\$ CHANGE FROM 19-20	% CHANGE FROM 19-20
SEPTEMBER	\$6,325,838	\$7,492,398	\$1,166,560	\$693,111	10.19%
OCTOBER	\$6,621,779	\$7,480,919	\$859,140	\$401,905	5.68%
NOVEMBER	\$6,537,834	\$7,392,815	\$854,981	\$281,686	3.96%
DECEMBER	\$6,292,944	\$7,273,404	\$980,460	\$389,694	5.66%
JANUARY	\$6,294,730	\$5,412,199	(\$882,531)	(\$567,472)	-9.49%
FEBRUARY	\$7,542,765	\$8,079,047	\$536,282	\$49,294	0.61%
MARCH	\$5,894,467	\$6,878,836	\$984,369	\$611,956	9.76%
APRIL	\$5,740,899				
MAY	\$6,709,386				
JUNE	\$6,338,704				
JULY	\$6,445,755				
AUGUST	\$6,914,489				
TOTAL	\$77,659,590	\$50,009,618	\$4,499,261	\$1,860,174	3.86%

Actual collections for the fiscal year to date are 9.89% over projections for the year.

**CITY OF LINCOLN
GROSS SALES TAX COLLECTIONS (WITH REFUNDS ADDED BACK IN)
2016-2017 THROUGH 2020-2021**

	ACTUAL 2016-17	ACTUAL 2017-18	ACTUAL 2018-19	% CHG. FROM PRIOR YEAR	ACTUAL 2019-20	% CHG. FROM PRIOR YEAR	ACTUAL 2020-21	% CHG. FROM PRIOR YEAR
SEPTEMBER	\$6,265,764	\$6,386,734	\$6,457,192	1.10%	\$6,927,862	7.29%	\$7,514,711	8.47%
OCTOBER	\$6,598,756	\$6,811,452	\$6,817,440	0.09%	\$7,116,483	4.39%	\$7,514,902	5.60%
NOVEMBER	\$6,471,721	\$6,537,754	\$6,637,486	1.53%	\$7,146,575	7.67%	\$7,422,009	3.85%
DECEMBER	\$6,128,386	\$6,371,026	\$6,493,888	1.93%	\$6,897,823	6.22%	\$7,316,836	6.07%
JANUARY	\$6,285,444	\$6,432,363	\$6,516,808	1.31%	\$6,776,561	3.99%	\$6,749,486	-0.40%
FEBRUARY	\$7,293,928	\$7,459,132	\$7,386,107	-0.98%	\$8,118,745	9.92%	\$8,105,671	-0.16%
MARCH	\$5,521,761	\$5,930,406	\$5,981,967	0.87%	\$6,303,510	5.38%	\$6,885,863	9.24%
APRIL	\$5,639,028	\$5,618,037	\$5,586,708	-0.56%	\$6,350,301	13.67%		
MAY	\$6,708,815	\$6,759,407	\$6,623,556	-2.01%	\$6,308,611	-4.75%		
JUNE	\$6,255,952	\$6,325,718	\$6,721,994	6.26%	\$5,793,431	-13.81%		
JULY	\$6,440,709	\$6,644,137	\$6,804,001	2.41%	\$6,282,775	-7.66%		
AUGUST	\$6,736,493	\$6,770,977	\$7,199,568	6.33%	\$7,595,398	5.50%		
TOTAL	\$76,346,757	\$78,047,143	\$79,226,715	1.51%	\$81,618,075	3.02%	\$51,509,478	4.51%

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SALES TAX REFUNDS
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	ACTUAL 2016-2017	ACTUAL 2017-2018	ACTUAL 2018-2019	% CHG. FROM PRIOR YEAR	ACTUAL 2019-2020	% CHG. FROM PRIOR YEAR	ACTUAL 2020-2021	% CHG. FROM PRIOR YEAR
SEPTEMBER	(\$217,212)	(\$98,235)	(\$52,954)	-46.09%	(\$128,575)	142.81%	(\$22,314)	-82.65%
OCTOBER	(\$31,712)	(\$30,920)	(\$7,524)	-75.66%	(\$37,469)	397.97%	(\$33,982)	-9.31%
NOVEMBER	(\$81,460)	(\$923)	(\$2,944)	218.96%	(\$35,446)	1104.01%	(\$29,194)	-17.64%
DECEMBER	(\$79,179)	(\$46,365)	(\$58,585)	26.36%	(\$14,114)	-75.91%	(\$43,432)	207.72%
JANUARY	(\$294,431)	(\$379,926)	(\$342,169)	-9.94%	(\$796,890)	132.89%	(\$1,337,287)	67.81%
FEBRUARY	(\$90,752)	(\$719)	(\$33,054)	4497.22%	(\$88,992)	169.23%	(\$26,624)	-70.08%
MARCH	(\$92,105)	(\$49,445)	(\$40,643)	-17.80%	(\$36,630)	-9.87%	(\$7,027)	-80.82%
APRIL	(\$29,707)	(\$41,280)	(\$31,464)	-23.78%	(\$30,982)	-1.53%	(\$40,355)	30.25%
MAY	(\$67,726)	(\$91,272)	(\$41,555)	-54.47%	(\$15,309)	-63.16%		
JUNE	(\$83,394)	(\$51,268)	(\$13,186)	-74.28%	(\$10,195)	-22.68%		
JULY	(\$1,932)	(\$347,486)	(\$29,772)	-91.43%	(\$45,946)	54.32%		
AUGUST	(\$17,202)	(\$96,471)	(\$9,385)	-90.27%	(\$34,190)	264.30%		
TOTAL	(\$1,086,812)	(\$1,234,310)	(\$663,236)	-46.27%	(\$1,274,738)	92.20%	(\$1,540,215)	31.74%

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OCTOBER	\$6,567,045	\$6,780,531	\$6,809,916	0.43%	\$7,079,014	3.95%	\$7,480,919	5.68%
NOVEMBER	\$6,390,261	\$6,536,831	\$6,634,499	1.49%	\$7,111,129	7.18%	\$7,392,815	3.96%
DECEMBER	\$6,049,207	\$6,324,661	\$6,435,303	1.75%	\$6,883,710	6.97%	\$7,273,404	5.66%
JANUARY	\$5,991,013	\$6,052,437	\$6,174,639	2.02%	\$5,979,671	-3.16%	\$5,412,199	-9.49%
FEBRUARY	\$7,203,175	\$7,458,413	\$7,353,053	-1.41%	\$8,029,753	9.20%	\$8,079,047	0.61%
MARCH	\$5,429,656	\$5,880,960	\$5,941,323	1.03%	\$6,266,880	5.48%	\$6,878,836	9.76%
APRIL	\$5,609,320	\$5,576,757	\$5,555,244	-0.39%	\$6,319,319	13.75%		
MAY	\$6,641,089	\$6,668,135	\$6,582,001	-1.29%	\$6,293,302	-4.39%		
JUNE	\$6,172,558	\$6,274,450	\$6,708,808	6.92%	\$5,783,236	-13.80%		
JULY	\$6,438,777	\$6,296,651	\$6,774,229	7.58%	\$6,236,829	-7.93%		
AUGUST	\$6,719,292	\$6,674,506	\$7,190,183	7.73%	\$7,561,209	5.16%		
TOTAL	\$75,259,945	\$76,812,830	\$78,563,436	2.28%	\$80,343,339	2.27%	\$50,009,618	3.86%

Angela M. Birkett

From: Raina Engelhard <raina@huskers.unl.edu>
Sent: Friday, March 19, 2021 11:16 AM
To: Council Packet; Mayor; Jane Raybould; Richard W. Meginnis; Transportation and Utilities
Cc: Parks Tree Surety; Adam R. Klingenberg
Subject: Water Main/Historic Pin Oak

Hello,

My name is Raina and my parents live at 2500 Washington Street in the historic Near South neighborhood. I live at 19th and Washington, but the Oak tree in direct question is at 25th and Washington. Washington's water main is currently being redone by K2 construction. I reached out to Lorri B Grueber, Community Operations Forester, and she told me to reach out to you. I've sent this to Jane Raybould directly, citing Russ's Market's role on Washington and in Near South. I've also sent this directly to Richard Meginnis, seeing as I work for Polygon/NAIFMA at Rampark.

Large trees like Pin Oaks are what define the tree lined streets of Near South. Near South is known to Lincoln as practically being an arboretum. In the UNL Community and Regional Planning program, I'm asked to read things like the Tree Husker plan (by a former Lincoln Community Forester and Professor no less) about tree equity and how much neighborhoods benefit from trees financially and beyond, only to see one of the hallmarks of my childhood and vulnerable neighborhood almost sacrificed. As of right now it's still on the hit list. How many more beloved and historic Near South trees need to come down because of what looks like blatantly questionable design and use of money?

I don't even mean to sound like a tree hugger. Tree Guys say they're getting about \$4,000 to remove the Oak. Well, that single bucket truck and crew had four Near South pin oaks to remove for \$16,000, so this Oak could be more because it's pretty girthy. I don't know how much more money grinding the stump and removing the root ball will cost. The Lincoln Public Works and Utilities Department said they could indeed redesign around the tree for the cost of one house's new driveway, a sidewalk portion, and piping for that area... the boss just has to approve it, which could be unlikely. Why in the Arbor Day state (which is all we have besides "Nebraska Nice") are we not taking the time to prioritize healthy trees and tree lined streets? Especially if trees add monetary value to homes in a neighborhood like mine. It wouldn't cost much more to do so, maybe even less. I'm sure K2 will also say they paid more for the removal than they really did and capitalize.

Why didn't K2 let Parks and Rec know what was going on? Did K2 reveal the other three likely city trees in the bid to parks and rec? Why did a privately contracted truck use my driveway claiming to be with the city with no warning? If my partner wasn't a licensed arborist that knew to get a second opinion, and if my sister hadn't been home at my parent's when the chainsaws started, this borderline champion tree would have been a stump without warning when my parents got home from work.

I knew a privately contracted tree service working in a city tree wasn't right. I called Parks and Rec upon seeing Tree Guys, and an inspector arrived on site and expressed frustration at not being notified, but said go ahead with removal because it must be interfering. However, I don't think they knew the pipe East of the tree had already been redone. The LNK Water man that came to meet Parks and Rec ended up sticking around while Tree Guys got back in the tree to proceed with removal, but the water man later came up and told them to stop cutting, as they were going to look into the water layout design. I think trees in the Arbor Day state/TreeCity deserve "due process" (admittedly a term that may not be the best equivalency) before the cuts are made. Not only that, but who really has the answers for homeowners in all these politics?

I wish I wasn't done with my Community Planning classes because I find myself desiring an outlet for this, as I was instructed to make a theoretical city plan last semester and chose the topic of Urban Forestry. It all seems idealistic now, like there's more paperwork and not much community. That's harsh, but this is the bare minimum. No one even came and looked at this tree or coordinated. Spraypaint X (not even city numbers) one night, hacked the next morning.

Sorry for this essay and thank you for everything you do. I'm definitely not blaming you, rather seeking out those who might be able to navigate finding answers or possible solutions better than I.

Raina Engelhard

From: Lorri B. Grueber <LGrueber@lincoln.ne.gov>
Sent: Friday, March 19, 2021 7:18 AM
To: Raina Engelhard <raina@huskers.unl.edu>
Cc: Parks Tree Surety <TreeSurety@lincoln.ne.gov>; Adam R. Klingenberg <AKlingenberg@lincoln.ne.gov>
Subject: RE: Water Main/Historic Pin Oak

Good morning Raina,
Thank you for your "essay". I appreciate hearing these words of encouragement from the public. I call them encouraging because my team and I fight this fight every day.
Your opinion will carry far more weight than ours as City Staff with the elected officials of Lincoln. In that light, I would encourage you to direct your passion for tree advocacy to the Mayor's Office and City Council. When more voices like yours are heard by those good folks, change will begin to occur.
Please know that we are as frustrated with this ongoing situation as you are.
Best,
Lorri B Grueber
Community Operations Forester
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TRAQ qualified
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Angela M. Birkett

From: weare camping <wearecamping@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 20, 2021 10:33 AM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Wyuka development

I have been trying to remember when the city council quit listening to and working for the whole city and not their special interests. It seems some are more interested in telling people how important they are and what committees they are on. It has become obvious people are fed up with it and starting to "call out" people like Jane Raybould on the way people are being treated that come to testify.

One example happened Monday March 15 when Mr Shope made fun of what a lady said about people over the years enjoying Wyuka Cemetery green space for riding bikes and learning to drive there. He was laughing and making it sound like she was talking about the area Wyuka has filled with mounds of dirt and let grow to weeds and scrub trees over the last 2 or 3 years. This area "used" to be a nice green space for rainwater to set till it could run under the culvert on Vine Street! I'm sure everyone knew she was referring to the roadways.

When Mr Shope asked Mr Hoppe's lawyer about fire trucks being able to get into the Wynoka low income apartments the lawyer appeared nervous about the question and finally stated that they would probably not be able to get in because of the fill dirt and did not think the cement would be thick enough to handle a truck. WHAT! This means no protection from S to vine! T street is a dead end. There is no U street and no entry from Vine. This subject was quickly dropped.

Has ANYONE ask the question how an ambulance is going to get to anyone north of S street that needs help.

I know this email will be deposited right along the side of the others in the trash but at least I will have a record that the question was asked and has been ignored in the name of PROGRESS. Betty Hunter 3501 S

Angela M. Birkett

From: Robert Borer <robert.borer@doane.edu>
Sent: Sunday, March 21, 2021 5:08 PM
To: blindstrom@leg.ne.gov; jalbrecht@leg.ne.gov; jarch@leg.ne.gov; bpostelman@leg.ne.gov; tbrewer@leg.ne.gov; tbriese@leg.ne.gov; rclements@leg.ne.gov; Steve Erdman; cfriesen@leg.ne.gov; Suzanne Geist; tgragert@leg.ne.gov; Mike Groene; shalloran@leg.ne.gov; bhansen@leg.ne.gov; mhilgers@leg.ne.gov; Dan Hughes; llinehan@leg.ne.gov; John Lowe; mmoser@leg.ne.gov; dmurman@leg.ne.gov; rsanders@leg.ne.gov; jslama@leg.ne.gov; Council Packet; Mayor; Pat D. Lopez; Patrick Condon; bcc'dfamily@family.com; bcc'dfriends@friends.com
Subject: Re: Official/Final Version: ...WITH CHART (below or attached)
Attachments: Screenshot (252).png

**All Cause Mortality as a Percent of the Respective Population
Weeks Ending 1/5/20 thru 3/6/21**



On Sun, Mar 21, 2021 at 4:21 PM Robert Borer <robert.borer@doane.edu> wrote:
Senators, Family, Friends, et al.,

My apologies on the premature send. I hit the wrong key while editing. Here's my finished version.

Whose responsibility are you? Conversely, whose responsibility am I?

Here are the latest all cause mortality numbers (per the CDC) since right before the

alleged pandemic started:

As you can readily see, every jurisdiction referenced is *under* 1.33% of the respective population. For a comparison with the past, NE all cause mortality for 2018 was .89%, and for the 12 months of 2020, it was 1.01%. USA all cause for 2018 was .89%. The difference is roughly .3%.)

The difference *between* the highest and lowest in the chart is .37%. That's 37/100ths of one percent.

Miniscule, in other words.

Regardless, what explains the differences between these jurisdictions this past year? Was it the (so-called) health measures that were implemented, and/or the degree to which they were implemented and enforced? ...or was it something else?

Something else.

The so-called public health strategies (masking and isolation) made absolutely no positive difference whatsoever. They only caused economic and emotional harm, which never makes for better physical health.

All of the excess death this past year has been a function of locking down chronically ill and elderly people, *in response to a virus narrative*, and depriving them of basic necessities like loving and meaningful human interaction, good nutrition, exercise and fresh air.

Half of Nebraska's alleged covid mortality has come from long term care facilities, where isolation and masking is the name of the game. Again, masks and isolation don't work. People don't thrive under those conditions.

The minor percentage differences between jurisdictions are a function of a higher or lower percentage of elderly and obese people. In other words, the differences are NOT a function of a virus...but rather, rampant, gross fear-mongering over a virus narrative. (Note: CO has the best obesity rating, and obesity has been identified as the 2nd highest risk factor for alleged covid death this past year.)

92% of ALL alleged covid deaths in the USA thus have been in the 55 and over age group.

ALL alleged covid deaths have had pre-existing morbidities. ALL of them. That means the assignment of covid as the cause of death was an "opinion," if you can even call it that, because it was a politically charged and financially incentivized "opinion."

There was zero excess death in the 0-25 age group. Let me say that again. ZERO. (They radically disrupted the lives of our nation's children over this...that is, over a lust for power, control and money.

The virus is all politics. Plain and simple.

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Overwhelmed emergency rooms and hospitals are nothing new.

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You ALWAYS enter the public square at your own risk...

...because, well, someone else's carelessness, lack of alertness and/or evil intent might mean your demise.

Everyone knows that.

Stop the imbecility. **Stop the madness. Stop the tyranny.**

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Live your life. Because they have no grounds for telling you you can't.

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The longer you wait, the harder it will be to throw off their chains.

Public **safety** is about protecting you by cordoning off actual imminent danger (not protecting you from projections and models), and even then, you still have to be vigilant and responsible for yourself.

Public **health** is about sanitation, proper disposal and clean food, water and air.

The two sometimes overlap, but neither is omnipresent, and sometimes they fail to do their jobs properly.

The care and maintenance of your life and health is ALWAYS ultimately your responsibility, once you become an adult.

And perhaps therein is the problem. We have too many overgrown children running around.

And wanna-be tyrants have taken advantage of this.

Put an end to this ***silly, childish state of emergency*** (at least in your sphere of influence). Make people grow up and be responsible for their own lives again. They'll make better citizens.

If you do this, you might just save America...and you might even make it great again.

Medical experts aren't health experts. Not even close. Health doesn't come from being afraid, wearing a mask, being a germaphobe, bathing in toxic sanitizer, getting an injection or avoiding human interaction.

Health comes from a nutritious diet (that includes lots of fresh, whole, well-grown

produce), physical activity, fresh air, sunshine, a good mental disposition, and a loving connection with your fellow human beings and your Creator.

People can destroy their health in a hundred different ways through poverty of character, squalor of behavior and ignorance and there's not a thing any doctor, government official and political hack can do about it.

We all know this.

So the conclusion of the matter is this: The pandemic was never about physical health, because physical health is affected by mental health (and vice versa), and mental health is affected by economic health (and vice versa), and they didn't care one iota about either of those, so don't flatter yourself that they care about your physical health.

Take your life back, or they will dispose of it for you, because they don't care about you. They only care about themselves and what they can get out of this. You're just a fly on their wall, that they are looking to splat with a swatter.

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Subject: Re: Whose responsibility are you??? RETRACT - accidently sent prematurely

Beautiful. And eloquent. Thank you!

Tom Nebelsick <><

On Sun, Mar 21, 2021 at 2:59 PM Robert Borer <robert.borer@doane.edu> wrote:

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The care and maintenance of your life and health is ALWAYS ultimately your responsibility, once you become an adult.

And perhaps therein is the problem. We have too many overgrown children running around.

And wanna-be tyrants have taken advantage of that.

Put an end to the state of emergency (at least in your sphere of influence). Let people

grow up and be responsible for their own lives again.

If you do this, you might just save America...and you might even make it great again.

Medical experts aren't health experts. Not even close. Health doesn't come from being afraid, wearing a mask, being a germaphobe, bathing in toxic sanitizer, getting an injection or avoiding human interaction.

Health comes from a nutritious diet (that includes lots of fresh, whole, well-grown produce), physical activity, fresh air, sunshine, a good mental disposition, and a loving connection with your fellow human beings and your Creator.

People can destroy their health in a hundred different ways through poverty of character, squalor of behavior and ignorance and there's not a thing any doctor, government official and political hack can do about it.

We all know this.

So the conclusion of the matter is this: The pandemic was never about physical health, because physical health is affected by mental health (and vice versa), and mental health is affected by economic health (and vice versa), and they didn't care one iota about any of those.

Robert J. Borer

Angela M. Birkett

From: Snu Light <snulight@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 22, 2021 3:41 AM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Against RAISING RATES ON LES

I am against raising the rates its already ridiculous. We seen other states became a mess because of changes like this. Absolutely AGAINST this!
People are hurting already.

Angela M. Birkett

From: Maureen Ose <mcosegirl@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 18, 2021 1:25 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Lincoln Climate Action Plan

I strongly support adoption of the Lincoln Climate Action Plan. Having read it and listened to those who wrote it speak, I am confident of the in-depth knowledge, research and analysis that was devoted to creating the plan. There is little that is more important than doing our very best to care for this beautiful home of ours and to be able to leave it well-cared for and healthy for our children and grandchildren.

Maureen Ose
1640 Twin Ridge Rd, Lincoln, NE 68506
402-423-8823

Angela M. Birkett

From: Margaret Vrana <maggyjv27@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 18, 2021 1:26 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: 2021-2027 Climate Action Plan

Chair Meginnis and Members of the Council:

I am Margaret J Vrana and I live at 955 North 67th St in Lincoln

Today I am speaking for the Lincoln Friends Meeting, also called Quakers. Our Meeting supports the integration of The "2021-2027 Climate Action Plan" into Lincoln's "LPlan 2040," our current Comprehensive Plan.

Our Meeting has considered the risks of climate change for the human family. We have read together and discussed "Laudato Si, on care for our common home" by Pope Francis and "Nothing Lowly in the Universe, An Integrated Approach to the Ecological Crisis" by scientist and Quaker, Jennie Rattcliffe.

From those readings and also our shared observations from the flooding in 2019 when the wellfields near Ashland were threatened and we were asked to reduce our use of water by half, to the recent rolling short term blackouts here -- while watching the much more severe effects and suffering in Texas -- we know that the future will not look like the past. We'd better start planning for it.

At the same time, we need to be making changes so that we do not continue making worse the very risks we are now starting to plan for. The goal of reducing Lincoln's net greenhouse gas emissions 80% by the year 2050 may not be enough, but it's a strong start, and is in line with the goals of other U.S. cities.

We appreciate Mayor Gaylor Baird's political courage in bringing forward this initiative. She calls it "a bold and achievable vision," that, "will come to life as it is embraced by our community with a shared purpose and a shared sense of caretaking for our future."

We know from climate scientists that our future will see an "increase in severity" in "multi-day extreme precipitation events." "The Salt Creek Floodplain Resiliency Study" concludes that "flood hazards for Lincoln should be expected to increase in the future." We need to change our transportation systems, public and private. We have to redesign the long supply chains for our food. We need to make good use and amplify the services natural systems offer in sequestering carbon. We need to develop public health plans that can respond to days and nights of extreme heat. And so on. It's a long list and it all belongs in the Comprehensive Plan.

We do what we can as individuals. For our Meetinghouse, we have signed on to Lincoln Electric Service's Sunshares Program. But for effective change, we need cooperation at the city level and above. As Jennie Ratcliffe writes, "...choosing as individual consumers to ride a bicycle, walk, install solar panels, or not fly might affect fossil fuel extraction and burning, but only if done by many and if accompanied by clean energy policies, mass transit, and end to fossil fuel extraction, by divestment from fossil fuel companies, government support for solar energy projects and so on, and this requires [community and national action and beyond]. (p.268)

Climate scientist Michael Mann recently wrote "There is increasingly a sense of inevitability now in the clean energy revolution...success stories can be told around the world. We are ready to turn the corner." (1)

What we need now in Lincoln, in the words of our Mayor, is "a shared sense of caretaking for our future."

Thank you.

(1) Michael E. Mann, "The New Climate War, The Fight to Take Back OUR Planet, (2021) p. 238

Angela M. Birkett

From: Bob Reeves <bobreeves63@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 18, 2021 6:52 PM
To: Council Packet; Council Packet
Subject: climate action plan

I am so glad that a Climate Action Plan is ready for City Council approval. I support it and feel that it will give us necessary guidance to help wean ourselves away from fossil fuels and move to a clean energy economy. It requires big changes in the way we work and do business, both in the public and private sectors. But changes are vital to help avoid a potential climate disaster.

The plan presents goals but that specific rules and policies will have to be worked out over the next several years to implement the plan. I do not agree with people who paint a dire picture of the costs, or who fear that climate action will cripple our city. In fact, I believe the challenge of new energy and conservation technologies will create new jobs and lead to greater future prosperity for Lincoln.

Thank you for considering my comments,

Bob Reeves
3236 Dudley St. 68503
402-464-1803

Angela M. Birkett

From: Moni Usasz <musasz@neb.rr.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 18, 2021 7:39 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Letter supporting Lincoln Climate Plan

Dear City Council,

Please support the Lincoln Climate Plan. The action plan is an important step forward for Lincoln. Thank you for having the vision to move Lincoln towards resilience in the future.

We need to be prepared for whatever extreme weather events occur. The state has already lost millions, if not billions, of dollars from bad weather - the 2014 Missouri river flooding, the 2015 drought and fires and the 2019 bomb cyclone and flooding. The 2021 polar vortex may have only inconvenienced us but many southern states are still suffering.

Planning ahead can greatly improve how any business, farm or city handles the future. Your decision here will cut down on human suffering as well as the economic costs connected with extreme weather events. Cutting energy emissions, improving energy efficiency and planning for the future will give Lincoln its best chance for maintaining our good life through an unpredictable future.

I'm hoping for a unanimous vote in favor of the Climate Plan. Thanks to each of you for all your hard work during these trying times.

Moni Usasz

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Lincoln, NE 68502

402-202-3100

Angela M. Birkett

From: Teri Hlava <teri_hlava@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, March 19, 2021 12:33 AM
To: Council Packet
Cc: TERI HLAVA HOME
Subject: Testimony for Lincoln City's Climate Action Plan Hearing of Monday March 22, 2021

3-19-2021

To Those Concerned:

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Sincerely,
Teri Hlava (2164 Kingswood Cir)
Lincoln NE 68521
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Angela M. Birkett

From: Richard Bagby <rpsgt@me.com>
Sent: Friday, March 19, 2021 6:05 AM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Yes to Climate Action Plan

Lincoln's Climate Action Plan is decades late, but we have to start from where we are. It is essential that we begin to catch up. Our future depends on it. I ask that you give the plan your full and hearty support.

Richard Bagby
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Lincoln NE 68510

402-488-8567

Angela M. Birkett

From: Kieran Kissler <kieran.kissler@civicnebraska.org>
Sent: Friday, March 19, 2021 10:08 AM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Climate Action Plan letter of support - attached
Attachments: Climate Action Plan support.pdf

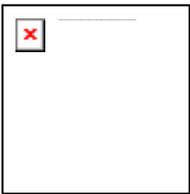
Council members,

Attached below is a letter of support for the Climate Action Plan from Collective Impact Lincoln. Please include this letter as part of the official record.

Best,

Kieran

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Kieran Kissler

Community Organizer, Collective Impact Lincoln

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March 19th, 2020

Lincoln City Council

555 S. 10th St, Rm 111

Lincoln, NE 68508

Chairperson Meginnis and members of the Lincoln City Council,

Collective Impact Lincoln (CIL) is in support of the Climate Action Plan and asks members of the council to formally adopt the plan. We request that this letter be included as part of the public record.

CIL's work is focused in six of Lincoln's core neighborhoods: Belmont, Clinton, Everett, Hartley, Near South and University Place. In recent years, residents in Lincoln have been impacted by severe weather events and climate related crises, including extreme temperatures, flooding, rolling blackouts and water restrictions. While we believe that all residents are subject to the consequences of climate change, we understand those consequences disproportionately affect some residents more than others.

According to the Climate Action Plan, by 2050 Lincoln is projected to experience a 340% increase in the number of days where the heat index rises above 100°F. Similarly, the city is

expected to see a 16% increase in precipitation during winter and spring months. Our conversations with residents in our six neighborhoods has led us to determine that much of the existing housing infrastructure is inadequately equipped for extreme temperatures and severe weather events. Unless proactive steps are taken, the financial burden of climate change will be passed on to our residents in the form of high utility bills, flooding damage and home and building repair costs.

In the last year, we have witnessed the impacts that a single event can have on our food supply chain as well as the disparate impacts of both interruption to food access and healthcare during a public health emergency. With climate change comes increased risk of disease-outbreak, whether that be from humans, plants or animals in origin. Diseases of all origins threaten both our food supply chain and our physical health and wellbeing. Many of our residents already live in neighborhoods where there is a lack of access to affordable and nutritious food. Those same residents are similarly impacted by a lack of access to affordable and quality healthcare. The Climate Action Plan's vision of building a resilient food system would offer additional protections to our residents who are most vulnerable to an interrupted food supply. Additionally, we support the Climate Action Plan's call to fund management of disease-outbreak planning, study health equity impacts and include enhanced provisions for non-English speakers, elderly residents and residents living in poverty.

The Climate Action Plan also calls for an increased emphasis on public transportation. Many of our residents currently utilize the bus system and many more would benefit from expanded access to public transportation. We encourage the stakeholders to continue to examine the benefits of providing "Fare Free" services as an incentive for increasing ridership. Additionally,

we have heard from residents that an increase in hours of bus services would impact the accessibility for many, specifically residents who work in service, hospitality and manufacturing industries.

In order for Lincoln to truly embrace a climate smart future, we must consider the impacts of climate change for our community members who are most at-risk. We believe that increasing access to sustainable infrastructure, nutritious food, affordable healthcare and quality transportation are key indicators of an equitable and resilient community.

Sincerely,

Collective Impact Lincoln

Angela M. Birkett

From: Jeanne Johnson <fpc.jeanne@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, March 19, 2021 4:23 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Lincoln Climate Action Plan

I'm impressed with the scope of the Lincoln Climate Action Plan. I'm pleased to see it takes into account our most vulnerable citizens and considers ways we can create better equality to eliminate the 20+ year gap in life expectancy between our newer and wealthier neighborhoods and areas of poverty in the Salt Creek flood plain.

We hope you will all vote to pass the plan and work to be sure it is followed.

Thank you for your service to Lincoln.

Shalom

Jeanne

Jeanne Johnson

Spiritual Director, licensed lay minister

First-Plymouth Church UCC 2000 D. Lincoln NE

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Angela M. Birkett

From: John Hansen <john@nebraskafarmersunion.org>
Sent: Friday, March 19, 2021 5:23 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: 3.19.21 Nebraska Farmers Union written testimony in favor of the Climate Action Plan
Attachments: 3.19.21 Lincoln City Council Climate Action Plan.pdf

FYI. Attached and pasted below is our written testimony in favor of the Climate Action Plan.

Thank you.

John K. Hansen, President
Nebraska Farmers Union
john@nebraskafarmersunion.org
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402-476-8815 Office 402-476-8859 Fax
402-476-8608 Home 402-580-8815 Cell
1305 Plum Street, Lincoln, NE 68502

March 19, 2021

Lincoln City Council
555 S. 10th St., Ste.213
Lincoln, NE 68508

Chairman Meginnis and Council Members:

Thank you for this opportunity to present our written testimony on behalf of Nebraska Farmers Union, the second largest general farm organization in our state, chartered in 1913, and headquartered in Lincoln. Our organization has clearly understood the reality of climate change and the impact it has on our weather patterns and subsequent impact on all aspects of food production for over 25 years. As a result, our organization has been publicly engaged on climate change issues and actively engaged in replacing carbon emitting electrical generation with non-carbon producing generation including wind and solar energy.

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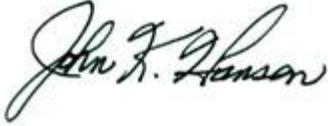
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Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John K. Hansen". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "J".

John K. Hansen, President



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John K. Hansen, President

Fighting for Nebraska's family farmers and ranchers since 1913.

Angela M. Birkett

From: Nancy Packard <nmpackard@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 20, 2021 9:43 AM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Climate Action Plan

Hello Council Members:

I am Nancy Packard, 76 years old, widow,
reared on a Nebraska farm,
Nebraska citizen for 70 years,
retired elementary school teacher,
mother of two sons and their families residing in Lincoln,
babysitter of grandchildren:

I follow the work you do, and should congratulate you more often
for expressing and mediating your differing opinions. Thank you!

I support the Lincoln Climate Action plan.

I have been aware of and concerned with "Climate Change" for a long time.
My environmental journey began forty years ago with Weekly Reader's stories about "pollution".

I am so thankful that you are considering Climate Change.
Thank goodness I live in a community with such awareness.
Those communities that continue to deny it will be left blinking in its wake,
wondering what happened and what to do.

Sincerely yours,
Nancy Packard

Angela M. Birkett

From: Anica Brown <brownanica8@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 20, 2021 3:41 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Lincoln Climate Action Plan Testimony for Monday, March 22
Attachments: Testimony for Lincoln Climate Action Plan - 2021.pdf

Hello,

Please see the attached document from me regarding my testimony on the Lincoln Climate Action Plan. I am unable to present in person on Monday and would like my testimony shared with each City Council member. If possible, I would like to know that you received my request.

Thank you,

Anica Brown
4500 Pagoda Lane
Lincoln, NE 68516
402-450-3927

Testimony regarding Lincoln Climate Action Plan

From Anica Brown

4500 Pagoda Lane

Lincoln, NE 68516

402-450-3927

I am in favor of the Lincoln Climate Action Plan.

I recently retired from teaching middle level science. I was pleased to be a sponsor, over several years, for a group of students were actively involved in our school's Green Team. They wanted to educate their peers about how to use water carefully, recycle everything they could, reuse things by passing them down or washing things out to use them again, and creating a no idle zone for parents when waiting for their students. They promoted their "Switch Out Your Baggies for Reusable Containers" project, having students bring their lunches in reusable containers instead of plastic baggies, and had several reusable container raffles throughout the school year. Our school was proud to be involved in composting throughout our building, and we diverted 78% of our garbage from going into the landfill in 2019. Presently, students across our city are learning to grow their own gardens at schools, they are walking or riding bikes more, they are doing what they can to improve their impact on the climate, even if their own choices appear small, their impact is growing larger. You see, our children want to protect this earth for their future and teach others to do the same.

Empowering our students to figure out solutions, and their drive to educate family and friends to make changes in habits that help the environment, are the biggest reasons to move forward on the Lincoln Climate Action Plan. We are improving our environment for the next generation and the generation after that. Our students don't want us to wait any longer. They believe in changing our habits and building on renewable resources for their future. They will be the innovators of tomorrow, but we must do our part today so they can continue what we've started!

Another personal reason for favoring this plan is because it includes environmental justice issues. When we implement the Lincoln Climate Action Plan, we will help people improve the efficiency of their homes for all of their utilities and look at more solutions for areas that are in flood zones. Providing food security is a huge concern, especially with our current pandemic, so we need to continue to increase this need by innovating ways to help people plant their own gardens, figure out where we can include more garden spaces in our city, and keep planting gardens at all of our school locations. We should be modeling for our students how a city works to improve its environment for their benefit and sustainability. This inturn teaches our children to become good citizens of what they have been given for their future.

This is a great plan, and definitely one we can build on throughout Lincoln, everyone sharing in some part, teaching through our schools, in our churches, and in our neighborhoods. The Lincoln Climate Action Plan is essential to help us all get to a new place that our children and grandchildren will thank us for in the future. I ask you to vote FOR the Lincoln Climate Action Plan. Thank you!

Angela M. Birkett

From: Melissa Noonan <mnoonan@lps.org>
Sent: Saturday, March 20, 2021 3:47 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Climate Action Plan

Dear Members of the Lincoln City Council,

As a long time citizen of Lincoln, NE, I am writing to give my 100% support for the proposed City of Lincoln Climate Action Plan. Climate change is the biggest threat to our community, state, nation, and world. The future of our children and ongoing generations is at risk. Ambitious and bold action is necessary NOW. I am proud that the City of Lincoln has developed this plan and I strongly encourage you to vote your approval.

Thank you for your consideration.

Melissa Noonan
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Angela M. Birkett

From: Robert Kuzelka <rkuzelka1@unl.edu>
Sent: Saturday, March 20, 2021 4:20 PM
To: Council Packet; Donald Wilhite; Mayor
Subject: VOTE FOR 22 MAR Agenda Item #5.a.

Failure for you to vote in support of amending the Lincoln Comprehensive Plan to include the City of Lincoln Climate Action Plan will result in no support from me for you in any manner in the future. I am a bachelor with no children, but I want to see today's children and their children able to live in a safe and healthy environment. Accepting, planning, and implementing to mitigate human-induced climate change is the only course to assure such a future. The City of Lincoln Climate Action Plan is a first and important step down this path. Thanks for your vote in favor.

Bob Kuzelka
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Lincoln, NE 68502

Cell: 402-417-9424

Angela M. Birkett

From: Bethany <bbrunsm@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 20, 2021 4:36 PM
To: Council Packet; James M. Bowers; Richard W. Meginnis; Jane Raybould; Tammy J. Ward; Sandra J. Washington; Bennie R. Shobe; Roy A. Christensen
Cc: Mayor
Subject: Support the Lincoln Climate Action Plan

Lincoln City Council,

I'm writing as a citizen of Lincoln in support of the Lincoln Climate Action Plan. It is a well-developed plan that addresses a number of risks related to climate change now and in the future. The focus on environmental justice is particularly important because families in Lincoln who represent marginalized and low income groups are more likely to be more impacted by climate change effects like pollution, flooding, extreme weather events, and higher costs to heat and cool their home and for food and water as climate impacts our access to these resources. Please support the plan to help Lincoln do our part to remediate climate change and be proactive in preparing for its effects.

Thanks,
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402-202-2504

Angela M. Birkett

From: Michaela Harrison Schwarten <michaela@hbal.org>
Sent: Saturday, March 20, 2021 6:32 PM
To: Bennie R. Shobe; James M. Bowers; Jane Raybould; Tammy J. Ward; Richard W. Meginnis; Roy A. Christensen; Sandra J. Washington; Mayor; Council Packet
Cc: Miki M. Esposito
Subject: Climate Action Plan Letter
Attachments: CAP Letter.pdf

Please see the attached letter re: Climate Action Plan from the Home Builders Association of Lincoln.

Michaela Harrison Schwarten

Executive Vice President

Home Builders Association of Lincoln

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March 19, 2021

Mayor Leirion Gaylor Baird &
Lincoln City Council
515 S. 10th Street
Lincoln, NE 68508

Mayor Gaylor Baird and Members of the Council –

We would like to express our gratitude for working with the Home Builders Association of Lincoln on the language in the Climate Action Plan. Before the public hearing at Planning Commission Miki Esposito met with several members of the Association, then after Ann Post testified on our behalf during the public hearing, Miki Esposito reached out again to modify the verbiage in the Plan.

We appreciate the efforts put forth by Miki to consider using alternative language in the Plan and for involving HBAL in the process of adopting the plan. We look forward to future conversations around implementation of components in the plan which could impact housing.

Sincerely,



Matt Kinning
President
Home Builders Association of Lincoln

Angela M. Birkett

From: Sherylyn Miller <kitty66hawk@aol.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 20, 2021 7:01 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Lincoln Climate Action Plan

Dear City Council Representatives,

The League of Women Voters believes that climate change is a serious threat facing our nation and our planet. The League believes that an interrelated approach to combating climate change--including through energy conservation, air pollution controls, building resilience, and promotion of renewable resources--is necessary to protect public health and defend the overall integrity of the global ecosystem.

The League supports climate goals and policies that are consistent with the best available climate science and that will ensure a stable climate system for future generations, individuals, and communities. Governments at all levels must continue to address this issue. (This position was adopted January 2019.)

We feel that this well researched and fact supported plan can help to maintain our city's economic strength, while protecting the health and well being of its citizens in the near future and in decades to come.

Therefore, on behalf of the League of Women Voters of Nebraska, we the undersigned support a Lincoln Climate Action Plan and strongly urge your adoption of the Plan at the Council meeting Monday, March 22nd.

Very sincerely yours,

Sherry Miller, Vice President for Action
League of Women Voters of Nebraska

Janelle Stevenson, Co-director for Natural Resources
League of Women Voters of Nebraska

Megan York Lyons, Co-director for Natural Resources
League of Women Voters of Nebraska

Angela M. Birkett

From: lana novak <llmnovak@hotmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 21, 2021 8:20 AM
To: Council Packet
Subject: support for the Climate Action Plan for Lincoln, NE

I'm hoping the Lincoln City Council will wholeheartedly support the Climate Action Plan for our city. So much effort has gone into this plan and we can't afford to put these things off any longer.

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Angela M. Birkett

From: Nick S <nsteinke22@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 21, 2021 10:48 AM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Bill 21R-82 Written Testimony
Attachments: Steinke_Bill21R_82_Support032121.pdf

Greetings. Please find attached written testimony in support of Bill 21R-82. I ask that this written testimony be included in the official record.

Thank you,
Nick Steinke
402-730-1660
3500 S 27th St
Lincoln, NE 68502

March 21, 2021

Lincoln City Council
555 S 10th St
Lincoln, NE 68508

RE: Incorporation of the City of Lincoln Climate Action Plan into the 2040 Lincoln-Lancaster County Comprehensive Plan
Bill #21R-82

Dear City Council Members:

I am writing to express my support of Bill #21R-82 to incorporate the City of Lincoln Climate Plan (Climate Plan) into the 2040 Lincoln-Lancaster County Comprehensive Plan. As a professional environmental engineer with over 20 years of experience implementing environmental and sustainability legislation and regulation for both public and private entities, with a particular focus on air quality and climate impacts, I appreciate the thought and diligence that went into the development of the Climate Plan.

The Climate Plan comprehensively identifies and prioritizes initiatives that help our community be more resilient in the future. Implementing these initiatives will help to mitigate future adverse environmental impacts due to climate change. Further, implementing these initiatives will improve economic resilience and drive economic growth in many sectors in our community, including, but not limited to, energy, transportation, and infrastructure. The holistic, inclusive, and forward-looking nature of the Climate Plan makes it appropriate for incorporation into the 2040 Lincoln-Lancaster County Comprehensive Plan and will be a useful resource when the Comprehensive Plan is updated.

I am requesting that this written testimony be included as part of the official record.

Respectfully,



Nick Steinke, PE, CPEA, SFP
402-730-1660
3500 S 27th St
Lincoln, NE 68502

Angela M. Birkett

From: t langan <langanland@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 21, 2021 3:35 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: City climate action plan

I encourage all members to vote in favor of adopting the proposed City climate action plan.
Thank you for helping lead us into a more sustainable future.

Terry Langan

Angela M. Birkett

From: Kay Hegler <kay.hegler@doane.edu>
Sent: Sunday, March 21, 2021 4:01 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: support for Lincoln Climate Action Team

Dear Lincoln City Council Members,

I am writing to send my support for the Climate Action Plan. It is based on public sentiment, public policy, public projects, and public funding. Council members thoughtfully considered 600 suggestions to reduce climate change submitted by the public, and now offer a revised six-year plan with 120 key initiatives.

The Climate Action Plan is factual, truthful, and hopeful. If we continue to use fossil fuels and produce greenhouse gases, we face devastating predictions for our earth. The Climate Action Plan reduces our production of greenhouse gases, promotes environmental justice for all, offers new employment opportunities, and advocates regenerative agriculture practices. The Climate Action Plan is responsive to the three biggest risks to our community which are flooding, drought, and inadequate water supply.

The Climate Action Plan will serve as a model to other communities. It invites city residents and guests to participate in volunteer services. The step-by-step incremental plan begins with six years of detail and then will reassess to determine the next steps for the next interval.

I have lived in Lincoln in the past, as well as Crete, a near neighbor to Lincoln. I now reside in Bellevue, another near neighbor. I am an active member of First-Plymouth, United Church of Christ, Lincoln, NE; I subscribe to and regularly use the Lincoln City Libraries; I also subscribe to and read the Lincoln Journal Star; and I facilitate one weekly yoga class in downtown Lincoln. I shop in Lincoln, eat in Lincoln restaurants, and care for Lincoln as well as its residents who are my friends and family.

I anticipate the implementation of this first phase of the Climate Action Plan with great hope for our future. We are called by our God of Creation with Many Names to nurture and sustain earth. The Lincoln Climate Action Plan is a positive response to this calling.

Sincerely,

Kay Loomis Hegler

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Kay Loomis Hegler, PhD
Doane University, Professor Emeritus
500 Registered Yoga Teacher
95 Registered Children's Yoga Teacher
65 Registered I AM Yoga Nidra

Angela M. Birkett

From: Miki M. Esposito
Sent: Sunday, March 21, 2021 4:13 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: FW: VOTE FOR 22 MAR Agenda Item #5.a.

From: Robert Kuzelka <rkuzelka1@unl.edu>
Sent: Saturday, March 20, 2021 4:20 PM
To: councilpacket@lincoln.ne.gov; Donald Wilhite <dwilhite2@unl.edu>; Mayor Leirion Gaylor Baird <Mayor@lincoln.ne.gov>
Subject: VOTE FOR 22 MAR Agenda Item #5.a.

Failure for you to vote in support of amending the Lincoln Comprehensive Plan to include the City of Lincoln Climate Action Plan will result in no support from me for you in any manner in the future. I am a bachelor with no children, but I want to see today's children and their children able to live in a safe and healthy environment. Accepting, planning, and implementing to mitigate human-induced climate change is the only course to assure such a future. The City of Lincoln Climate Action Plan is a first and important step down this path. Thanks for your vote in favor.

Bob Kuzelka
1935 A Street
Lincoln, NE 68502

Cell: 402-417-9424

Angela M. Birkett

From: Miki M. Esposito
Sent: Sunday, March 21, 2021 8:39 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: FW: LES and Climate Action Plan

-----Original Message-----

From: Carl Eskridge <ceskridge@leg.ne.gov>
Sent: Sunday, March 21, 2021 4:08 PM
To: Richard W. Meginnis <RMeginnis@lincoln.ne.gov>; James M. Bowers <JBowers@lincoln.ne.gov>; Roy A. Christensen <RChristensen@lincoln.ne.gov>; Jane Raybould <JRaybould@lincoln.ne.gov>; Bennie R. Shobe <BShobe@lincoln.ne.gov>; Tom Ward <LPD807@cjis.lincoln.ne.gov>; Sandra J. Washington <SWashington@lincoln.ne.gov>
Cc: Miki M. Esposito <MEsposito@lincoln.ne.gov>
Subject: LES and Climate Action Plan

Chairman Meginnis and Council Members,

Friends, this email has two purposes. The first is to report to you after only one month of service on the LES Board that our Lincoln Electric Service is serving us better than I could have ever imagined. My first board meeting was the week of Winter Storm Uri, and in that meeting and the 4 subsequent committee and board meetings, we have learned more about the potential threat this storm brought to Lincoln and the entire plains area of the US. I am pleased to report to you that LES was not only well-prepared for this severe incident, but administrative and field staff alike served the community with skill and dedication throughout. Obviously there are areas of learning and improvement to be made after any major event, and LES staff immediately began trouble-shooting for any future weather events like Uri. I am excited to be working with LES Administration and Board members to help LES serve Lincoln residents and businesses safely, reliably, efficiently, and sustainably, and would be eager discuss any concerns or questions that you may have.

My second purpose for this letter is to encourage you individually and collectively to support the Climate Action Plan. This ambitious and forward-looking plan seeks an 80% reduction of Lincoln's net green house gases within 30 years. One important component of the plan involves low-carbon energy production. Last November the LES Board itself established a goal of becoming 100% net renewable/carbon neutral by 2035. In my short experience there has not been a meeting where meeting this goal has not been discussed or at least mentioned.

In addition to energy, the Climate Action Plan sets important goals in transportation, economic development, housing, food, water, flood control, and waste reduction. As you know, each of these areas are important issues, in an of themselves. Each area already presents costly challenges and merits thoughtful solutions that will stand the test of time. More than anything, as elected leaders of our great city, the community is looking to you for leadership in helping to move the city forward, for if the plan is to succeed, residents and businesses need to get on board. You can make a difference helping to get the city on track to building a better future.

Best wishes to you on Monday's meeting. I wish that I could be there.

Sincerely,

Carl Eskridge
402-730-1225

Angela M. Birkett

From: Coach Al <coachsimpson10@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 21, 2021 9:13 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Climate Action Plan

Please do not pass the climate action plan. LES has said this will be add \$4000 to my electric Bill over the next decade. The average person cannot afford this.

Please do not pass!

Allen Simpson

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)

Angela M. Birkett

From: Mark Gill <rmgill65@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 22, 2021 12:48 AM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Climate Action Plan/LES rate hike

Dear Council Members,

I am Mark Gill and I plan on being there to testify against the Climate Action Plan.

I believe as a city we need to look at the true cost of this New Green Deal apart from simply the romanticism of the Term Sustainable Development. The monetary cost are presented in a clever but inaccurate and deceptive way. The most common forms of alternative (green) are far from environmentally friendly. Then there is the human cost element all of this and more.

Sincerely,

Mark Gill

1621 Kennedy Dr.

Lincoln,Ne 68521

Angela M. Birkett

From: Jay Perdeu <jayperdeu@icloud.com>
Sent: Monday, March 22, 2021 4:30 AM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Going Green for LES

City Council

I Live at 7100 S 32nd Street Lincoln Nebraska

I know the big push is net zero carbon emissions. I'm opposed to this plan as it will raise my electric bill. With the current raise in gas prices as well nothing hurts a persons standard of living like raising there utility costs.

This will definitely have a trickle down effect as it wil cut my spending power to help support other local businesses. It will negatively effect my quality of life and could eventually be the straw that breaks the camels back that drives me out of Lincoln.

It amazes me how you are worried about affordable housing and equity but do just the opposite in the name of environmental equity. You can do better and as a tax payer I deserve better.

Sent from my iPhone

Angela M. Birkett

From: Liz Davids <lizdavids79@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 22, 2021 7:15 AM
To: Council Packet
Subject: 3/22 meeting

To our City Council members:

Please include this message in the public comments:

The mayor's climate action plan is poorly timed, unreasonably extensive, unbelievably expensive, purposefully vague, and completely unrealistic!

This is no time to adopt outrageous measures that will cripple our city's economy and tax our citizens beyond our capacity.

Our city is still reeling from 2020's covid regulations; many businesses have failed and closed their doors, many are struggling to pay their bills, and entire shopping centers are ghost towns.

NOW IS NOT THE TIME for this outrageously Machiavellian move on our mayor's part.

Please stand up for "we the taxpayers" and don't burden us with these insane policies! They will surely lead to Lincolmites moving outside of the city so we don't have to pay these ridiculous tax hikes.

Hoping you will consider OUR best,
Elizabeth Davids
4000 Ballard Circle
Lincoln, NE 68504

Angela M. Birkett

From: Pat Hust <pathust1@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 22, 2021 7:46 AM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Climate Action Plan

Please vote NO! This plan is not good for Lincoln! Electrical rates will rise too dramatically for these economic times. There are other ways to make an impact.

Sent from my iPhone

Angela M. Birkett

From: Jon Zvolanek <jon.zvolanek@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 22, 2021 8:40 AM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Climate change

I am not in favor of Lincoln engaging in activities to reduce impact on climate that cost additional monies. I think that our impact to the climate is minimal and it will do what us has for millions of years. Don't spend time and tax \$ on this.

We have more important items to consider like roads and safety.

Sent from my iPhone

Jon Zvolanek
6946 Ash Hollow Ln
Lincoln, NE 68516

Angela M. Birkett

From: Mindy Kroesche <mkroesche@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 22, 2021 9:05 AM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Mayor's Climate Action Plan

Dear Council Members,

I am writing to voice my concerns regarding the Mayor's Climate Action Plan, which you are discussing today. This plan comes at a terrible time for our city, our small businesses, and our residents. First of all, these proposals are vague when it comes to the actual costs. There is no clear communication on the cost to our city government or to Lincoln taxpayers over the next five years. Plus, the plan is ambiguous and provides little detail about how each suggestion should be implemented and executed.

These new mandates would weaken the reliability of our electric grid here in Lincoln, especially when you take into consideration how the cold snap in February showed that we can sometimes be called upon to provide energy to other states and many Lincolniters were forced to go without power for short periods of time.

All in all, this is not the right time to implement these measures in our city. We're coming off an extremely difficult year for individuals and small businesses, who are still trying to recover. I urge you to think of the best interests of Lincolniters and vote "no" on the Mayor's Climate Action Plan.

Thank you for your consideration,
Mindy Kroesche

Angela M. Birkett

From: Dan Wurm <dwurm@unicogroup.com>
Sent: Monday, March 22, 2021 9:21 AM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Climate Action Plan

PLEASE VOTE AGAINST ANY FORM OF THE CLIMATE ACTION PLAN. Much more information is needed to be able to assess the impact to the community both environmentally and economically. To vote for this plan would be reckless and would negatively impact the economic impact of this community at a time in our history where things are very precarious already.

Dan

Dan Wurm, CLCS, CWCA

Property and Casualty Claims Advocate

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Lincoln, NE 68508

Angela M. Birkett

From: stacey skold <staceyskold@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 22, 2021 9:42 AM
To: Council Packet
Subject: letter for OFFICIAL RECORD, March 22nd meeting

THIS LETTER IS FOR THE OFFICIAL RECORD - MARCH 22ND MEETING/VOTING

Lincoln City Council,

I am writing to encourage you to support the Mayor's Climate Action Plan.

Global warming has been playing a significant role in our costly weather disasters including heat waves, droughts, and floods. Humans caused this problem, and humans need to fix it.

In doing so, I would argue that we need to embrace our new human-dominated geological period—the Anthropocene and take our role of stewards of the Earth more seriously. This is especially critical for our elected officials. Important choices are being made—namely, determining what kind of planet we want to live on.

Support this bill to actively manage our environment for its sake and for our sake. Help Lincoln make the adaptations necessary to reduce emissions and to create a carbon sequestration plan to pull the excess carbon out of the atmosphere and get it in the soil where it belongs.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Stacey Skold, PhD

13801 NW 126th Street
Malcolm, NE 68402
402-314-1611

Angela M. Birkett

From: Andrew Cunningham <afcchezlui@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 22, 2021 9:44 AM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Climate Action Plan

The Lincoln Climate Action Plan is worthy of the City Council's full support! The Plan's emphasis on resiliency and protecting disadvantaged populations and areas is particularly noteworthy. As a long-time resident and the grandparent of 13 young Lincolmites who I hope will have the opportunity to stay in the city and thrive,, I urge the Council to adopt the Plan.

Sincerely yours,
Andrew (Andy) F. Cunningham
850 S. 34th St
Lincoln, NE 68510
(Council Dist. 3)

Angela M. Birkett

From: Jamie Granquist <nakedbabytoes@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, March 22, 2021 9:46 AM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Climate Action Plan support letter for official public record 3/22/2021
Attachments: Lincoln City Council _____3_22_2021.pdf

Good Morning!

Dear Esteemed Councilmen & Councilwomen,

Hello and Happy Monday!

Thank you for all your continued hard work in our Lincoln community, it is appreciated:)

If it pleases the Council, I would like to enter a letter of support into the official public record for the Climate Action Plan that is before you today, for consideration, at the Lincoln City Council Meeting on March 22, 2021.

Thank you kindly,
~jamie granquist

Lincoln City Council
555 N 10th St, Rm#111
Lincoln, Ne 68508

3/22/2021

Dear Councilmembers,

The Climate Action Plan before you provides a step by step, comprehensive plan in which individual Lincoln residents all the way up to large businesses and government entities, can take charge of our daily impacts on the very environment in which we live.

Community Resilience does not happen on it's own. It takes active, intentional goals and implements processes in order to achieve lasting change that enhance Lincoln's ability to adapt with ever present weather and resource variability. This Plan was created with input and committee work from a broad based coalition of private citizens, business professionals, non profit organizations, public utilities, and government representatives with the assistance of key knowledgeable consultants every step of the way.

Individuals can make informed choices such as taking a sustainable bike share bike or city bus, instead of a single occupant vehicle to work which lowers their carbon footprint. Encouraging businesses and large employers to provide secure bike parking and facilities to encourage alternate forms of transit. Incentive based programs that promote renewable energy systems and more energy efficient equipment in homes and businesses, along with recycling programs and conservation initiatives that encourage widespread awareness and actionable reduction of individual and group consumption of finite resources that impact our environment as a whole.

Corporations and businesses have incentives and processes in this Plan with larger goals identified and actionable items in order to make regional impacts towards resiliency. Financial assistance processes towards sustainability objectives and pathways for holistic planning. City goals and processes that create actionable steps to implement that creates more sustainable development, appropriate regulations and permitting, along with intent on the "bigger picture" of not just economic but environmental health of the Lincoln community.

This Plan gives EVERYONE a space to change, a goal to impact, and a place to belong. Please enter this letter of support into the Public Record for the Climate Action Plan. As a lifelong Lincoln resident and supporter of this initiative, I encourage the Lincoln City Council to adopt the Climate Action Plan. Our tomorrow depends on our actions of today and we all play a part, this Plan enables us all to have a role that positively impacts Lincoln's future.

TOGETHER, we are better.

Thank you for your consideration,
Jamie Granquist
Lincoln, Ne

Angela M. Birkett

From: sherri cunningham <sherri.cunningham@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 22, 2021 9:59 AM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Mayors climate action plan

I completely support the Mayors climate action plan! Please vote for it in its entirety. We need to be “on our way” to a cleaner, more responsible care for our environment. What a great thing for our beautiful city! Please give it your total support! Thank you! Sherri Cunningham

Sent from my iPhone

Angela M. Birkett

From: Megan York <meganyork3@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 22, 2021 10:12 AM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Lincoln Climate Action Plan- Please vote YES

I support a Lincoln Climate Action Plan and strongly urge your adoption of the Plan at the Council meeting Monday, March 22nd.

Sincerely,
Megan Lyons
Lincoln Resident

Angela M. Birkett

From: Suzy Carter <suzy.carter@doane.edu>
Sent: Monday, March 22, 2021 10:15 AM
To: Council Packet
Subject: No on climate action plan

Council

As a PhD in economics, I have only one thing to say about this proposal. It will force the working poor and elderly to choose heat or food. The "climate savings" of such a proposal are minimal and uncertain. But the financial hardship is clear. Vote NO on this irresponsible proposal.

Angela M. Birkett

From: Taylor Wyatt <taylor@highlinerealestategroup.com>
Sent: Monday, March 22, 2021 10:20 AM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Climate action plan

Council,

I wanted to write you as a citizen and small business owner in your community in regards to the climate action plan. I planned on testifying in person, but the opportunity is not presenting itself in my schedule.

I am against this proposal for the simple reason that it is vague and financially unpredictable.

As you know, I'm not the biggest believer in "climate change", however, I am a believer in better ways to take care of the world around us. I think this comes with time, experience, and research.

If you'll entertain me, I'd like to back up my position with a simple example.

This year I have invested in an electric mower. I'm really excited about it! No gas, no oil, less maintenance. I did a little research on electric mowers and found the first attempts at creating one was in the 1930's. It had a cord! Thankfully, they continued to work to perfect the machine. In 2021 (roughly 90 years later!) I purchased a mower for \$150 more than its gas/oil competitor. My new mower has a 5 year warranty. Calculating costs of gas, oil, winterizing, and spring tune ups, I'll have my money back in 2-3 years. I am a little nervous about the battery holding up, but I'm talking to experts they have assured that they've received no complaints. So I'm taking a well calculated risk. This is obviously peanuts compared to what we are talking about with city wide policy.

Genuinely, I'm excited about a cleaner and simpler machine. I do wonder about the disposal plan for increased expired batteries, but that's a discussion that is sure to come in the near future.

I express my opinion and this story to illustrate why I hold my position. I am all for moving in this direction over time. However, when we do not have the technology or knowledge of what the technology will cost, as well as a clear expression of its benefit, its irresponsible to over commit to what we do not know.

In good faith, each of these ideas should be brought to the table. A cost/benefit should be done on them and addressed. If the technology is not ready we should encourage further research and development. My opposition is the wholesale push of something too big, not understood, and in many areas "shady".

In a world where cost of living, housing affordability, and debt challenges us all; it would be against your duties of public office to pass this. It would be against your very stance to protect those items, as we have talked in the pass, to support this in its form.

I hope you vote no and address these issues properly.

Regards,

Taylor Wyatt
402-440-0224
SimpliCity-Realtor

"If life was perfect, it wouldn't be" ~Yogi Berra

Angela M. Birkett

From: Doug & Misti Jamison <dmcjamison@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, March 22, 2021 10:39 AM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Mayor's "green new deal" plan

To whom it may concern,

I am not ok with the mayor's "green new deal" plan for our community! Based on the LES.com post from the LES staff entitled, "Modeling a Near-Zero Carbon Future," we would see our rates double to reach this goal by 2030. Many residents and business owners are already struggling to pay their bills because of the pandemic. They've lost their jobs and businesses for various reasons and are struggling to stay afloat. I believe we need to provide for ourselves through work and not rely on the government assistance if possible. This would make it impossible for some to pay their bills and would require them to seek outside assistance, which would raise our taxes and further stress our finances.

I understand the desire to lower carbon dioxide emissions, but plants also use the carbon dioxide for photosynthesis and they in turn release oxygen for us to breathe. It makes more sense to me to be planting more trees to use the carbon dioxide. I'm not a scientist so I don't fully understand all of what the mayor is trying to accomplish, but I do understand finances and doubling our rates is bad for our economy. This plan needs to be stopped if you want our community to thrive.

Sincerely,
Misti Jamison

Sent from my iPhone

Angela M. Birkett

From: Jim & Deanna McClintick <jdmcc@neb.rr.com>
Sent: Monday, March 22, 2021 11:02 AM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Climate Change

Dear Council Members,

Please do not approve this plan. 2030 is too soon and our electric rates will be unaffordable. There are too many unknowns and assumptions.

Thank you for representing me.
Deanna McClintick
7839 Agatha Dr
Lincoln NE 68516