

**IN LIEU OF
DIRECTORS' ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
Monday, March 29, 2021**

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See attached items

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

DEPARTMENT/DIVISION: Human Resources

DATE: 2/22/2021

additional support staff for Oracle related processes. Predominantly in HRIS, Administration, Benefits and website maintenance.

The addition of this position is needed to help with the workload in Oracle. tasks would include maintenance of the Oracle HCM system and other HRIS related systems, assist with data entry, verification of data and administration of Oracle, assist users in basic issue and navigation, assist with coordination of benefits within Oracle and responding to questions of customers. Work will also include providing web support to the department.

FUTURE IMPACT:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ongoing <input type="checkbox"/> Limited Projected Completion Date _____		
REVENUES GENERATED		LEGISLATIVE CHANGES	
		City	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		County	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		State	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
IMPACT		Current Fiscal Year	Next Fiscal Year Annualized
PERSONNEL (full time equivalents) Human Resources Clerk		0.42 FTE	1.0 FTE
PERSONNEL (cost) business unit: 10001 Human Resources			
object code	description		
5021	Regular Salaries	\$17,782	\$42,677
Business Unit 18002 General Expense			
5081	Health Insurance	8,523	20,454
5082	Dental Insurance	206	495
5083	Life Insurance	66	159
5085	Pension	1,600	3,841
5086	FICA	1,360	3,265
5091	PEHP	325	780
SUPPLIES business unit:			
object code	description		
OTHER SERVICES & CHARGES business unit:			
object code	description		
EQUIPMENT business unit: 10001 Human Resources (desktop computer, associated software)			
object code	description		
6069	Data Processing Equipment	2,225	
6072	Furniture & Fixtures	2,225	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		\$34,312	\$71,671

SOURCE OF**REVENUES** City 63%, County 35% and Public Building Commission 2%**DIRECTOR****DATE****FINANCE DEPARTMENT COMMENTS**Availability of Appropriations: Yes ☒ No ☐**BUDGET OFFICER****PURCHASING AGENT**

Vacancy savings are sufficient to fund this position for the remainder of 2020-21. Approval of a modification proposal will be necessary for 2021-22 funding.

FINANCE DIRECTOR**DATE**APPROVED: Yes ☒ No ☐**MAYOR****DATE****WHEN TO USE FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

1. Requesting transfer of operating appropriations.
2. Requesting increase in personnel (full time equivalents) appropriations.
3. Requesting transfer of capital improvement appropriations.
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HOW TO USE FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

NEED: There should be a detailed explanation of why a change to the previously approved budget is necessary. If the change will have any impact beyond the current fiscal year, it should also be noted.

FUTURE IMPACT: One of the boxes should be checked. An example of an item with ongoing impact would be a request for additional fte authorization that will also be requested in upcoming budgets. This would necessitate filling out the "Next Fiscal Year Annualized" column. An example of an item with limited impact would be asking for authorization to use salary savings for the one time purchase of equipment. If "Projected Completion Date" applies, please fill in.

REVENUES GENERATED: Please note if the request will affect current and future revenues.

LEGISLATIVE CHANGES: These boxes should be marked yes or no. Some of the actions this form is used for (transfer of capital improvement appropriations, Contingency Funds) require a City Council ordinance.

PERSONNEL (full time equivalents): Please note the number of fte's the request involves, if applicable.

PERSONNEL (cost), SUPPLIES, OTHER SERVICES AND CHARGES, EQUIPMENT: All entries in these boxes must have the business unit, object code, and object code description along with the dollar amount. Negative amounts must be indicated by brackets.

TOTAL EXPENDITURES: This box should contain the sum of the dollar amounts in the various expenditure categories.

SOURCE OF REVENUES: This box should contain the name of the fund the action is required for.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

DEPARTMENT/DIVISION: Information Services_____

DATE:03/03/2021_____

Information Services is requesting to add two positions for supervision and coding/maintaining the CJIS New Application System.

1480 Systems Project Supervisor – Hire to start 4/1/2021

1479 Systems Analyst/Programmer II – Hire to start 8/1/2021


Funding for phase I of the CJIS New Application System was approved in Feb. 2021. This is a multi-year project to design and write a replacement system for CJIS. Information Services needs a dedicated project manager immediately, and plans to add a programmer when the coding phase begins, which will be August 1, 2021. The programmer funding is already planned in the IS Budget dollars, but not the additional FTE count. The project supervisor requires additional funds and FTE count.

FUTURE IMPACT:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ongoing <input type="checkbox"/> Limited Projected Completion Date _____
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REVENUES GENERATED	LEGISLATIVE CHANGES		
The costs for these positions will be built into the IS rate structure for the 2022-24 Biennium Budget.	City	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
	County	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
	State	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>

IMPACT	Current Fiscal Year	Next Fiscal Year Annualized
PERSONNEL (full time equivalents)	2.0	2.0
PERSONNEL (cost) business unit: object code description	(65,548) 06021 CJIS New App Cost Pool	(157,313) 06021 CJIS New App Cost Pool
SUPPLIES business unit: object code description		
OTHER SERVICES & CHARGES business unit: object code description		
EQUIPMENT business unit: object code description		
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	65,548	157,313

SOURCE OF REVENUES Funding will be allocated from dollars designated to savings for the new CJIS Application
 City Finance and County Finance have agreed to a 44% City and 56% County Split –

DIRECTOR _____  _____ DATE 3/9/21

FINANCE DEPARTMENT COMMENTS	Availability of Appropriations: Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> BUDGET OFFICER <u>Sherrylynn Orsini</u> PURCHASING AGENT _____
FINANCE DIRECTOR <u>[Signature]</u>	DATE <u>3/9/21</u>

APPROVED: Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	<div style="text-align: center;"> MAYOR <u>[Signature]</u> MAYOR </div>
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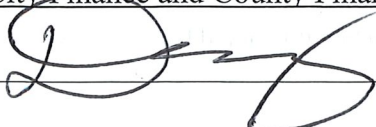
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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

DEPARTMENT/DIVISION: Information Services _____ DATE: 03/03/2021 _____

<p>Information Services is requesting to add two positions for supervision and coding/maintaining the Oracle HCM HR/Payroll system.</p> <p>1480 Systems Project Supervisor</p> <p>1481 Systems Software Integrator</p> <p>The Oracle HCM HR/Payroll implementation is operational, but many required interfaces and integrations are yet to be configured. There is much need to identify automation opportunities and functional improvements to make this system user friendly and an efficient tool for the City of Lincoln operational needs. This required workload has been documented with analysis and review with Everge, the consulting firm. The HR/Payroll Executive Team, City and County, has provided their approval for Information Services leadership role.</p>			
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PERSONNEL (full time equivalents)	2.0	2.0	
PERSONNEL (cost) business unit: object code description	(128,551) 06033 Oracle JDE Cost Pool	(308,521) 06033 Oracle JDE Cost Pool	
SUPPLIES business unit: object code description			
OTHER SERVICES & CHARGES business unit: object code description			
EQUIPMENT business unit: object code description			
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	123,846	304,661	
SOURCE OF Funds would be reallocated from projected Everge consultants costs REVENUES City Finance and County Finance have agreed to a 70% City and 30% County Split –			

DIRECTOR  DATE 3-9-21

FINANCE DEPARTMENT COMMENTS	Availability of Appropriations: Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> BUDGET OFFICER <u>Sherry Wolf Debat</u> PURCHASING AGENT _____
FINANCE DIRECTOR <u>[Signature]</u>	DATE <u>3-9-21</u>
APPROVED: Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
MAYOR <u>Kenyon Taylor Baird</u> DATE <u>March 19, 2021</u>	

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W OLD CHENEY RD

S FOLSOM ST

W PALM CANYON DR

W PANORAMA RD

N GONZALEZ ST

LAS VERDES LN

Annexation by Ordinance
S Folsom St & W Old Cheney Rd
Effective: March 30, 2021



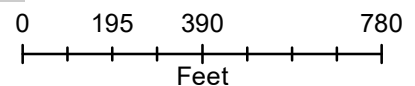
Area of Annexation



Tax Parcels



City Limits Before Annexation





Memorandum

Date: ♦ March 23, 2021

To: ♦ City Clerk

From: ♦ Rhonda Haas, Planning Dept.

Re: ♦ Administrative Approvals

cc: ♦ Geri Rorabaugh, Planning Dept.

This is a list of City administrative approvals by the Planning Director from March 11, 2021 through March 22, 2021:

Administrative Amendment 20065, to Special Permit 19006, Grandview Estates 2nd Addition, approved by the Planning Director on March 16, 2021, to delete Hemingway Avenue, and to show alternate traffic calming measures, on property generally located at South 70th Street and Rokeby Road.

Administrative Amendment 21006, to Pre-existing Special Permit 10A, Marian Sisters Diocese, approved by the Planning Director on March 16, 2021, to modify the site plan by adding a note that specifies: how the setbacks are applied to pre-existing and future structures; the allowed uses and accessory uses; the applicable sign and parking requirements, on property generally located at North 112th Street and Alvo Road.

Administrative Amendment 21008, Administrative Amendment 21008, to Special Permit 18021, Hillcrest, approved by the Planning Director on March 22, 2021, to revises the lot layout and residential uses in Blocks 11-17; for minor changes to the grading plan; and added details for the east bound right turn lane for Signature Drive; on property generally located at 93rd Street and A Street.

Administrative Amendment 21012, to Change of Zone 15004, Vavrina Meadows PUD, approved by the Planning Director on March 16, 2021, to modify Note #13 to include 'Cody Drive' making it clear that the parking stalls in Cody Drive may also count towards the number required for the center, on property generally located at South 14th Street and Yankee Hill Road.

Administrative Amendment 21013, to Change of Zone 05077, Thunderstone PUD, approved by the Planning Director on March 11, 2021, to increase the allowed floor area to 51,750 square feet and revise the site layout, on property generally located at SW 32nd Street and West O Street.

Angela M. Birkett

From: Ghazal S. Barakat
Sent: Tuesday, March 23, 2021 8:43 AM
Subject: ALLO Emergency Broadband Assistance
Attachments: EBB Fact Sheet (002).pdf

Good Morning Neighborhood Leaders,

Previously we sent a Fact Sheet regarding Broad Band Assistance to be provided by ALLO to people who have been impacted by COVID and who income qualify. That Fact Sheet has been updated with additional information about how to qualify and services provided. See attached and feel free to share with your neighborhood associations and include in newsletters.

Sincerely,

Ghazal Barakat, Office Specialist
[City of Lincoln | Urban Development Department](#)
555 S 10th | Suite 205 | Lincoln, NE 68508
(402) 441-7606





FCC Emergency Broadband Benefit Program Fact Sheet

On February 25th, the FCC unanimously adopted a Report and Order that established the Emergency Broadband Benefit Program, a \$3.2 billion federal initiative to help lower the cost of high-speed internet for eligible households during the on-going COVID-19 pandemic. The Emergency Broadband Benefit Program was created by Congress in the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021.

The Report and Order along with the rules governing this program can be [found here](#), but below are a few important facts:

What Is the Benefit?

- Up to \$50/month discount for broadband services;
- A one-time discount of up to \$100 for a laptop, desktop computer, or tablet purchased through a participating provider.
- The Emergency Broadband Benefit is limited to one monthly service discount and one device discount per eligible household.

Who Is Eligible for the Emergency Broadband Benefit?

A household is eligible if one member of the household:

- Qualifies for the [Lifeline](#) program, including those who are on Medicaid or receive SNAP benefits;
 - ✓ Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program; Food Stamps
 - ✓ Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
 - ✓ Temporary Cash Assistance (TCA)
 - ✓ Federal Public Housing Assistance (FPHA)(Sec 8)
 - ✓ Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)
 - ✓ Income at or below 135% of the federal poverty guidelines.
 - ✓ Veterans Pension or Survivors Benefit Programs
- Receives benefits under the free and reduced-price school lunch program or the school breakfast program, including through the USDA Community Eligibility Provision, or did so in the 2019 - 2020 school year;
- Experienced a substantial loss of income since February 29, 2020, and the household had a total income in 2020 below \$99,000 for single filers and \$198,000 for joint filers;
- Received a Federal Pell Grant in the current award year; or

When Can Eligible Households Sign Up?

- The FCC expects the Emergency Broadband Benefit program to be open to eligible households before the end of April, 2021.

How Will Eligible Households Sign Up?

- Eligible households will enroll through ALLO or directly with the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC).
- ALLO will focus on the rules and navigate the program for your benefit.
- ALLO will monitor the FCC's website, www.fcc.gov/broadbandbenefit, regularly for the latest information on the enrollment process.

ALLO Benefits

- 500/500 Mbps at ***no cost*** (\$70/month value)*
- Wi-Fi Router / modem included
- Free installation
- Assistance with verification / documentation / sign-ups
- Local customer service

For More Information:

- Contact: Dave Miller, Director of Ethical Engagement (ALLO Communications)
Phone: (402) 781-4082. Email: dmiller2@allophone.net

Angela M. Birkett

From: Mary K Stillwell <marykstillwell@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 23, 2021 12:48 PM
To: Mayor
Cc: Council Packet
Subject: Celebrating Two Lincoln African-American Women
Attachments: Women's History Month Celebrating 2 local African-American Women.docx

Dear Mayor Baird,

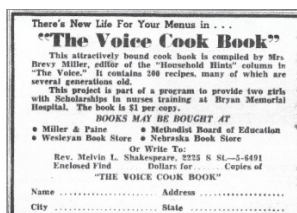
My husband, Frank Edler, has found a wonderful African-American newspaper that was published here in Lincoln in the late 40s-early 50s! The Voice offers a treasure-trove of information. From his research, we've put together a tribute to two Black women of that time for Women's History Month. Thought you might be interested.

See attached.

Mary K Stillwell

Celebrating Women's History Month~~

Rubie Shakespeare and Brevy Hill Miller:
two local women who made a difference.



By Frank Edler & Mary K Stillwell

During Women's History Month, we often celebrate nationally- or internationally-known women who are remarkable for their accomplishments. Today, however, we're going to focus on the work of two local African-American women who, in 1948-1949, championed and supported newly opened educational opportunities for Black women: Rubie Shakespeare, co-editor of *The Voice*, and Brevy Hill Miller, editor of the newspaper's Household Hints column.

Mary K Stillwell: What new educational opportunities were opening up at this time to African-American women in Lincoln?

Frank Edler: Although public schools were open to African Americans and the University of Nebraska had an open door policy, racial discrimination was still prevalent. We mustn't forget that over one thousand members of the KKK paraded down O Street in 1925. Theaters, restaurants, and municipal swimming pools remained segregated. In addition, Blacks were not encouraged to become practicing professionals. Black athletes, for example, were discouraged from playing football, because other conference universities refused to play teams that included Black athletes. Black applicants to medical school were encouraged to apply to other schools because they were not allowed to practice at the University Hospital, a requirement they needed for graduation. Although Lincoln had previously hired eight Black policemen, by 1933 no African Americans were on the force. Black women were not admitted to nursing schools. It took much longer to hire African American teachers. Forrest Stith was the first Black teacher hired by the Lincoln Public Schools to teach at an all-White Lefler Junior High School in 1955.

MK: What did Rubie Shakespeare and Brevy Hill Miller do to aid women who wanted to enter these fields?

FE: Rubie Shakespeare promoted Black women as professionals every chance she could get. When the University of Nebraska hospital and Bryan Memorial Hospital began considering the possibility of admitting Black students into their nursing schools in 1948, she decided to set up a scholarship fund to help them. In order to raise money for two scholarships, she collaborated with Brevy Miller on the idea of putting together and selling a cookbook. Entitled *The Voice Cook Book*, it turned out to be 74 pages, featuring 200 of Brevy's (and others) recipes from her Household Hints column in the paper. The cookbook sold for \$1, door-to-door as well as in the Miller and Paine Department store and the Nebraska Book Store.

MK: And what was the outcome?

FE: Rubie Shakespeare pursued the officials of Bryan Memorial Hospital with great persistence. After a series of conferences between herself and hospital officials, the administration declared in August of 1948 that the hospital would accept Black applicants for training. The cookbook, ready for sale by December of 1948, resulted in two \$100 scholarships offered to African American women who were accepted to the Bryan Memorial Hospital training school. The two students were Martha Jean Hammonds of Omaha, Nebraska, and Ada E. Coffey of Kansas City, Kansas.



MK: What do we know about Rubie Shakespeare?

FE: Born in Texas, Rubie's parents were Joseph and Sophronia Green. She was one of three daughters. They moved to Alliance, Nebraska, in 1919 where her father worked in the Burlington freight house until 1945. Rubie Green married Rev. Melvin L. Shakespeare in 1936.

She was a member of Kappa Phi, national Methodist girls club, the Mary Bethune Literary and Art Club in Lincoln and was very active in the Quinn Chapel A. M. E. church. She wrote articles for *The Voice*, while her sister, Dorothy Green, worked for the paper as a reporter. She was also active in the Lincoln Urban League.

MK: When did *The Voice* publish in Lincoln? And what do you see as its importance to the community?

FE: *The Voice* was an African American weekly newspaper established in Lincoln by Rev. Melvin L. Shakespeare and his wife Rubie Shakespeare. The first issue came out on October 11, 1946, and the last issue on May 14, 1953. In October of 1952, Rev. Melvin Shakespeare who had been associate pastor at the A. M. E. Quinn Chapel in Lincoln, accepted a call to a church in Roswell, New Mexico. Another African American couple from Omaha, Elbert Sawyer and his wife Maxine, took over the newspaper. Under the Shakespeares' leadership the newspaper truly became a strong voice for the Black community. It not only disseminated the news of what was going on in the Black community concerning the Lincoln Urban League, Black churches, and the Lincoln chapter of the NAACP, but also advocated especially hard for equal employment opportunity, the expansion of housing for Blacks, and the elimination of redlining. Melvin Shakespeare organized African American interests into the Northside Council that challenged the city council to adopt public housing to counteract the redlining. In

those days, the word “redlining” was not used; rather, Shakespeare talked about the “vicious circle” involved in the housing restrictions.

MK: Brevy Hill Miller’s column, as I understand it, included recipes from African-American housewives here in Lincoln. Miller selected 200 of these recipes by 60 local women to be included in *The Voice Cookbook*. Can you give us a sampling?



FE: The recipes Brevy offered in the first issue of her column were tamale pie and corn bread stuffing. She went on to include recipes like spaghetti Milanaise from her brother T. M. Hill who was a chef for the Burlington Railroad. There are recipes from African American women in Lincoln like Mrs. Dorothy Lewis’ baked tuna. Other recipes included shepherd’s pie and halibut creole. One of my favorites is fried pheasant and steamed date pudding. When I first began looking at Brevy’s recipes, I sent a copy to you of her recipe for potato salad because Brevy used ingredients I had never seen used before [cabbage and beans] in a potato salad. You were intrigued by the recipe and made the salad. It turned out to be a different potato salad that was very delicious!

MK: And sure to be a favorite for summer picnics!

MK: Brevy Hill Miller was the oldest of three accomplished Hill sisters. What can you tell us about Brevy and her sisters?

FE: Absolutely. Brevy Hill, born in 1898, was the oldest of three sisters (out of a family of eight children). All of them were born in Yazoo City in the Mississippi Delta but were raised for the most part in Lincoln. Their father (P. M. E. Hill) and mother (Eliza Johnson) were both devout Seventh Day Adventists and that may have been the reason why Brevy attended Union College. She married Leon Lilly (also spelled Lillie) in 1922, but they divorced in 1944. She later married John Miller in 1947. Miller served in the Navy as a mechanic during World War II. She continued her “Household Hints” column in *The Voice* until she died in 1951 in St. Louis. She was with her sister XaCadene when she died.

Brevy’s younger sisters, Zanzye and XaCadene Hill, both attended Lincoln High School and went on to the University Of Nebraska. Both sisters were members of the African-American sorority Alpha Kappa Alpha. Zanzye was the first Black woman to be admitted to the University of Nebraska law school; the first to graduate; and the first Black woman to be a member of the Nebraska bar in 1929. She died in 1935 after a long illness in Jackson, Mississippi.

XaCadene, after graduating from the University of Nebraska with a degree in zoology in 1933, received her medical degree in 1937 at Meharry Medical School in Nashville, Tennessee. She practiced medicine for a number of years in Prairie View, Texas, and then moved to St. Louis, where she became a public school physician as well as maintaining her own private practice. In the latter part of the 1970s, she was clinical director at the Homer G. Phillips Hospital. She died in 2002 in St. Louis at the age of 92.

MK: How did you become interested in this period of Lincoln history?

FE: Well, it's been a long road! We moved back to Nebraska in 1990, and I slowly got interested in Nebraska literature and art. First Willa Cather, then Wright Morris, and then the professors' "disloyalty" trial at the University of Nebraska in 1918. As I was doing some research on Rev. Arthur Weatherly, Unitarian minister in Lincoln, I became fascinated with the Lincoln Urban League. Weatherly was president of the League board of directors from 1933 to 1938. That opened up the whole history for me of the Black community in Lincoln.

MK: It strikes me that *The Voice*—and maybe even the cookbook itself—can be seen as a legacy of the New Negro Movement. Is that too far afield?

FE: No, I don't think so. The Twenties and Thirties provided a veritable explosion of African American creativity engaged in discovering and shaping an identity of their own on their own terms not just in the literature and art of the Harlem Renaissance, but also in the growth of smaller communities like Lincoln. This manifested itself in style, clothing, music, and – yes – even cuisine. Food belongs to the expression of Black identity just as much as art does.

MK: In celebrating the accomplishments of local African-American women like Rubie Shakespeare and Brevy Hill Miller and her sisters, it seems to me we also celebrate both the history of change and growth within a community and the possibility of continued growth. Has your research of Lincoln gone-by given you optimism for the future of our town?

FE: Yes, it has. Now more than ever. One consequence of the destructive politics of hate, white nationalism, and racism that we see today is that it has finally exposed in full view all the tribal and nativistic undercurrents latent in our society. I think there is a new determination, especially among the younger generation, to engage--at long last--social justice in a systemic way. No more fixing this or that silo; rather, it's about engaging problems intersectionally across the whole system. Although Lincoln has at times been slow to react, I think it has the potential of becoming a beacon to other cities, a city willing to engage the truth and make changes.

A note from MKS: One of the many benefits of living with a career philosopher who during retirement has turned his attention and research skills toward Nebraska history is learning so much about my birth State. The dialog that follows led to our celebration of two Lincoln women who made a difference to their African-American community in 1949 and touch all our lives today as we celebrate their talents, determination, and resourcefulness in supporting the education of Black women. marykstillwell@gmail.com/frankhwedler@gmail.com.

Angela M. Birkett

From: Jason Otto <jtorentals@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 24, 2021 11:44 AM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Claim against the City of Lincoln
Attachments: 2020.01.03.tyma.door claim_city of lincoln.pdf;
2020.09.23.lincoln.fire.rescue.forced.entry.pdf

Good Morning:

I have recently filed a claim against the City of Lincoln in which LFR forced entry into an apartment I own during a well check damaging the door. The City Attorney's office has recommended that my claim be denied & referred me back to City Council. I am unable to personally attend the meeting scheduled for 3/29/2021.

Details of the claim filed with the City Attorney's office are attached along with the notice from LFR to seek reimbursement from the city in the first place.

I would like these facts to be considered:

1. In both cases, I was less than 10 minutes away from the property & asked dispatch to not kick in the door as I was on my way to let them in. During the first occurrence, dispatch was non-committal about forcing entry. In the second case, dispatch agreed to stand down as I was en route. Door was breached anyway.
2. If the city generally denies responsibility in these cases, why does LFR leave the (copy attached) notice on the door in the first place?
3. I have spoken with Danielle Rowley in the City Attorney's office who investigated this matter. She was unaware of the notice in question being posted. She referred me back to the City Council.

Again, my apologies for not presenting this issue in person.

Thank you in advance for reconsidering this matter.

JTO Investments, LLC
R. Jason Otto

JTO Investments, LLC
1301 Twin Ridge Rd.
Lincoln, NE 68510
402-432-5386

January 4, 2021

City Attorney's Office
555 S. 10th St., Suite 300
Lincoln, NE 68508

Re: Reimbursement for Damages (Note: Two separate incidents)
Incident # (1): 9/7/2020. # 20019125
Incident # (2): 9/23/2020. # 20020432
1401 S. 20th St., Apt. #2, Lincoln, NE 68502
Resident: Thomas "Tony" Tyma

To Whom it May Concern:

Please consider reimbursement for damages caused when LFR responded for two separate welfare checks for previous tenant Thomas Tyma.

Incident # 1: 9-7-2020. LFR responded & forced entry to the interior apartment door causing significant damage. Subsequent temporary repairs made to allow the door to close & lock.

Incident #2: 9-23-2020. LFR responded & again forced entry to the same door. This time, temporary repairs are unable to be made. Please see attached invoices for repairs. Photos available by email upon request.

9/7/2020	\$53.76	Amazon	Deadbolt Lock
10/29/2020	\$5.36	QP Ace Hdw	Padlock Hasp
11/25/2020	\$498.70	84 Lumber	Door & Jamb Assembly
11/25/2020	\$70.73	QP Ace Hdw	Stain/Polyurethane/Brushes
12/06/2020	\$42.60	Home Depot	Door Knob, Peephole Viewer, Spackling Compound Paint Brushes, Wood Filler
12/16/2020	\$112.50	Riley Larson	Labor - Remove & Replace Door
Balance:	\$783.65	Balance due JTO Investments, LLC	

Please consider this request based on two separate incidents. Kindly advise if additional information, photos or documentation is required. Thank you, in advance, for your attention to this matter.

Yours Truly,

R. Jason Otto
JTO Investments



Dear Citizen,

Lincoln Fire & Rescue responded to your home today because someone cared and was concerned enough about your welfare to call us. When no one responded to our attempts to raise someone by standard methods, (knock on door, ring doorbell), it became necessary to gain entry by other means.

We forced entry into your home.

We are glad your neighbors were concerned enough to call and we are happy that we did not find you in an incapacitated condition.

The City of Lincoln has established a process for citizens to use to obtain reimbursement for damages. If you choose to seek reimbursement, you must contact the City Attorney's office; submit this letter from Lincoln Fire & Rescue along with a receipt for the repairs to: City Attorney's Office, 555 S 10th St., Suite #300, Lincoln, NE 68508. The City Attorney will determine if the costs are reimbursable.

If you have any questions for us, you may contact me at Station No. 8 by calling: 402-441-8378. Your incident number is: 20020432.

You can also contact Fire Administration at 441-7363, if you have questions.

Sincerely,

Capt. Mike Tupe

Fire Captain
Lincoln Fire & Rescue

SEPT. 7
1:34 PM
20019125

Angela M. Birkett

From: John Irwin <johndirwin1@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 25, 2021 10:54 AM
To: Council Packet
Subject: LES

Do not increase rates. Let wind energy develop on its own merits without any subsidy .

Angela M. Birkett

From: Robert Borer <robert.borer@doane.edu>
Sent: Thursday, March 25, 2021 2:46 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Insane Jane and the fallacy of comparing apples to oranges

CC Members-

Just finished watching Monday night's meeting (22nd).

I think Jane skipped her critical thinking and logical fallacy class in HS. That, or she's been radicalized by the fuhrer.

Any two year old can see that she doesn't know how to compare apples with apples. Where's the "dashboard" that shows us what our energy usage is at some given point in the future?? Where's the crystal ball that shows us what that energy usage is costing??

Obviously, all so-called cost-benefit analyses aren't created equal.

Richard should be ashamed of himself for not calling her out. He wimps out EVERY time. What a disgrace.

Robert Borer

Angela M. Birkett

From: Lora Black <dj4nprn@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, March 22, 2021 11:16 AM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Support of the Climate Action Plan

To our council members:

I am writing in support of the Climate Action Plan that has been presented. It was well thought out with much research, and covers aspects of climate change and how it affects all facets of our lives.

The last two years are examples enough of our changing climate and the extremes in incidents. We are affected by what happens in the west and east,..it is not just a local issue, but one we need to work on together to try and mitigate any other calamities. Floods, (2019) in Nebraska...affecting not only those in the NE, but our water supply in Lincoln. Each action has a reaction, and humans are being caught in the middle unless we follow all the positive steps we can.

Our Mayor has presented positive steps to protect all of Lincoln's residents. I live in the north part of Lincoln, and in two of Lincoln's poorest neighborhoods. The steps in the proposal will help level the playing field in this area of town...better opportunities, access to clean water and food and city resources. Equity for all in the city.

I urge the council to pass this well developed plan and support all citizens in Lincoln.

Thank you for your time.

Lora Black

Angela M. Birkett

From: Janis Darrington <keybdplyr1@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 22, 2021 11:18 AM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Climate Action Plan

I have read this and do believe this is something we all should accept to try and do something about Climate Change, Please vote YES for this action.

Janis Darrington
keybdplyr1@gmail.com

Angela M. Birkett

From: Katie Frisch <katietaylor549@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, March 22, 2021 11:24 AM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Electricity and green new deal

Hi! I just learned about the green deal that would double our electricity costs. I appreciate the goal of protecting our environment, but our electricity bill is already at the top of what we can afford. Please consider the cost to us single income families with lots of kids! That's a significant strain and loss from most likely our grocery bill.

Thanks,

Katie Frisch

Sent from my iPhone

Angela M. Birkett

From: Mel Baker <mellomixer30@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 22, 2021 11:34 AM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Support the Climate Action Plan
Attachments: safe_image (3).jpg

Hello! Happy Spring! This letter is in support of the Climate Action Plan. I ask it be submitted as testimony for the record. I appreciate your time hearing me, as I am not able to be there in person at 3pm on a school day with 2 young children. Addressing the urgency to plan, build, and update our resilience to climate change is very much a concern of mine. Working together, taking action and making positive changes on environmental issues must be a priority. We have moved beyond a timeline of passing on these issues to future generations and future leaders. We must take action now, our children and the future of Nebraska can no longer be in the hands of an elite few with a personal political agenda, or the Natural Resources Committee, as all have failed us.

I attached a picture to this email, a reminder of the urgency I speak of. The floods in March 2019 were monstrous, disastrous. It spurred me into a more active role in these Eco-conversations. I attended the Climate Summit at UNL a couple weeks after that 2019 spring flood event. Listening to Scott Holmes with LLCHD and others talk about what is happening and why. While I was in a place of Eco-anxiety and somewhat shocked, I was able to take a video and heard Mr. Holmes say as he pointed to pictures of the flood event, "THIS is Climate Change. This is climate change in Nebraska".

Massive migrations of climate refugees, food and water insecurity, record flood events, larger storms and hurricanes, estimated 40 years of growable healthy soil left, deforestation and massive wildfires, the decimation of species and coral reefs, polar ice caps melting, arctic temps rising along with the coastal ocean level on city streets. No more time to point fingers at why or how, and no more time to pass the issue - we must all do something now. We must all find a way to do our part and care about more than ourselves, or the tiny bubble we live in.

We have a serious environmental disaster on our hands close to home too. Look no further than what is happening in Mead, Nebraska for the complete let down of NDEE, our governor, and other systems leading to water and soil contamination, major loss of bees and essential pollinators, and what health effects will the local public face with air and water quality is yet to be known. Also, how far and wide the damage done is also yet to be determined. What is being done to clean it up quickly and safely, while preventing this in the future?

One thing about water is it is all connected. Water is life. With this mantra I want you to consider one HUGE piece of the Climate Action Plan - WATER. Back to the picture I attached - Lincoln's water is currently at risk. We know we have roughly 20 years to find a new source of water for the City of Lincoln. This is a major issue that Lincoln only has one water source currently and it is at a high risk. Look at the picture I attached, serious measures to save our wells. What about well head protections on those, is there any? If the CostCo/LPP poultry plant in Fremont had been open that spring of 2019 (they opened following fall) could you imagine? What about the next flood? That plant was under water and Fremont was an island, they had raw sewage and chemicals in their water. In Nebraska, "profits over people" controls Boards and the media, but I say, "NO MORE". We need leaders with an open mind and compassion for the Earth.

The future plan is to get our water from the Missouri river, and that water isn't exactly clean, or close by. So what kind of denitrification and processes will we have to pay for to move and clean this water for safe drinking consumption?

The last point I'd like to make as we look at the water issues and other changes with the Climate Action Plan is I urge you to please consider looking through a scope of environmental justice. Environmental impacts affect communities within our community that need advocates at the table to ensure that Lincoln's green dreams are encompassing everyone's needs and concerns.

I fully support all movements toward local food growing spaces and Thank Tim Rinne, Megan McGuffey, and Community Crops for their work on local food systems and outreach. Regenerative farming, Ag and urban gardening are incredible ways we can connect and work together. Incentives for farmers, people, and businesses, to conserve water, use regenerative practices for healthy soil and water filtration, rain barrels, grey water management, native plant landscaping can all be incentivised and educational. My passion for this work has led me to create a website for these conversations and safe spaces for tree-huggers like me. Thank you for your time! I believe you understand the gravity of this conversation today. I appreciate your service and dedication to our community.

In Hope,
Melissa Baker
indigobluehive.org



Angela M. Birkett

From: Daniel Frost <dfrost1@me.com>
Sent: Monday, March 22, 2021 11:30 AM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Climate Action Plan

I am writing in opposition to the proposed climate action plan that will be before the city council today and am asking the members of the city council to vote against its adoption by the City of Lincoln.

In February, when the Planning Commission unanimously passed the Plan, we saw directly the potential devastating impact that a blind rush towards “green energy” will ultimately cause. As temperatures plunged to record lows and winds were calm, wind turbines in the state of Texas stood still and were unable to provide for the generation demand that was simultaneously being placed on the system. Here in Lincoln, businesses and individuals endured “rolling blackouts” that left them in the dark and in the cold in order to prevent a catastrophic failure of the power grid. I was extremely displeased to see that while this was going on, the Planning Commission gave their approval to a plan which has the potential to cause significant harm if we are ever to witness something similar again in the future. Imagine if instead of only lasting a few days if the record cold that was experienced lasted for a few weeks. There is no doubt in my mind we would see people freeze to death in their own homes. Is this something the Council really wants on their conscience if you act on this plan?

As a homeowner, and someone that values individual liberty, I am also opposed to being told by the Mayor what kind of fuel I am “allowed” to use to heat my home and cook my food. My wife and I and our two children have lived in our home for approximately 12 years now. We finally were able to come up with the funds to remodel our kitchen over the summer, which included the purchase of a new gas cooktop. Now, as I understand it, the Mayor’s plan would dictate that I would eventually be required to give up that appliance and instead install an electric cooktop. How exactly will that work? Will someone show up to my house and take my gas appliances? Who will pay for that? Will I face fines or jail time if I refuse to comply? What about our gas grill that is on our patio, which we also just replaced last summer? It is hooked directly to our home’s natural gas supply. Will I no longer be allowed to have barbecues in our back yard because of this plan?

This is a radical plan and is poorly thought out. In the end you will end-up harming and potentially killing residents of this city if it is passed. There is little to no actual evidence that even IF climate change can be impacted that a city the size of Lincoln in the context of the entire global population would make even the tiniest bit of difference. This is nothing more than a “feel good” plan by a mayor who is more interested in pushing her progressive agenda on the citizens of this great city than it is about solving any actual problems. Please focus on the things that actually NEED our attention, such as our rapidly deteriorating streets, and not on this type of nonsense.

Respectfully,

Dan Frost
6351 Campbell DR
Lincoln, NE

Angela M. Birkett

From: Evelyn Haller <evelyn.haller@doane.edu>
Sent: Monday, March 22, 2021 11:55 AM
To: Council Packet

Please support the unamended Climate Action Plan for our common good.

Evelyn Haller

Angela M. Birkett

From: Tricia Hiltgen <queenlatricia@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 22, 2021 11:57 AM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Climate Action Plan

Dear Council members,

I am sending an email in opposition to moving forward with the proposed climate action plan for Lincoln and Lancaster County. My main reason for opposing the moving forward with this plan is currently Lincoln/Lancaster county has many fees and permits on businesses already. The plan hurts small business people. If you decide to move forward with the proposal, possibly seek to have the grocery stores like Super Saver and Russ's Market and Hy-vee be the examples of how much it would cost to do all of the upgrades without any government funding, grants, or exemptions to implement the proposed climate action plan. Additionally, what happened last month with the rolling blackouts in Lincoln is not an acceptable path forward. We need to use all kinds of energy to keep our lights, heat, and air conditioners running, not just rely on solar and wind.

Respectfully,

Tricia Hiltgen

Angela M. Birkett

From: S B <sb5115@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, March 22, 2021 11:58 AM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Climate Action Plan

I do not support the Climate Action Plan that will double my electric rates according the LES.

Vote no on the plan.

Modeling a Near-Zero Carbon Future

LES Staff

Economic analysis of transitioning LES' current resource portfolio to one that produces nearly no carbon dioxide emissions by 2030.

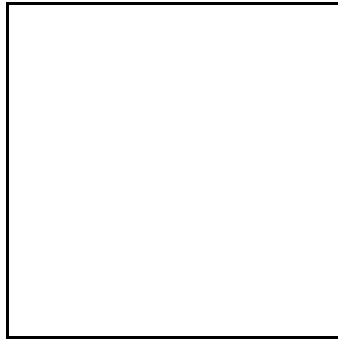
Key points:

- Given the best information we have today, LES would have to double rates to reach a net zero carbon goal by 2030.
- This would equate to an additional \$4,000 for a typical residential customer and an additional \$10M for a typical industrial customer over the next decade.
- However, an analysis like this includes so many assumptions and unknowns that accurately assessing the future financial impacts is just not possible.
- In the end, the goal won't directly drive the financial impacts. It will be each of the related decisions that will be made along the way, no different than it would be without a goal.

Angela M. Birkett

From: Miki M. Esposito
Sent: Monday, March 22, 2021 12:01 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: FW: Resilient Lincoln Feedback

From: Resilient Lincoln <webhelp@lincoln.ne.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 22, 2021 10:01 AM
To: Miki M. Esposito <MEsposito@lincoln.ne.gov>; Mayor <mayor@lincoln.ne.gov>
Subject: Resilient Lincoln Feedback



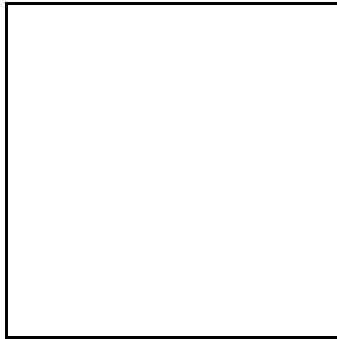
Resilient Lincoln Feedback

Contact Us	
Your name	sherri cunningham
Your email	sherri.cunningham@gmail.com
Comments or questions	How can we not move ahead on this beautifully articulated plan to make our city environmentally responsible, more sustainable? We are long overdue!

Angela M. Birkett

From: Miki M. Esposito
Sent: Monday, March 22, 2021 12:02 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: FW: Resilient Lincoln Feedback

From: Resilient Lincoln <webhelp@lincoln.ne.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 22, 2021 9:51 AM
To: Miki M. Esposito <MEsposito@lincoln.ne.gov>; Mayor <mayor@lincoln.ne.gov>
Subject: Resilient Lincoln Feedback



Resilient Lincoln Feedback

Contact Us	
Your name	Andrew (Andy) F. Cunningham
Your email	afcchezlui@gmail.com
Comments or questions	Thank you, Mayor Gaylor Baird, for this excellent and most timely Climate Action Plan! And thank you, members of the Planning Commission, for your unanimous endorsement! Now it's the City Council's turn to act - please adopt this plan! I'm a long-time resident who is very concerned about the future of our beautiful and livable city.

Angela M. Birkett

From: jennifer manning <mspurple81@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, March 22, 2021 1:25 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Climate action plan amendment

Council members,

I am emailing this morning in opposition to the proposed amendments to the climate action plan. Our city has suffered immensely financially under this pandemic and my opinion, for what it's worth, is that we need to put a pause on any large spending issues that are not of dire emergency. The amount of money this project entails is large and to assume we will be able to cover this in the future when so many businesses are closing and people are moving out of Lincoln, is not a guarantee. This project could actually be broken down into smaller projects that could be handled separately in order or importance. Please consider tabling this for the time being.

Thank you,

Jennifer Ziemer

Sent from my iPhone

Angela M. Birkett

From: Rudy Miranda <rooostarz@rocketmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 22, 2021 1:32 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: **LES INCREASE?*** \$ Concerned Lincoln Resident...

Climate action plan that will double residents LES electric bill? It's already high enough and considering that this is one of the highest taxed states in the country!... the acceptable yearly salary in Nebraska is outdated! 40,000 a year is ok for a household of 6 people/kids! Sure maybe that was the case a decade ago when "life was good" meaning you could get a decent job and raise a family... now that's not the case at all.... I was raised here in Nebraska, the Navy took me to California for 12 years.... I came back disappointed I can live better at a lower cost of living in California with better weather and amenities.... which makes NO sense!!!!!!

Don't think holly wood or LA, San Diego that's being near sited. There are hundreds of cities in California that are significantly more affordable with a higher standard of living compared to Lincoln Nebraska.... I came home for the good life and instead got slammed with Taxes....

I came here for the "good life" I want to stay here but as the cost of living and taxes race faster than my yearly raise working an honest career.... I would be better off packing up and leaving.... you could be rude and say "than do it" or you could be a caring neighbor and convince me to stay.

I work for a telecommunications company created in Lincoln Nebraska, and their pay was good maybe in 2015 considering the cost of living. But this year their pay is stuck in 2015 at insane 2021 taxes. My other Nebraska options here are to take up harder work at less pay than I make now.... which makes no sense.....

Sigh... to conclude: The increase is a terrible idea, Nebraska already has terrible standards or requirements to get assistance considering the cost of living and taxes.... this is going to make things worse and increase crime because even at a decent job people will get desperate to make ends meet.

- Very Respectfully, Rudy

Angela M. Birkett

From: Stoner, Kristal <Kristal.Stoner@audubon.org>
Sent: Monday, March 22, 2021 1:49 PM
To: Council Packet
Cc: Sittler, Meghan; St. Sauver, Jason
Subject: Support for Resolution 21R-82 Comprehensive Plan Amendment
Attachments: Audubon Support - Lincoln Climate Action Plan 3.22.21.pdf

Members of the City Council:

This letter is submitted to be a part of the public hearing record to convey support for the formal adoption of the Climate Action Plan. The Plan is a significant step forward in addressing the impacts of climate change on Lincoln and Lancaster County through specific, innovative, and needed strategies and actions.

Spring Creek Prairie Audubon Center (SCPAC), located three miles south of Denton in southwestern Lancaster County, focuses on conserving the tallgrass prairie and the birds that rely on it. As a nature center within the National Audubon Society (NAS), we work to advance conservation and education surrounding not just the tallgrass prairie but also with a focus on climate, water, and building bird-friendly communities. We believe that where birds thrive, people prosper whether that is in a rural landscape or urban environment. Birds are harbingers of change. Often we think of their signals of change as the arrival of dawn or the changing of the seasons. Unfortunately, we know that through recent studies from Cornell University that as many as 3 billion birds have been lost in the last 50 years, including a 53% decline in grassland birds. This is due largely to habitat loss from land-use changes driven by development—urban and rural—and the changing climate.

The actions and strategies of the Climate Action Plan align with many key educational and conservation priorities and actions of SCPAC, actions across the state and the Audubon network including appropriately sited renewable energy technology such as solar and wind power, and maximizing natural climate solutions such as increased native plant use by the City on public and private land. Native plants provide increased carbon sequestration, reduce runoff from pollutants, require less water and use of fossil fuels, and can provide additional flood control and bank stabilization all the while providing benefits to birds, pollinators, wildlife, and people. These are just a few of the specific strategies and actions that are in the Plan which we support comprehensively.

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Thank you for your inclusion and consideration of this written testimony. We would be happy to provide any additional information or address any questions.

Sincerely,

Kristal Stoner

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Kristal Stoner
Executive Director
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Cell: 402.462.0636

Audubon Nebraska
<http://ne.audubon.org/>



March 22, 2021

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

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Kristal Stoner
Vice President National Audubon Society Executive Director
Executive Director - Audubon Nebraska
Kristal.stoner@audubon.org

Meghan Sittler
Center Director
Spring Creek Prairie Audubon Center
Meghan.Sittler@audubon.org

Angela M. Birkett

From: Tammy Hanel <academicaccents@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, March 22, 2021 1:28 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: "Green New Deal"

City Council,

I am writing to you as a born and raised Nebraska resident of 48yrs. Having traveled the world and lived in Shanghai, China and Penang, Malaysia, I am beside myself at the money spent by our city leaders on an issue that is of no concern to Lincoln, NE!

Is anyone doing their homework when it comes to leading our city? Or are you all just blindly following the loudest political voices because they sound like they know what they're talking about when it comes to the environment (and other major issues)? I can assure you the issues that plague our environment are NOT coming from Lincoln, NE! Our city is consistently listed as having some of the cleanest air in the country, so why all the money and time spent on the "Green New Deal"? It makes absolutely no sense! There are so many other issues that are plaguing our city that need attention before addressing the already beautiful environment Lincoln currently provides. It seems to me those who have been put in charge by the people of this community are lacking in their abilities to lead based on reality and data, and are not looking at both sides of the equation and asking the critical questions that need to be asked. This is a problem!

Many things that have been handled in this community recently by this city council and mayor smell of an agenda and are not based on real science and data. This "Green New Deal" is just another example of this. Cognitive dissonance is very real, and unfortunately, it seems the leaders of this community have been impacted. I suggest we get ALL the facts and our priorities in order before making more decisions of throwing good money after bad! I am against the city of Lincoln voting in this Green New Deal!

I would appreciate a response!

Tammy Hanel

Angela M. Birkett

From: Lana Rosburg <lanarosburg@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 22, 2021 2:12 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Green New Deal

Good morning! First and foremost, I wanted to take a moment to thank each of you for your service. I have really come to appreciate those that are willing to contribute to public service considering what a difficult arena it has become. However, I feel like I need to email my concerns regarding the direction our city council is leading our community.

Since the 2020 Presidential Election, I believe that a great number of conservative and liberal Americans have been awakened to the vast overreach of government in our lives and the toxic "woke" culture that is creating great division and hostility among Americans. The political environment in Lincoln is no different than the state and national levels and I think it is time to raise our voices.

After the completely corrupt Presidential election, I decided that I had put entirely too much faith in our leaders to lead for the "people". Instead, it seems to become a question of, "how can I advance MY own political agenda", regardless of the values and perspectives of those I represent. Example....Ben Sasse. This seems to be occurring at the local, state and national level and is extremely dangerous to our democracy. I also realized that if I wanted to see a change, I was going to need to start at the local level.

I began watching the city council meetings and became more and more disappointed in the lack of transparency the council displayed while making pivotal, fundamental policies. Policies that get written, reviewed and implemented with little to no community input. I often wonder if there is even a public announcement of the issues being considered and when the vote is scheduled? We certainly cannot depend on a completely biased publication like the Journal Star to make an effort to inform the public of upcoming issues that they do not align with. Additionally, I noticed the arrogance and dismissiveness that has been exhibited by some of you while addressing members of our community that come to make their voices heard. I have to say I was shocked and dismayed. Which just furthered my conviction regarding the need to get involved.

I will just say...blindness have been removed, our complacency is a thing of the past and our numbers are growing. We will demand more of our local leadership, or we will RALLY HARD to have you replaced. Furthermore, I think it's past time to get the chambers open and allow your constituents their God-given right to be part of the process.

One other issue I would like to address is the climate action plan. The following points are concerns:

- Cost - with all of the changes, there has not been an updated budget submitted. We as taxpayers should have the right to know what we will be paying before becoming responsible for the Mayors bill.
- Lack of Detail - There is very little detail about how each suggestion will be implemented or executed.
- Expansiveness of the plan - The plan includes very large items, such as Affordable Housing, Salt Creek Resiliency Study, and Solid Waste Plan. If we attempt to address all at the same time, we create a situation where we are not able to dedicate adequate time for individual discussion and would create a lack of oversight and management of the individual projects.
- We DO NOT NEED more regulations on businesses. Especially on businesses already reeling from Covid restrictions.
- Energy mandates proposed will weaken the energy grid.
- The supplemental Climate Action Plan is just the beginning. This is setting the stage for the Mayor to fundamentally change Lincoln. WE DO NOT CARE TO BE CALIFORNIA, SEATTLE, PORTLAND, etc.
Newsome/AOC/Progressive politics are destroying cities across our nation and Lincoln should not follow these Democratic cities that have been destroyed by failed policies. Our Mayor is trying to take control and has used Covid and the climate to achieve it.
- The plan is simply not feasible. The goals and standards set do not seem based on any data, but were created to please radical environmentalists advising the Mayor. It will simply result in higher taxes wasted on over-promised ideas.

Please vote NO.

Warm regards,

Lana Rosburg
8825 Gold Dust Rd
Lincoln, NE 68526
lanarosburg@gmail.com
402-304-7512



Angela M. Birkett

From: Natalie Zelasney <nataliezelasney@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 22, 2021 2:24 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Climate Action Plan

I've lived in Lincoln for about 12 years now and I've really fallen in love with everything about it...until recently.

Lincoln is more dangerous than ever and the cost of living continues to go up. My husband and I are doing our best to move out of city limits because of these reasons and we know many others that are doing the same. We miss the small town feel of what Lincoln used to be before liberal policies turned Lincoln into a completely different place to live.

Please vote NO to the climate action plan. These types of actions need to be done on World/ Federal level. Raising our taxes in Lincoln to help climate change will not solve climate change. Even the US helping with climate change will not solve climate change. DO NOT RAISE our taxes because any work the little town of Lincoln does is not going to affect anything. The Mayor just wants to implement as many liberal policies as possible to put herself on the map in the world of politics. Please use common sense when voting on this plan.

Angela M. Birkett

From: Milo Mumgaard <mmumgaard@legalaidofnebraska.org>
Sent: Monday, March 22, 2021 2:58 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Support Letter, Climate Action Plan, Public Hearing, March 22, 2021
Attachments: support letter, Climate Action Plan, City of Lincoln, Legal Aid of Nebraska, March 22, 2021.pdf

To Whom This Concerns:

For purposes of the public hearing by the Lincoln City Council on the proposed "Climate Action Plan," and further vote on its adoption, set for Monday, March 22, 2021, Legal Aid of Nebraska wishes to have the attached letter of support included in the record of the hearing, and to be part of the official record.

Thank you for this opportunity, and please let me know if I need to provide anything further.



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March 22, 2021

Richard Meginnis, Chair
Members of the Lincoln City Council
555 S. 10th St.
Lincoln, NE 68508

RE: Lincoln Climate Action Plan

Dear Chairperson Meginnis and Members of the Lincoln City Council:

Legal Aid of Nebraska supports the Lincoln Climate Action Plan. This is a holistic, far reaching plan which is much needed to address the many impacts of our changing climate.

The Climate Action Plan recognizes the increased risks of extreme weather events from our changing climate, such as floods, droughts, and extended periods of extreme heat and cold and responds to these risks with positive steps to protect Lincoln's residents. Legal Aid appreciates the plan's recognition of the need for environmental justice; that our low income and minority neighbors are more likely to experience the impacts of pollution, to reside in flood plains, and bear greater financial burdens in order to heat and cool their homes.

Legal Aid is the free, statewide provider of civil legal services to low-income Nebraskans, addressing the legal problems that are most burdensome to families seeking to get up and out of poverty. Civil legal assistance is often the main catalyst to such transformation, and Legal Aid is proud of our collaborative work within low-income communities, including across Lincoln.

Legal Aid has become active in identifying legal issues arising from environmental and climate change facing our low-income clients, as a result of their being so disproportionately impacted. Simply put, low-income communities suffer the most and are helped the least, but are usually the least responsible for such impacts. The March, 2019 flooding disaster in Nebraska was a prime example, leading to widespread damage to low-income housing, infrastructure, and supportive environments. The COVID-19 pandemic has also illuminated the disproportionate and negative aspects of a widespread public health crisis, compounded by the poor living conditions and few work options available to low-income communities. Recent energy cost surges as a result of historic cold snaps, and the resulting high utility bills to low-income households living in poorly insulated homes with no budgetary room to spare, is another disproportionate- and likely to be repeated- result of our changing world.

With all this change in climate in mind, Legal Aid is providing focused legal services- including the enforcement of existing legal rights and interests held by low-income clients and communities- in urban, rural, and tribal areas. Our goal is to help low-income communities attain greater education, long-term recovery, and resilience so they are better prepared and protected when the next disaster strikes.

Legal Aid's work to help these low-income client communities respond to disaster is to both address immediate, short-term legal needs and help them, through our focused legal assistance, become more sustainable in the face of increasing climate change and economic dislocation.

Legal Aid is also basing its efforts on equity principles associated with long-term recovery and resiliency- how fair and just are the application of laws and policies- using equity as a fundamental building block to enhance the vitality and sustainability of both low-income communities and all of society buffeted by climate and environmental change.

In this regard, then, Legal Aid commends the Climate Action Plan for its specific commitment to addressing the needs and interests of vulnerable populations. This commitment is reflected through the inclusion of, among other things, the following in the plan:

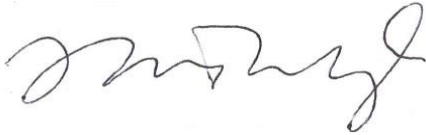
- Initiative 14 of the plan calls for a joint effort by city officials, LES and service providers to address energy efficiency in low income and multi-family housing stock and to search out sources of funding from federal, state and private resources to pay for this effort.
- Initiative 15 calls for exploration of opportunities to build or renovate a net zero affordable housing demonstration project in collaboration with University of Nebraska-Lincoln.
- Initiatives 53 and 54 outline methods of protecting residents in flood plains, who tend to be low income and disproportionately minority community members.
- Initiatives 60 to 62 describe increased outreach, participation and communication efforts to help provide care for vulnerable people, including low-income, non-English speaking and the elderly.
- Initiative 63 addresses emergency response to climate risks such as heat and cold.
- Finally, Initiative 120 calls for co-creation of the steps to carry out the plan, including a focus on residents and businesses most impacted by climate risks, and educating and connecting residents to programs to help them reduce their energy use, such as the Sustainable Energy Program and LIHEAP.

Although these provisions focus on the needs of the vulnerable in society, they benefit all of the people of Lincoln through increased self-sufficiency and a healthier stronger community.

Thank you for this opportunity to support the Lincoln Climate Action Plan, and its inclusion as part of the Comprehensive Plan. Legal Aid looks forward to being a helpful partner to both the City of Lincoln and others across our shared community, as we build a more sustainable

Lincoln. In that light, we would welcome an opportunity to be of assistance on the next steps of the Plan, on behalf of our clients and for the benefit of the entire community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Milo Mumgaard', written in a cursive style.

Milo Mumgaard
Executive Director

Angela M. Birkett

From: Ted Braley <tedbraley1@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 22, 2021 3:05 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Climate Action Plan

Dear City Council Members,

I know you are getting ready to vote on the mayors climate action plan tonight, and I am asking before you make your vote to please take into account the citizens that you represent, the citizens that put you in the chair that you are currently sitting in. This climate action plan will raise the cost of utilities on a already struggling population. It will make parents have to choose between paying their electric bill or putting food on the table. A lot of the residents of this city are already facing hardships during this time, and a vote for the climate action plan will only make it harder financially. We may not know the exact amount this plan will impact our electric bills, but we do know it will. So I, as a resident of Lincoln Nebraska, ask of you to vote NO on the Climate Action Plan, and to please not add any more stress to a already stressful time.

Ted Braley

Angela M. Birkett

From: Laurie <laurie.fraser@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 22, 2021 3:27 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Climate Control Plan

Good afternoon,

I am emailing to ask you to deny approval of this plan. As a homeowner and small business owner we've been hit hard over the past year and now will be expected to meet costly new standards to keep operations going.

I am all for alternative energy usage and support going green but not at this cost and not at this time. Our city and small business owners need time to heal from the pandemic and more importantly recoup from our losses which we believe will happen in 3-4 years.

Small business is the backbone of this community and we've seen too many fail that weren't able to keep up with the changing market due to the pandemic. More will fail if we are forced to comply with new standards and regulations. My business just installed a new commercial hood as did several other caterers in town. Ours came in at 80k. To move to electric in a few years means we've lost on this investment. I realize that in the grand scheme this is nothing but to us, it's a huge investment especially considering we lost 80% of our business in 2020 and 2021 clients are still not back to work.

While I ultimately support this, the time is not right to impose more costs, which are not outlined in this plan. The people of Lincoln have high taxes but we cannot continue to tax and tax and impose requirements such as this.

Sincerely,

Laurie Fraser

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Laurie A. Fraser

Angela M. Birkett

From: George Witt Service <mrdonut12@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, March 22, 2021 3:44 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Green Energy Initiative

Please vote AGAINST the deadline to have LES get most of it's energy from renewable sources.

The Science to support this isnt developed yet. The wind farms upon which we depend were not producing any power during the cold snap. Only coal and gas saved us,.

Elon Musk AND the President of Toyota agree the infrastructure isn't there yet.

Your timelines are too short.

Thank you

Becky Witt

Angela M. Birkett

From: KT ROE <ktroeloffs@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 22, 2021 4:07 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Climate Package

Dear Lincoln City Council Members,

My name is Teresa Roeloffs and I have been a Lincoln resident for 20 years now. I live in the Lincoln Country Club area. I am writing to you in opposition to the Climate Package. I am tired of extreme government overreach in this city, in this country and in this world. We The People have specific rights, freedoms and liberties written into our great constitution. I feel every day that we are being stripped away more and more from the rights that our founding fathers intended for us. That is why I am writing to you today. I again ask you to PLEASE do the right thing for this community and reject the extreme government overreach in the Climate Package. We need less government and more power given back to the people. We need more control given back to the people and less control given to our government. I am just sickened to realize that I am living in a community where at this time is being run by elected officials who are more concerned about controlling their people than about standing up with a backbone to give the citizens of Lincoln the freedoms and liberties that we all deserve. Between the Mask Mandates, the Emergency Declaration and this Climate Package, I am sick to my stomach with the realization that I am not free in Lincoln, Nebraska. This realization makes me reconsider how much longer I want to live in a city putting that much control over its people. I feel like you as elected leaders are stealing from me that which was given to me. City Council, please give the power BACK to the people where it belongs! City Council, please do the right thing and vote down this Climate Package! Please listen to the voices of your people! Please consider looking us all straight in the faces when making these decisions that significantly impact the constituents in this community! City Council, please return the POWER back to the people! Let freedom ring!

Sincerely,

Teresa Roeloffs

Angela M. Birkett

From: Kathy Siefken <katherine.siefken@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, March 22, 2021 4:21 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Climate Action Plan

Dear Members of the Lincoln City Council:

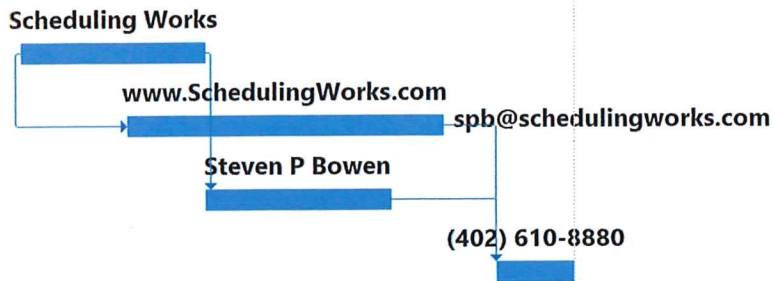
You are elected to represent citizens of Lincoln. As an active voter, I vote for those who I believe will honestly represent me. I don't follow every action taken by the City Council - because I trust the Council will be voting to represent what is best for everyone in the community. I thank you for your service.

It has come to my attention that the Lincoln City Council will vote on the Climate Action Plan. This plan will drastically reduce emissions by 2030. As a result, LES bills will double.

There are many residents within this community that can barely afford their current electric bills and approving a path that would make it even more difficult is not in the best interests of the residents of this city.

Please vote no on the climate action plan that will come before you this week.

Sincerely,
Kathy Siefken
5631 Coyote Circle,
Lincoln, NE 68516
mobile: 402-525-7506



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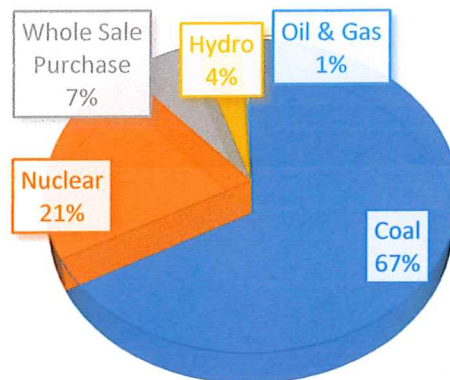
Comprehensive Plan Amendment No. 21001 Lincoln Climate Action Plan

Lincoln City Council,

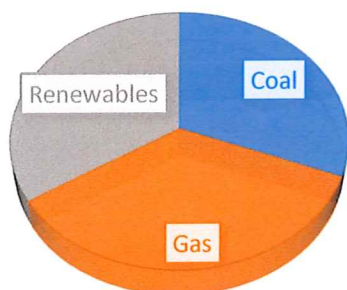
I offer this testimony as a person with specific expertise and experience relative to Electric Utilities and Electric Power Plants. I served on the LES Administrative Board for nine years, being Chairman of the Board for two terms in 1996 and 1997. I was a Design/Build Electrical Contractor for most of my career from 1968 to 2011. I have recently been a Professor of Practice at the UNL College of Engineering from 2012 to 2020. Currently I am a Consultant to the Construction Industry. During my time as an Electrical Contractor, I had been the Construction Manager on many Electric Utility Projects and Power Plants, including major renovations at the Cooper Nuclear Power Plant, the Salt Valley Power Station, the Nebraska City Power Plant and Sheldon Station. I was Project Manager when we built the Hastings Power Plant from the ground up.

In 1997, approximately 95% of LES energy was generated from Coal or Nuclear power plants. 4% from Hydro and 1% from Oil and Natural Gas. Wind generation was just getting started. Today, in 2021, energy resources are split in thirds between Coal, Natural Gas, and

LES POWER MIX - 1997



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Renewables. Most of those Renewables being Wind Turbines. In addition, LES has a relationship with the Southwest Power Pool (SPP), which did not exist in 1997.

Membership in the Southwest Power Pool has been a game changer for LES. All energy generated by LES controlled resources along with the many other members of the SPP, go into the "Generation Mix" that is then distributed out to the membership. By pooling their resources, this arrangement is beneficial to the SPP members on several levels. There are also rules that each member must contractually comply with, or they will be penalized with additional monetary costs or sanctions.

The SPP has determined through engineering and experience that Wind and Solar power production is unreliable in respect to the capacity of that power source. Quoting directly from SPP documents:

The current methodology does not account for variabilities of wind and solar accreditation that are due to increased penetration of these resources. Due to the variability of wind and solar generation, the capacity value that can be depended upon during peak loading hours will be lower than the nameplate value of the resources.

The "nameplate capacity value" refers to 100% capacity of the power source. Consequently, the SPP will derate the power generation capacity of Wind or Solar by 65%. Since LES has a major component of Wind in its portfolio, this will affect the ability for LES to meet their obligations to the SPP. This regulation will probably affect LES' rate payers financially.

LES has a Decarbonization Goal. What does this actually mean?

In 2020, LES' Administrative Board passed a resolution to mitigate carbon emissions by establishing a goal to achieve net-zero carbon dioxide production from its generation portfolio by 2040.

LES intends to rely almost entirely on Wind and Solar for their energy resources. LES currently participates in a number of Coal and Natural Gas power plants. In the past, LES participated in the Cooper Nuclear Station. After LES has severed participation in these power plants, those power plants and new additional power plants will still be operating. It stands to reason that those Carbon-Based power plants will still be providing power to the SPP and their membership.

Since LES is a member of the SPP, we will still receive power from Carbon and Nuclear energy sources. Even if LES does not retain its membership in the SPP, those same power

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plants will still be operating. **LES' Decarbonization Goal will not significantly reduce any carbon emissions.** In fact, the opposite is probably true.

As LES moves toward net-zero carbon dioxide production, the rate payers can expect significant increases for the cost of electric power. More than likely, we can expect more rotating controlled power outages like the ones we experienced in February. **Electrical energy supplied by LES will be more expensive, and significantly less reliable.**

When I was a young man, coal fired power plants produced visible smoke spuing out of their tall smokestacks. There was no question that pollution was in the air. A new technology was developed to remove a significant number of pollutants from the exhaust of coal fired power plants. These “scrubbers”, as they are called, used a sizable amount of electrical energy to accomplish that goal. In today’s world, in our country, you will not see smoke coming out of a coal fired power plant. There are still pollutants, but they have been greatly reduced.

Unless LES and the City of Lincoln goes down a different path, we will indeed experience “rotating controlled outages” or worse in our future. When this happens, many facilities within our city, will automatically run and use their Electrical Standby Generators, usually fueled by diesel or natural gas. It stands to reason that more businesses and residences will feel the need to install standby electric generators at their locations, so that they do not have to put up with power outages. Modern natural gas or diesel electric generators are efficient, but they do not have scrubbers built into them. They can produce more pollution per KWHr than a large coal fired power plant.



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If the Lincoln City Council resolution is passed and pursued, the citizens and businesses of Lincoln, NE will experience significant power outages, the cost of electrical energy will increase, and we will experience a significant increase in pollution.

This will of course have a huge detrimental effect on the quality of life in our city. It will make our businesses far less competitive on a national and international basis. Education will be diminished on many levels. The most unfortunate among us will suffer the most.

I urge the City Council to **vote against** the Comprehensive Plan Amendment No. 21001, and the Lincoln Climate Action Plan.

Thank you,



Steven P Bowen

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<https://opsportal.spp.org/Studies/GIActive>

Angela M. Birkett

From: Nancy Mikesell <foreveriris49@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 22, 2021 5:05 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Vote NO

If the Council passes this Plan, it only greenlights the Mayor to push through the rest of her dangerous Climate Plan.

This Plan is simply not feasible. The goals and standards set do not seem to be based on any data but were created to please the radical environmentalists advising the Mayor.

Angela M. Birkett

From: Robbi Masloskie <hhsmom2@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 22, 2021 6:38 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Energy increase

PLEASE reconsider the proposal to increase, doubling the monthly electric bill. There is already severe hardship and decreased revenue in Lincoln. Sincerely, Mrs. Roberta Masloskie

Angela M. Birkett

From: Lee & Jenny Jo Johnson <j-j-s@juno.com>
Sent: Monday, March 22, 2021 6:50 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Net-Zero Carbon Future

Dear Council Members,

I read a document today that mentioned how your goal of achieving a net-zero carbon future would result in a doubling of our electricity bills. I do NOT support this goal. I encourage you NOT to hurt your own citizens in this way.

Thank you,
Jennifer Johnson

Angela M. Birkett

From: Jeff Vinsonhaler <jeffvinsonhaler@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 22, 2021 8:53 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Electric rate increase

I object to any increase whatsoever for "green energy."

Angela M. Birkett

From: Phyllis Arth <phyllis.arth@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 22, 2021 9:58 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Please support Climate Action Plan

Dear City Council,
The Climate Action Plan is so well done.
Please support this plan.
Thank you,
Phyllis Arth
5919 Deerwood Dr, Lincoln, NE 68516

Angela M. Birkett

From: Kent Thompson <kthompson@cretrg.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 23, 2021 4:48 AM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Climate change policy

When will you consider the middle class and the poor in making your policies?

When will you stop your own prideful achievements and consider what you are doing to the needy?

Our community exceeds the Paris Accord standards. Technology is giving us huge and certain change in energy consumption. New Tesla battery will be out in 2 years that will make solar cheaper than utilities charges. You don't need to rush and waste taxpayers meager resources with solutions soon within reach.

Yet you will put your government foot on the poor and needy for political selfish gain. The cost to electrify an old home is currently \$4,000 for increased wire capacity from the street plus a new electric panel plus bringing a home up to new electric code standards another \$4,000.00. This is for the smallest of homes. Homes that are occupied by the poorest of home owners. You will take the very bread from these peoples mouths. Yet you have no shame.

LES costs for your ambition will raise the cost of electric by an average of 12% per year with your carbon policy. Literally making destitute the poor and middle class.

Your agreeing to continually increasing the cost of living "by just a pizza" has made our government fat and its citizens starved and shackled to the government- history repeats itself like a tea party.

Your ambition to achieve comes at any price. A person achieves but you are fine to defeat the achievements through ever increasing costs. You listen to your government employees as wise, however they are only unto themselves for gain.

Think and research for yourselves.

Look at the charts you sell to the public. The rise in natural earth pollution you can not stop. Why? Population growth doubles ever more quickly. Volcanoes have increased over 400% since the start of the 20th century. Human desire for animal protein continues to increase due to 3rd world countries desiring protein like the US. You can't stop that.

If you weren't a hypocrite you would stop your desire for leather goods and meats - the largest cause of methane gases. You would walk,run or bike to your meetings- instead you hypocrite you rush with self importance in your car.

Just consider what you are doing to the poor and middle class with your self importance of voting to burden needlessly.
Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

Angela M. Birkett

From: Mary Vanek <vanekmj@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 23, 2021 6:50 AM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Near zero carbon

Council Members,

My husband and I are against the near-zero carbon future because of LES announcing electric rates will be doubling. We are retired and just purchased a townhome in south Lincoln that touts energy-efficient electric heat pump. This policy will make continuing to live in Lincoln for us a challenge as Utility prices will soar. Please rethink this policy for all the retired people who want to continue to make their home in Lincoln.

Mary and Wayne Vanek

Angela M. Birkett

From: Jordan Dowdy <jdowdy80@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, March 22, 2021 2:02 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Climate Action Plan

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing today in opposition of the climate action plan that has been proposed by the mayor. This plan is too expensive for the citizens of Lincoln and will have very little impact on the climate. The points listed in the plan will only increase the cost of living in Lincoln. In fact, LES has estimated electricity rates would have to double to meet net zero carbon by 2030. This is completely unacceptable to have this type of projected rate increase. The council needs to fully evaluate the cost of the climate action before approving it.

Sincerely,

Jordan Dowdy

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

Angela M. Birkett

From: April VanDeventer <msaprilrenee@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, March 22, 2021 1:57 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Climate Action Plan

Dear City Council members,

I am writing to express my concern about the proposed Climate Action Plan that is to be voted on tomorrow. Please vote "no" to this proposal. I believe it will put undue burden on individuals, families, and businesses. It would not be right to make such a decision especially when considering that we don't know if or how human actions or inaction directly impacts climate change. Please do not allow this proposal to become law.

Sincerely,

A Concerned Citizen

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

Angela M. Birkett

From: Cole Stark <cstark1985@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 23, 2021 11:31 AM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Near Zero Carbon Emissions

I wanted to quickly write in to make it known that I whole heartedly disagree with the Near Zero Carbon plan, and its potential to double my current electrical payments. Its irresponsible to place this burden on people, without any real impact on the environment. You will place a majority of local citizens into a place of financial hardship. Please vote against this plan.

Cole Stark

Angela M. Birkett

From: ThaidaBunny Stovall <thaidabunnys@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 23, 2021 12:48 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Increased Electric Rates

Dear Lincoln Council,

You are being asked to approve a climate action plan that will increase my electric rates by fifty percent. I am writing to express the hardship you are putting the Lincoln community through. We are paying so many extra taxes. In three months the gas price per gallon is over \$3 and in other parts of the country it is not. Many people are not working at their full capacity because of covid, while others have lost their job.

Currently, I am a month behind in my electric bill. I did not get paid a month and a half. I am trying to catch up. If my bill is doubled next month, I will have 4 months to catch up on. And I have no increase in income. How do I pay. I have all ready made cuts for less use of electricity: I dry my clothes only half-way and lay them out to finish drying; I remove all of my cords out of the electrical wall sockets until I am ready to use an appliance, charge my computer, cell phone or tablet; I have one or two lights on at night; and I have my heat at 67 so the furnace will not come on a lot. I keep my air conditioner at 85 in the summer. Summer rates are higher, and we are facing an above normal high temperatures this summer. There is no other conservative measures to cut down on the use of electricity. WE WILL BE USING A LOT LESS ELECTRICITY AND PAYING MORE THAN TWICE THE RATE! More people are going to be deficient in their ability to pay and using less, and the reward that they receive for using less electricity is a higher bill.

Do we know the outcome of the climate action plan? What IS the action plan? When the earth's sources are being used correctly, the expense should comes down. What evidence does this climate action have that requires a fifty percent increase. Please reconsider this and do more investigation on a climate action plan. It does not offer us anything, except a higher bill and turning off one's electricity.

I say DO NOT INCREASE THE ELECTRIC BILL FIFTY PERCENT, AND FIND A DIFFERENT CLIMATE ACTION PLAN THAT IS LESS COSTLY.

Find another climate action plan that is less costly.

A very concerned citizen,
Thaida Stovall

Angela M. Birkett

From: Kurtis Conover <conoverkurtis@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 23, 2021 9:22 AM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Climate action plan!!

A yes vote for the climate action plan will double Lincoln residents utility rates!! Any yes vote for this plan will receive a removal from office on election day!!

Sincerely Kurtis Conover
Lincoln Resident

Sent from my T-Mobile 5G Device

Angela M. Birkett

From: Deborah Rinne <drinne@lps.org>
Sent: Tuesday, March 23, 2021 3:27 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Climate plan

My name is Deb Rinne and I am opposed to the climate plan you are proposing.

This climate plan will place financial burdens on Lincoln's citizens. Lincoln is already overburdened with taxes. President Biden is proposing more tax increases the way it is. This will cause so many things to increase in price including our rent prices and monthly house mortgages to rise, increases the costs of products sold at local businesses, it hurts our local economy as a whole. People will choose to move out of Lincoln to find a more affordable community. I look for this to backfire if it passes.

I don't think the community has been made very aware of the cost associated with this plan and how vague the plan is. Please reconsider this plan and let our community recover from the COVID expenses and unemployment associated with that.

Angela M. Birkett

From: Julia Kappenman <juliakappenman@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 23, 2021 7:36 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: LES increase in fees doubling

Hello,

Please do not consider approving the increasing of fees for LES. Having read their statement, they have not discussed in what way their project will reduce emissions and it states there are no guarantees that it will be effective.

Many people cannot afford an increase at this time. Some people are still getting their businesses up and running, some people are just getting back to work, and several have not caught up on their bills. It may be 5 years before some folks are back to normal. This is not the right time for this proposition and LES needs to do a better job of detailing their plan before they implement it.

Thank you for your attention.

Julia Kappenman
Concerned citizen

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