

Public Comments - Item 47

#1

Climate Action Plan Resolution: Support Agenda Item 47

Board Members:

As a Lake County resident, I am very concerned about our impact on climate. There is widespread consensus that present emissions need to be cut in half by 2030 if we hope to avoid the worst impacts of climate change. The present-day level of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere has never been equaled in human evolutionary history. The 20 warmest years on record have all happened since 1995. At our present rate, in 30 years we will have 26 days annually when the heat index tops 100 degrees. Fortunately, we have technology at hand that can help avert the worst outcome. We all have a role to play in this as individuals, but action from government is way more impactful.

With that in mind I strongly encourage you to support the Climate Action Plan Resolution. Not only is this the right thing to do for the climate and the children of Lake County, but it makes strong economic sense. The cost of inaction and continuing our current path is astronomical. Reducing greenhouse gas emissions saves money and also serves as an engine of economic activity and job creation.

The cost of renewable energy has fallen precipitously over the past decade to the point where it is in most cases the cheapest option for electricity. In looking at total cost of ownership, electric vehicles are often cheaper than gasoline powered vehicles and will become more so over time. Efficient building construction and energy efficient upgrades are the low hanging fruit in carbon pollution reduction and typically have the fastest return on investment,

With this in mind, I encourage Lake County to adopt the resolution to commit its operations to net zero greenhouse gas emissions.

Thank you for your attention,

Jay Futterman
Highland Park, IL

#2

Good morning,

My name is Jennifer Futterman and I live in Highland Park. I am a chairperson for Go Green Highland Park and am writing in support of Item #47 regarding the county Climate Action Plan to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Our organization believes that the county has an obligation to residents to reduce emissions in order to provide clean air and water to everyone in Lake County. These efforts will no doubt save taxpayers money in operating costs, as well. Our work has helped half of our schools implement zero waste programs(pre-covid), we're actively enrolling residents in community solar programs and have spent countless hours at farmers markets and community events educating neighbors about lowering their carbon footprint, we're all in this together. We have a strong relationship with our local government and are proud of the work Highland Park is doing to preserve our resources and environment. We encourage the board to approve this resolution and make Lake County a leader by example in the climate crisis.

Thank you for your time and have a Green day,
Jennifer Futterman
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#3
Francesca Kelly
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Self
Agenda Item # 47

Re: Tuesday's meeting, Agenda #47 -- committing to carbon reduction

Dear Lake County Board,
Bravo for bringing this item onto the agenda. It is well past the time to act on climate change and carbon reduction. The science is in and has been for a long time. Alas, we do not have federal leadership on this urgent issue at this time, so that's all the more reason to act locally for the greater good.

Our planet cannot sustain itself if carbon emissions continue at their current levels. In fact, data show that carbon emissions are increasing, not decreasing, despite more awareness. <https://www.climate.gov/news-features/understanding-climate/climate-change-atmospheric-carbon-dioxide> More and more concerned citizens -- from all countries -- are speaking out, but campaign finance laws and lobbying groups are preventing serious action from being taken. And we need serious action to save our planet, and hence, ourselves. I envision our grandchildren one day saying, "Thank God they did something, even though it was very late," rather than "How is it possible that our grandparents did nothing to save us, even though they knew what they had to do?"

So, we know what we have to do. And this legislation to reduce carbon emissions by 50% by 2030 and 100% by 2040 seems strong, but may not even be drastic enough, to be honest. But it's a very good start, and we really have no choice but to take action now. Let's be courageous enough to get this passed for the good of our planet, our community and our loved ones. Let Lake County be a leader whom others will follow.

Thank you.
Sincerely,
Francesca Kelly

#4
Name: Erik Anderson
Organization Represented: Self
Agenda Item #47

I would like to send my support for the Climate Action Plan Resolution and for Agenda Item #47.

Thanks!

#5

My name: Wallace Winter

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Contact: 312-451-8051, wintwing@aol.com

I am writing as a sixth generation Lake County resident requesting the County Board to approve enthusiastically the proposal (Agenda Item 47) to reduce carbon emissions of all county vehicles and buildings by 50 per cent in 2030 and at least 90 per cent by 2040. Lake County has the chance to demonstrate real leadership for other counties, the state and the federal government in taking bold action to address the looming catastrophe climate scientists project unless governmental bodies at every level and all of us individuals wake up and smell the bacon burning.

Respectfully submitted, Wallace Winter

#6

As a Lake County resident, I would encourage the County Board to approve the Lake County Climate Action Plan.

Suzanne Morris

Grayslake, Illinois

#7

Jaron Armiger

896 Blazing Star Rd

Grayslake, IL

Self

Agenda Item #47

I'm writing to the Lake County Board to voice my support for the Climate Action Plan resolution. I believe in the plan's commitment to cutting carbon emissions and feel that it is an important step towards creating a healthier community. I ask that the Lake County Board take this step and commit to the Climate Action Plan.

#8

As Chair of the Woods and Wetlands Conservation Committee of the Illinois Chapter of Sierra Club, I urge the passage of the Climate Action Plan resolution, Agenda item #47. We need to take any and every measure possible to save our planet and our society from the increasingly devastating consequences of climate change.

Thank you for your vote in favor.

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#9

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Self

Agenda item #47 Climate Action Plan resolution

Thank you for your continued attention to our environment and the devastating effects of climate change. I live on Long Lake in Ingleside where we now experience 100-year flooding events once or twice per year. Additionally, partially due to warming temperatures, we have months of every summer and fall where we can't enjoy our lake due to toxic blue green algae blooms.

We all have to do our part both large and small to save the planet and I commend the Lake County Board for taking this next, important step.

#10

Name: Burt Jamison
Street Address: 574 Bluestem Lane
Location: Grayslake

Re: Agenda Item #47

It is always important that we do the best we can when a situation like climate change faces us.

Even if our input might be small and our hopes of success limited the only alternative action is to hide from every controversy and hope that someone else will come to our rescue. Whatever else we may agree on or disagree on, surely, we can say that this is no way to live. For this reason, I strongly support Agenda item #47.

#11

Regarding the County Carbon Plan:

I heartily endorse cutting our carbon emissions.?? We are an educated population here and?? realize that our climate issues/problems begin with our actions.

Count me as one who wants to have changes made to improve the quality of our planet, beginning right here at home. As a member of Woods & Wetlands Group of the Sierra Club, you can be certain that there are a lot of people who agree with me.??????

Sincerely,
Linda M. Tilton
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#12

Board Members,

I am asking the County Board to pass the Climate Action Plan resolution written by the Energy and Environment Committee. I would like the entire board to vote yes on the Committee's plan to cut county carbon emissions 50% by 2030 and 100% by 2040. I want a cleaner, safer environment for current and future county residents.

Thank you.

Dennis Fertig
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#13

Name: Soh Tanaka
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Organization: Stop EtO
Topic or Agenda Item: Agenda Item #47

Lake County Board members,

Stop EtO would like the Lake County Board to vote for and to commit to cut its carbon emissions by 50% by 2030 and nearly 100% by 2040. We demand an end to the emission of ethylene oxide near schools and residential areas. There is no safe level to this known human carcinogen.

Thank you,
Soh Tanaka

#14

Name: Tea Tanaka
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Phone: 773-663-85969
Organization: Self
Topic or Agenda Item: Agenda Item #47

Lake County Board members,

Stop EtO would like the Lake County Board to vote for and to commit to cut its carbon emissions by 50% by 2030 and nearly 100% by 2040.

Thank you,
Tea Tanaka

#15

Agenda Item 47:

I very much support the County Board taking action against climate change by committing to cutting its carbon emissions. We have to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. For our kids and for the future of the planet. Thank you for taking on this important issue.

Verena Owen

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Comment made in behalf of self

#16

Bruce Glickson
Buffalo Grove, Illinois
Agenda item # 47

Please vote yes on the Climate Action Plan in Lake County

Thank you.

#17

From: Eileen Shanley-Roberts, 1245 St Johns Ave, Highland Park, IL 60035

Representing self

Concerning board agenda item #47

Please adopt the legislation proposed in agenda item 47. It is important that our county leadership takes the lead in bringing us into a clean energy future. Your commitment to reducing carbon emissions to zero by 2040 will have a significant impact on the quality of life forever resident of Lake County and will contribute to global reduction in carbon emissions. Please continue to take the lead and demonstrate what a commitment to sustainability looks like.

Thank you,

Eileen Shanley-Roberts

#18

Name: Sarah Crawford
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Organization: Stop EtO

Topic or Agenda Item: Agenda Item #47

Lake County Board members,

Stop EtO would like the Lake County Board to vote for and to commit to cut its carbon emissions by 50% by 2030 and nearly 100% by 2040.

Thank you,

Sarah Crawford

#19

Members of the STOPEtOLATINO group wholeheartedly support Agenda Item#47 to reduce the emissions of carbon by 50% within 10 years into our Lake County air. We, members of the Latino community will deeply appreciate your support to this agenda item #27. Thank you very much.

Very respectfully,
Luis A. Vazquez
40300 N. Oak Dr.
Antioch IL. 60002

#20

This is written in support of the resolution presented by John Wasik to the County Board addressing a needed response to regional climate change.

During the past year and a half, I participated, as a volunteer at the Shedd Aquarium, in the preparation of a climate change white paper.

The purpose of the white paper was to understand the implications of climate change to regional aquatic communities including Lake Michigan, inland lakes, mainstem streams and headwater streams.

As a water rich County, the anticipated climate changes will have a dramatic effect on our ability to manage aquatic communities.

In 2018 my wife and I experienced a 12" inch rainfall in a day in the central part of Wisconsin. This was not an isolated rainfall but rather one that covered a substantial part of central Wisconsin.

Annual rainfall totals for northeastern Illinois have historically been 34 Inches. The past three years have seen annual values in excess of 45".

Much of the infrastructure of the County has been based on design elements of currently outdated rain atlases (cf. IWS Bulletin 70). As a consequence, much of the County is under-designed to handle the volume of extreme rain events that are happening now and are anticipated for the future.

Lake Michigan is experiencing high water levels that are eroding natural and man-made shorelines, inland lakes can anticipate hazardous algal outbreaks, both fluvial and pluvial flooding can be anticipated for major stream systems, we are losing critical headwater communities as definitions of "waters of the U.S." are manipulated by Washington. Major changes in metabolic rates for aquatic fauna can be anticipated but we will not know all of the consequences for regional fisheries.

Significant changes in energy generation and carbon sequestration are requisite. We must begin to do our share to bring human driven climate change under control.

Respectfully

J. K. Bland
Director EPS Inc.

#21
Carissa Casbon
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Representing: Self
Agenda Item #47

I am writing this comment in support of the Climate Action Plan Resolution. By adopting this resolution, the Lake County Government will become an environmental leader by example and a partner to municipalities and townships throughout Lake County that want to reduce the environmental impact of their operations. We will also create green energy jobs in the county. I'm pleased to see the county take this important step forward in its environmental stewardship.

Respectfully,
Carissa Casbon

#22
Dear Members of the Lake County Board,
I wrote to you in support of agenda item 47 for the Lake County government to pursue carbon neutrality. Of all the problems we are experiencing in 2020, climate change has the potential to be far more serious. Thank you for thoughtful leadership.

Sincerely,
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Representing my own view

#23
The goals for reducing carbon emissions by 50% by 2030 and 90% by 2040 at first seemed almost impossible, but little can be achieved without goals, a good plan, and a system to measure progress.

I believe that you Board members can accomplish these great goals. You have my support.

Jack Cahill

Long Lake Improvement and Sanitation Association
Squaw Creek Clean Water Alliance

#24

Gerri Songer
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Organization/Agency/etc. Represented: Self
Topic or Agenda Item #47

It's very exciting to see a resolution up for consideration in Lake County that aims to cut carbon emissions up to 50% by 2030 and nearly 100% by 2040.

This is definitely the direction in which I would like to see our County go. Please be proactive in ensuring a safe and sustainable environment for Lake County residents by supporting this resolution.

Thank you,
Gerri Songer

#25

Hello,
My name is Kim Stone and I live at 306 Maple Ave. in Highland Park, IL. I am writing as a resident of Lake County regarding Agenda item 47, the Climate Action Plan Resolution.

I urge you to pass this resolution. We have a limited amount of time to reduce greenhouse gas emissions if we are to avoid the worst impacts of climate change. Through the Climate Action Plan, Lake County would commit to reduce carbon emissions by 50% by 2030 and nearly 100% by 2040.

Thank you for working to make Lake County a leader on climate action by supporting the Climate Action Plan. I hope you will pass this resolution and look forward to other municipalities following the lead of the County on this.

Kim Stone

#26

Mary Mathews
Lake Forest, IL
self

Agenda #47

20-1197 Joint Resolution Committing Lake County Government Operations to Net Zero Greenhouse Gas Emissions

Good morning, I am Mary Mathews, a resident of Lake Forest. I am addressing you today in support of agenda item 47, Joint Resolution Committing Lake County Government Operations to Net Zero Greenhouse Gas Emissions.

I trust that the Lake County Board will choose to enhance its leadership role in advancing sustainability and in addressing climate change, which has proven so destructive in Lake County. Adding these specific commitments in promoting a sustainable environment strengthens the County's initiatives. The outlined measures and actions are reasonable, doable, and fiscally responsible. Encouraging local governments to adopt these same commitments can lead to maximizing regional benefits. Progress reports will provide accountability and transparency, and achievements can be celebrated.

These objectives align with the Greenest Region Compact 2's Framework and Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning's ON TO 2050 comprehensive regional plan. I urge the Lake County Board to adopt the five outlined steps that will help in the development of a resilient community and favorably impact the greater region. Thank you.

#27

Name - Susan Pribyl

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City, State Ingleside, IL 60041

Organization represented - Self

Agenda item #47 - Net Zero Greenhouse Gas Emissions

My name is Susan Pribyl. I live in Ingleside and I strongly support the resolution committing Lake County government operations to Net Zero greenhouse gas emissions.

As the effects of climate change become more and more evident, it's clear we need to continue to move forward and set new policies and goals to help mitigate damage to our community. I commend the Lake County Board for having taken many positive steps related to energy conservation, promoting renewable energy and protecting our natural resources.

Let us continue to dedicate ourselves to working together to keep Lake County at the forefront of clean energy and clean jobs. This commitment to Net Zero will be positive for our local economy - for both businesses and workers. The reduction of emissions will be positive for the health of our residents including improvement in air quality. The diversion of recyclables and organics from the waste stream will help to preserve our local environment and natural resources.

I encourage all board members to vote yes on this resolution. Let us act locally to benefit our own community and do our part to help protect our world.

Thank you.

#28

Dear Lake County Board Members,

We are writing to ask you to vote to enact Item #47 on your agenda for Tuesday, September 8, 2020, the Climate Action Resolution. As developers of Prairie Crossing in Grayslake, we see this as an excellent step forward. Prairie Crossing was developed twenty-five years ago to demonstrate the feasibility of building a new community oriented to conservation of the environment. It was made possible because of the cooperation of the Lake County government, and it has been a notable success. Our environmental goals when we started were seen as impractical, but now they are the building blocks for the objectives of the Climate Action Resolution as it looks to the future.

The organic farm at Prairie Crossing is thriving and providing healthy food to people across the county. More land is needed for local farmers and their workforces to extend this success in climate-saving ways. There are many other examples in the Climate Action Resolution of ways the county would move us forward, and we highly applaud this effort.

Sincerely,

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#29

Nathan Aaberg
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Self
Agenda #47

Dear Lake County Board:

I am writing in support of the Climate Action Plan resolution and urge you to vote for it.

Climate change (or, more accurately, climate chaos) is here, and it threatens us and our natural systems in clear ways and in indirect ways. Ideally, this national and even global issue would be addressed energetically by all of the national governments of the world. This is not happening.

So, we have a choice as one county - (1) adopt a pessimistic spirit and give up or (2) believe in democracy and do at the local level what should be done at the national.

Will Lake County's all-out commitment guarantee success at the national level? No. But without the county's leadership, the odds of the state and the federal government doing anything will be much lower. We must do what is right for future generations. We must do

what is right because our souls will know if we have shrunk away in cowardice and selfishness from doing a hard but necessary and right thing.

Lake County has the potential to be far and away the #1 county in the state in terms of its sustainability because of its great Forest Preserve, trails, organic farms, rare plants and animals, and many other features. Let's be leaders for the state and stretch ourselves heroically for the future.

Sincerely,

Nathan Aaberg

#30

To the Lake County Board,

I strongly support the proposed Climate Action Plan resolution you are considering this week (agenda item #47).

Forbes has reported that the world's energy economy is beginning to move quickly toward renewable energy. Significant economic changes are not linear; rather, they happen fast as the economics reach a tipping point (i.e. - home phones vs. cell phones). Financial markets are already flashing red signaling this energy source tipping point: The fossil fuel sector is one of the worst-performing investments over the past decade. In contrast, investments in renewable energy technologies (such as Tesla) have soared.

We may prefer that "free market" forces alone drive energy source changes, but the historical reality is that significant energy economy transitions have been led by direct and indirect government policy decisions. Government actions at all levels worldwide are now driving the energy market toward the tipping point. Renewable energy costs are already equal to, or cheaper than, fossil-fueled sources in many countries and regions. This is in part because renewable-sourced energy is more decentralized, employs more local labor, and is healthier.

I appreciate that our Lake County government is planning to lead in this global transition.

Regards,

Grant Benjamin
Ingleside, IL