

Resolution Recommending the City Adopt Science-Based Fair Share GHG Emissions Reduction Targets

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Whereas: Current science regarding climate action indicates that more aggressive reductions are necessary to prevent global temperature changes in excess of 1.5 degrees Celsius, and

Whereas: The City of Minneapolis falls in the high wealth, high emission category for science-based targets as adopted by the C40 Cities, and

Whereas: The Minneapolis Climate Action Plan includes greenhouse gas emission reduction goals that currently would fall short of the emissions reductions required of a high wealth, high emission communities, and

Whereas: Without updated greenhouse gas reduction goals, the City would not be providing appropriate guidance to Departments, Commissions, and other stakeholders regarding the necessity of climate actions and an update to the Climate Action Plan, and

Whereas: The City of Minneapolis Community Environmental Advisory Commission (CEAC) recommended at their November 17, 2021 meeting that the City update the greenhouse gas reductions goals within the Climate Action Plan.

Therefore, be it resolved that EVAC echoes CEAC's November 17, 2021 recommendations. Namely, EVAC recommends to the City of Minneapolis members of the Clean Energy Partnership that the City of Minneapolis adopt the "Steep Decline" science-based target S-curve for the time period from 2020 through 2050. We also recommend the City update its climate action plan accordingly. EVAC stands ready to collaborate and advise as part of that process.