

From: Grace McCulloch
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: civilian review board
Date: Friday, September 10, 2021 1:03:13 PM

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My name is Grace McCulloch and I support a civilian review board. Thank you.

From: 7 7 7
To: [Reid, Candice D. - Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: Please take all the statues down.
Date: Thursday, September 9, 2021 6:39:37 AM

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Hello,

I am hoping that the rest of this country can have the courage to remove ALL public statues. The taxpayers are done funding these projects. Thank you for your courage and God Bless.

Rodney J Rawls II

From: RG Wright
To: [Reid, Candice D. - Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: Removal of HISTORY!
Date: Wednesday, September 8, 2021 9:56:01 PM

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My ancestors came here in the early 1600's settled in Jamestown, Virginia. Their quest led them to other states, Kentucky, Tennessee, Alabama, and other states as they migrated out west.

We have fought in every war since the Revolution, built this country with hard work... But now I see a generation with "NUTS FOR BRAINS" burning books, destroying historical statues, monuments just like the NAZI regime in WWII!

HAVE YOU PEOPLE LOST YOUR DAMN MINDS!

You all have turned into a generation of very stupid individuals! My 2nd Great Grandfather served under Gen. Robert E. Lee and so did his brothers.

Your ignorant acts will only serve in destroying this nation... !

I have said my peace...
Ron Wright, USAF RET.

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

From: Don or/and Karen Busch
To: [Reid, Candice D. - Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: Robert E. Lee statue
Date: Wednesday, September 8, 2021 8:25:57 PM

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The taking down of the Robert E. Lee statue is a disgusting display of weakness and plain old wickedness. You people should be ashamed of yourselves! You have accomplished nothing but to look like idiots to the rest of the world.

History is for our learning, and you people are trying to erase the mistakes of the past. When a child burns his hand on the stove, do you remove the stove? I would hope NOT! but with your lack of proper discernment, you probably would!

Keep removing the past and there will be nothing to learn from! Wake up and put your big girl/boy panties on!

Karen Busch

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If you want a picture of the future, imagine a boot stamping on a human face—forever. (O'Brien, from 1984)

“If you love wealth greater than liberty, the tranquility of servitude greater than the animating contest for freedom, go home from us in peace. We seek not your counsel, nor your arms. Crouch down and lick the hand that feeds you; May your chains set lightly upon you, and may posterity forget that you were our countrymen.” Samuel Adams

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From: Hansi Armentrout
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Cc: [Newbille, Cynthia I. - City Council](#)
Subject: ORD 2021-208 Proposed Project 3101 E. Marshall Street
Date: Sunday, September 12, 2021 11:33:40 PM

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Dear Commission,

We are completely opposed to the project proposed to be built at North 31st and East Marshall for a number of reasons. Below are some of our most glaring issues:

1. Parking!

The size of the proposed structure with no plan to add off-street parking will impact the already strained street parking situation in the neighborhood.

With 9 proposed units there is a potential for 18+ vehicles to be added to an already strained parking situation in the neighborhood.

This is not including the 2 proposed retail spaces that will have a need for parking for customers and employees.

With two restaurants already on this block the parking situation as it stands is beyond capacity. With 4, it will be a mess.

2. Size and Design.

This neighborhood is not currently zoned for a structure of this size and style and for good reason.

If built, it will be the largest and most out of place looking piece in a neighborhood defined by and made beautiful by its historical buildings.

People love Church Hill specifically for its historical buildings and unique atmosphere.

There is no reason to attempt to get special permission to build a modern looking, large building in an area that is made special by its vintage charm and historical feel.

We are afraid that the more this happens here, the more our property values could be negatively affected and worse, this neighborhood's soul could be lost.

Please do not approve this plan.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Johannes and Yaa Taah Armentrout



From: Alfonso Baker
To: [City Clerk's Office; Newbille, Cynthia I. - City Council](#)
Subject: Fwd: 3101 East Marshall - NO!
Date: Sunday, September 12, 2021 12:25:25 PM

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This email is from:

Alfonso Baker


I am definitely opposed to the current plans for development at [3101-3105 E Marshall St.](#) The are rules for development for very good reasons, to protect the integrity of the neighborhood and its residents.

This proposed development breaks at least 6 of them:

1. Street corner requirement for a commercial space (basement)
2. Lot area requirement (too many dwelling units on too small a lot)
3. Side yard setback requirement (building is proposed to be flush with the rear alley and 3107)
4. Usable open space requirement (nonexistent)
5. Story height requirement of at least 10' (3rd story height is only 8 1/2')
6. Off-street parking requirement - dwelling units and commercial space (nonexistent)

The development at 3119 (? - Grisette Restaurant) is a beautiful example of a developer playing by the rules. There are 3 rental units, three parking spaces and a wildly successful and attractive restaurant in the commercial space. Why can't 3101 be like this?

I resoundingly vote NO along with the planning commission to the current plans for 3101 E Marshall!

Alfonso Baker

From: Stanley M. Baker
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Cc: [Newbille, Cynthia L. - City Council](#)
Subject: 3101 East Marshall - NO!
Date: Sunday, September 12, 2021 9:03:50 AM

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This email is from:

Stanley Baker


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I resoundingly vote NO along with the planning commission to the current plans for 3101 E Marshall!

Stan Baker

From: Brenda Jackson
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: ORD. 2021-208
Date: Saturday, September 11, 2021 5:53:26 PM

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Name: Brenda Leigh Jackson


Dear City Council Members,

I am writing to **oppose** the Special Use permit for the proposed property at 3101 East Marshall Street.. and I agree with the planning commissions vote of **NO**. The building is too big.

Thank you for your support for our neighborhood!

Sincerely,

Brenda L. Jackson

From: Thomas Sweeney
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: ORD 2021-208 3101 East Marshall street special use
Date: Friday, September 10, 2021 6:51:50 AM

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I want to record our opposition to this proposal for a mixed use building on this site. This is to big and will add density to this block which will impact negatively this neighborhood. The planning commissioner is correct to not recommend this proposal.

Thanks for allowing us to comment.

Thomas B and Karen R Sweeney

[REDACTED]

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From: Emily Bell
To: [City Clerk's Office; Mayor Levar Stoney](#)
Subject: Climate Emergency
Date: Monday, September 13, 2021 9:51:12 AM

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Hello,

My name is Emily Bell, I live in District 3. I'm a lifelong Richmonder, , and I am deeply concerned about the climate crisis. I am aware of and heartened by the City's Green plan, but I do not see these commitments being put into action with the speed and scale that is called for by the scientific community. I am also aware that the Office of Sustainability lacks the power and resources to implement this plan. As the global response to the COVID-19 Pandemic has demonstrated, society can make seemingly impossible transformations very quickly when we publicly unite behind the science. It has also shown us the deadly toll of scientific illiteracy, incompetence and inaction.

The City Council has voted to declare Racism a public health crisis. Research continues to confirm how climate change disproportionately impacts communities of color. The Climate Emergency Resolution being voted on tonight is explicit about the link between racism and climate impacts, and the necessity of anti-racist climate policy.

According to the IPCC we are on track to emit the global Carbon Budget of 420 Gigatons in 6 years and 7 months. Meanwhile, the words emissions and carbon did not appear in the most recent city budget. The word climate appeared once in this document, on page 97 as one goal, under one priority. If we are going to do massive work of decarbonizing, we need to these goals need to be reflected in every budget, and in all aspects of city decision making for the foreseeable future. We need to Declare a Climate Emergency, as Alexandria Virginia did 2 years ago, and as 133 cities nationally and 15 nations already have, and use this declaration to educate and mobilize our city to meet this challenge with the urgency and honesty with which we are meeting the challenge of the global pandemic.

Please see the following research supporting the need to declare a climate emergency:

the IPCC's 'worst-case' model, RCP8.5, was found to still be the 'most useful choice' for government planning until 2050, according to a study published in the prestigious [Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences](#)

in October 2018, the United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change projected that the Earth could warm 1.5 degrees Celsius above pre-industrial levels as early as 2030, resulting in irreversible, catastrophic changes to public health, livelihoods, quality of life, food security, water supplies, human security, and economic growth. - [IPCC SR15](#)

In September, 2019 in accordance with the IPCC's report, the Arlington County Board in Virginia unanimously voted to to commit to achieving "100% clean, renewable electricity community-wide by 2035; and 100% clean, renewable electricity for government operations by 2025." - [Arlington VA Community Energy Plan](#)

In October of 2019, Alexandria VA became the first city in the State of Virginia to Declare a State of Climate Emergency. - [Alexandria City Website](#)

According to the IPCC Report on the 1.5 degree target, "the atmosphere can absorb [...] no more than 420 gigatonnes (Gt) of CO₂ if we are to stay below the 1.5°C threshold. Annual emissions of CO₂ – from burning fossil fuels, industrial processes and land-use change – are estimated to be around 42 Gt per year, the equivalent of 1,332 tonnes per second. With emissions at a constant level, the budget would be

expected to be used up in less than seven years from now. “ -[Mercator Research Institute on Global Commons and Climate Change](#)

Over 1,910 local governments representing over 798 million people have already declared a state of Climate Emergency, including New York City, Austin, Boulder, San Francisco, Alexandria, VA, and 58 US localities, as well as 15 national Governments including the UK, Canada, France, Ireland and Argentina⁶

I hope you will act. Our futures literally depend on it.

Emily Bell

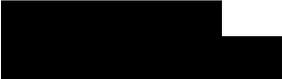
From: Elle De La Cancela
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: Testimony on Declaring a Climate Emergency
Date: Monday, September 13, 2021 9:34:35 AM
Attachments: [9_13_21_City_Council_Testimony.pdf](#)

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Hello!

Attached is my written testimony for tonight's vote on a declaration of climate emergency. Please let me know if there is anything else you may need from me.

Best,
Elle De La Cancela



Hello, my name is Elle De La Cancela. I'd like to thank the Council for their time and for the work you all have done thus far. I live in the 2nd District and am the Central Virginia Organizer for the Chesapeake Climate Action Network. I come to you as both a resident of the City and a representative of my organization, which is the first grassroots, nonprofit organization dedicated exclusively to fighting climate change in Maryland, Virginia, and Washington, DC. I am very proud to be living in the 2nd district and thank Councilperson Jordan for championing this Declaration of Climate Emergency.

As a former wildland firefighter, lover of both green space and healthy humans, I am deeply concerned with the climate crisis and the monumental nature of the task at hand in order to save ourselves and all living things. I firmly believe that the City of Richmond should declare a Climate Emergency, following the lead of scientists and the 133 cities across the nation, including our neighbors north in Alexandria, who have already declared a climate emergency. I would like to thank every councilperson for cosponsoring this resolution and the dedication to the fight for a better world. This is a beacon of hope in increasingly grim times -- however this resolution is just the first step to measurable and substantial progress. We must give this resolution legs with bold action.

This resolution can and must be considered in conjunction with another important resolution passed months ago (the same day this resolution was introduced): to declare racism a public health crisis. The time of irreparable damage due to climate change is already upon us, but we must be cognizant of the fact that environmental injustices have been affecting the Black and brown members of our community for decades, steeped in a legacy of racism since before the founding of our nation.

These two resolutions are tied together. Our city drew national attention with the clear line between previously redlined communities and our black and brown neighbors' susceptibility to heat illness and death. While we cannot totally make whole the harm that racism and white supremacy has caused, we can start to address these high heats effectively and immediately through dedication to a revitalized Urban Forestry Commission. This would include a paid officer in a new Urban Forester position and a comprehensive Urban Forestry Master Plan with clear targets of revitalizing the south and east sides of Richmond.

We live in a city where Black communities were intentionally bisected by highways in order to keep Black folks to certain areas, leading to worse air quality and higher rates of pulmonary complications. Again, we can take a step in the right direction endowing the Office of Sustainability new power within city government. If the Office of Sustainability had the ability to advocate and implement changes in our transportation sector, including fighting for funding for our public transit and active modes like walking and biking, the city can better serve all of its people by creating greater access to mobility and reducing the number of vehicles on those highways that cut through neighborhoods. Our history of racism has current impacts on the health of Black folks, and we can only move forward by addressing our interwoven history of racism and environmental injustices comprehensively.

We MUST endow our city offices and agencies with more power to implement policies, practices, and trainings that benefit all of the city's residents. We need funding on a massive scale and our budget to reflect our commitment to better public health through mitigation of and resilience from climate impacts. I echo the call of others for Mayor Stoney and the City Council to dedicate at least 20% of the American Rescue Plan funds towards climate justice. Right now we have the opportunity to change and reinvent Richmond for the better. We must act now -- boldly, quickly & equitably -- to ensure the health, safety, and longevity of all living things in our community.

We are in a moment of flux, with the ability to change and reinvent Richmond for the better. In the wake of the global pandemic, we can see that we can make meaningful changes at a rapid speed. We have the chance to show that we mean business and are dedicated to protecting everyone, especially those hit first and worst, by declaring a climate emergency. I thank you all for your sponsorship and your dedication to making Richmond a safer, thriving, more equitable place.

From: Jennifer Surratt
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: Public Comment 9/13/21
Date: Monday, September 13, 2021 8:39:44 AM

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Hello City Council Members,

My name is Jennifer Surratt and I am a 10 year resident in the 3rd district, 20 + year resident in the City of Richmond. I am very concerned about the climate crisis. There are significant and rapidly increasing concerns about the ability of our community manage and address the changing and increasing weather events. In recent memory, we've had some major issues with storms resulting in standing water and flooding which are an immediate risk to public safety and also creates a longer term public health risk. Our lack of green spaces and canopy cover disproportionately impact our Southside community members. City Council has voted to declare Racism a public health crisis. Research continues to demonstrate the ways in which the poorest communities and communities with Black and brown residents are impacted the most. I urge City County to pass RES 2021-R049. In addition, I implore City Council to use all funding necessary to enact the commitment stated this evening in this resolution. Thank you for your service and support of our city.

**Jennifer Surratt
3rd District
Richmond, VA 23222**

From: MusicAlchemist
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: Monday 9/13/2021 Council Meeting
Date: Monday, September 13, 2021 1:11:04 AM

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Greetings and Salutations!

My name is Jonathan Greenberg and I live in Kristen Larson's 4th District. I'm a longtime Richmonder plus a parent and a teacher. Since I am deeply concerned about our climate crisis, I am heartened by the City's Green plan, but I do not see these commitments being put into action with the speed and scale that is called for by the seriousness of this situation. I am also aware that the Office of Sustainability lacks the power and resources to implement this plan, so how in the world are we going to make any progress?

As the global response to the COVID-19 Pandemic has demonstrated, society can make seemingly impossible transformations very quickly when we publicly unite for the common good and our own survival. It has also shown us the deadly toll of scientific illiteracy, incompetence and inaction. We can either learn our science lesson or we can cause our own destruction and quite possibly the entire planet!

The City Council has voted to declare Racism a public health crisis. Research continues to confirm how climate change disproportionately impacts communities of color. The Climate Emergency Resolution being voted on tonight is explicit about the link between racism and climate impacts, and the necessity of anti-racist climate policy!

According to the IPCC we are on track to emit the global Carbon Budget of 420 Gigatons in 6 years and 7 months. Meanwhile, the words emissions and carbon did not appear in the most recent city budget. The word climate appeared once in this document, on page 97 as one goal, under one priority. If we are going to do the massive work of decarbonizing, we need these goals to be reflected in every budget, and in all aspects of city decision making for the foreseeable future. We need to Declare a Climate Emergency, as Alexandria Virginia did 2 years ago, and as 133 cities nationally and 15 nations already have, and use this declaration to educate and mobilize our city to meet this challenge with the urgency and honesty with which we are meeting the challenge of the global pandemic.

It isn't too late for us because we have Rescue Plan resources coming that should be used for neutralizing the City of Richmond's carbon footprint:

- 1) with a fleet of electric vehicles!*
- 2) by expanding funding for the City's Urban Forestry work!*
- 3) with clean energy funding!*
- 4) by adopting a socially responsible banking matrix and phasing out Richmond gas works!*
- 5) with Green Infrastructure for stormwater runoff!*

Finally, reposition the Office of Sustainability so that it has the power to enact its recommendations!

One Average Citizen, Jonathan Greenberg

From: Veronica Hayes
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: Declare a Climate and Ecological Emergency in the City of Richmond
Date: Friday, September 10, 2021 11:28:09 PM

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Dear Councilmembers and Mayor Stoney,

The Climate and Ecological Emergency we are facing is something that requires immediate action. We need more clean, renewable energy to secure our energy grid and keep our climate healthy. We must consider new ways to hold polluters accountable and create incentives for businesses and individuals to be more sustainable. If we don't work towards protecting RVA now, this will result in a public health and economic crisis.

Many ways to alleviate these emergencies and sustain our city are outlined in the Green New Deal VA. Please take this seriously and act now. Declare the City of Richmond in a climate and ecological emergency!

Best regards,
Veronica Hayes
Preferred pronouns: she/her/hers
Newsletter Editor
Sierra Club, Falls of the James Group

From: Robert Birdsey
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: Written Comment for Resolution 2021-R049
Date: Friday, September 10, 2021 5:05:03 PM

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Greetings,

My name is Robert Birdsey, and I am writing to express my support for Resolution 2021-R049, declaring the existence of a climate and ecological emergency that threatens the city of Richmond and beyond.

Doing so is supported by last month's United Nations' Climate Change Panel [report](#), which outlines the best science we have on climate change. The report is noteworthy in that it was endorsed by every single country represented in the UN (no small feat), and also because for the first time, using attribution science, we can now conclude unequivocally that human influence is responsible for a warming atmosphere. The clearest depiction of this is shown on page 8 of the document I linked above.

Given my background as the co-founder of a financial advisory firm that focuses exclusively on renewable energy, I have spent considerable time and effort to understand the situation at hand and the technologies available to offset anthropogenic carbon emissions. There is much to do, and clearly acknowledging that the emergency exists is a good first step.

Thank you for your service and for your consideration, Robert

Robert Birdsey | GreenFront Energy Partners

[REDACTED]

From: Shaughnessy, Sarah
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Cc: [Morrison, Ruth](#)
Subject: Letter in support of Res. No. 2021-R049
Date: Friday, September 10, 2021 8:55:48 AM
Attachments: [RCHD LOS for Climate Resolution.pdf](#)

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Good morning,

Please find attached a letter in support of Res. No. 2021-R049 to declare the existence of a climate and ecological emergency submitted on behalf of the Richmond City Health District.

Best,

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Sarah Shaughnessy, MPH, AICP
She/Her
COVID-19 Data Analysis & Reporting
Built Environment Specialist


Candice Reid
Clerk, Richmond City Council
900 East Broad Street
Suite 200
Richmond, VA 23219



RICHMOND CITY
HEALTH DISTRICT

September 10, 2021

Re: 9/13/21 City Council, Res. No. 2021-R049

To the members of City Council,

Richmond City Health Department staff find that the proposed actions included in Res. No. 2021-R049 support the health of Richmond residents and the health of future generations.

This resolution outlines actions to reduce urban heat, such as increasing tree canopy and taking steps to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. There is a clear link between extreme heat and adverse health outcomes, both acute and chronic.ⁱ Seventeen of the country's eighteen warmest years on record have occurred since 2001.ⁱⁱ Statewide, days above 95 degrees have increased steadily in the last 4 decades. In 2000, there were 13 days with a heat index above 105 degrees. With no change from the status quo, that number is projected to be 41 in 2030 and 61 in 2050.ⁱⁱⁱ Locally, we've seen a parallel trend in the number of emergency department visits for heat-related illness. In 2021, between May and September, Richmond City had among the highest emergency department visits for heat-related illness in the state.^{iv} Extreme heat is also linked to aggravated cardiovascular and respiratory illness related to increased ozone levels, kidney disease related to dehydration, and the exacerbation of other pre-existing chronic conditions.ⁱ

We also know that the burden of extreme heat exposure and its related health impacts falls disproportionately on low-income residents and Richmonders of color. As cited in the Resolution, research from the Science Museum of Virginia shows an association between high heat and lower income census tracts, comprising neighborhoods whose residents typically also face the highest energy burden and are therefore often less able to adapt.^{v,vi} These are the same areas of the city with the highest rates of chronic conditions that both increase the risk of heat-related illness and are also exacerbated by extreme heat.^{vii}

The Resolution also includes actions to reduce emissions and improve air quality, which will also support public health. Poor air quality contributes to and aggravates chronic diseases including asthma, COPD, and lung cancer. It also discourages or prevents physical activity, contributing to other poor health outcomes.^{viii} Similar to extreme heat exposure and vulnerability, these conditions disproportionately impact low-income communities of color.^{vii} The most recent data from the CDC indicate that in Richmond,

- In census tracts where the majority of the population is Black, the mean prevalence of **asthma** is notably higher (**12.6%**) than in tracts with a majority White population (**9.1%**).
- In census tracts where the majority of the population is Black, the mean prevalence of **COPD** is nearly double that in tracts where the majority of the population is White (**9.1% v 4.6%**).
- The percentage of adults who report **no leisure time physical activity** is also substantially higher in majority Black population census tracts compared to majority White population tracts (**33.6% v 17.5%**).



**RICHMOND CITY
HEALTH DISTRICT**

At the same time, there are numerous health benefits associated with urban greening and green infrastructure, such as what this resolution proposes. In addition to reducing energy costs, cooling temperatures, and improving air quality, green space is an important social determinant of health, often providing a place for physical activity and social connection.ⁱ To address the clear health disparities cited above, Richmond should prioritize neighborhoods that stand to benefit the most from this infrastructure.

These same actions can help improve resilience and mitigate further harm by addressing environmental shifts that can lead to increases in vector-borne illness and increased frequency and intensity of extreme weather events, which increase the risk of injury and may disrupt health-supportive services.ⁱ Given the health disparities outlined above, robust engagement and a focus on equity, as specified in this paper, are essential.

Overall, we find this to be a great initial step towards a healthier and more resilient Richmond. Our staff are available for further health impact analyses as you weigh the resolution before you or seek to implement the strategies within it. Thank you for your thoughtful consideration.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sarah Shaughnessy".

Sarah Shaughnessy, MPH, AICP
Built Environment Specialist
Richmond City Health District

ⁱ American Public Health Association. How Climate Change Affects your Health. 2021.

ⁱⁱ NASA. Climate change: How Do We Know? [REDACTED]

ⁱⁱⁱ States at Risk. Virginia Extreme Heat. [REDACTED]

^{iv} Virginia Department of Health, Syndromic Heat Surveillance. 2021.

^v Vivek Shandas, Jackson Veolkel, Joseph Williams, & Jeremy Hoffman, "Integrating Satellite and Ground Measurement Predicting Locations of Extreme Urban Heat." *Climate* 2019, 7(1), 5.

^{vi} Bill M. Jesdale, Rachel Morello-Frosch, & Lara Cushing, "The Racial/Ethnic Distribution of Heat Risk-Related Land Cover in Relation to Residential Segregation," *Environmental Health Perspectives* 2013, 121(7), 811-17.

^{vii} CDC. Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System. 2018

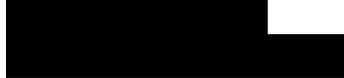
^{viii} Mora, C., Counsell, C.W., Bielecki, C.R., & Louis, L.V. Twenty-seven ways a heat wave can kill you. *Circulation: Cardiovascular Quality and Outcomes*. 2017.

From: Nicole Holstein
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: Comments on the Climate Emergency Declaration
Date: Wednesday, September 8, 2021 11:27:31 PM

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I am writing to express my support for the Climate Emergency Resolution under consideration by the City of Richmond. The climate crisis is the most biggest problem of our lifetime. Climate concerns undergird and interact with all other social and economic problems we currently face, from racial and gender equity and justice, to jobs and the economy. The City of Richmond must take every possible action to mitigate and adapt to climate change. Thank you for registering my comments.

Dawn Nicole Keller



From: Gwen & Sonny Parker
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: The Climate Crisis
Date: Saturday, September 4, 2021 3:47:54 PM

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Hi My name is Gwen Parker

I live in the 10th District. I'm a long time (30+ years) Richmonder, parent, substitute teacher, Artist and I am deeply concerned about the climate crisis. I am aware of and heartened by the City's Green plan, but I do not see these commitments being put into action with the speed and scale that is called for by the scientific community. I am also aware that the Office of Sustainability lacks the power and resources to implement this plan. As the global response to the COVID-19 Pandemic has demonstrated, society can make seemingly impossible transformations very quickly when we publicly unite behind the science. It has also shown us the deadly toll of scientific illiteracy, incompetence and inaction.

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Mother Nature can not be ignored. We need to act today, not when it is too late.

Sent from my iPad

From: SUZANNE HALL
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Cc: [Jordan, Katherine - City Council](#)
Subject: Climate Crisis
Date: Monday, August 30, 2021 11:02:45 AM

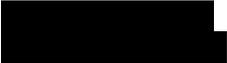
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I'm Suzanne Hall and I live in District 2. I'm a lifelong Richmonder, and I am deeply concerned about the climate crisis. *I do not see these commitments being put into action with the speed and scale that is called for by the scientific community. I am also aware that the Office of Sustainability lacks the power and resources to implement this plan. As the global response to the COVID-19 Pandemic has demonstrated, society can make seemingly impossible transformations very quickly when we publicly unite behind the science. It has also shown us the deadly toll of scientific illiteracy, incompetence and inaction.*

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I know the city is wrestling with many challenges now, as ever. This one is critical to sustaining life. Please let me know how i can help.

Suzanne Hall


From: Katie Brown
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: Comment for Sept 13th City Council meeting
Date: Wednesday, August 18, 2021 1:59:19 PM
Attachments: [Public comment on Climate Emergency Resolution.docx](#)

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Good afternoon,

Attached is a comment on the City Council 9/13 meeting regarding Richmond's Declaration of Climate Emergency.

Thank you,

Katie Brown

August 18, 2021

To the members of the Richmond City Council,

My name is Katie Brown, and I have been a Richmond resident for the past two years. I am originally from a town in northwestern Virginia, but I decided to move to Richmond because I was drawn to the community-mindedness, activism, innovation, and creativity that I see evident in so many aspects of life here in this beautiful city. I love this place and community so much that I just recently purchased a home in District 3.

One of the reasons I was drawn to Richmond is that I know that its government is capable of enacting the real, critical changes that are necessary to ensure a safe, livable, healthy future for its residents. In the face of an enormous global climate crisis, it is critical now more than ever before that the City Council do its part towards allocating resources to projects and creating regulations that will curb the dire impacts of carbon use on our community and create a more sustainable future for us. I believe that this city is capable of enacting such transformations, as I have seen real actions taken over the past year in response to the Black Lives Matter movement and in the face of the Covid-19 pandemic. I implore the city council members to follow the lead of the over 1,910 local governments and 15 national governments and immediately declare a State of Climate Emergency.

It is imperative that the Climate Emergency Resolution be voted into action while we still have the time and capacity to save our community from the increasing threat of climate change. As the UN Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change made clear in 2018, the earth is in danger of warming by 1.5 degrees Celsius above pre-industrial levels by as early as 2030. This would result in even greater global catastrophes than the extreme weather, threatened water supplies, loss of animal habitats and secure human living conditions that we have experienced in recent years. 2030 is less than a decade away. We need to take serious action now, before it is too late. I ask that you, as City Council members, take the necessary actions to protect this city and its residents. Thank you.

From: Meg Lessard
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: Comment for City Council Meeting 9/13/2021 (Support Declaration of Climate Emergency)
Date: Wednesday, August 18, 2021 6:47:04 AM

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Hello,

My name is Meg Lessard, I live in District 6.

As a mom and health researcher at VCU, I am deeply concerned about the climate crisis.

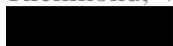
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Please let me know what further actions I can take to support this measure.

Thank you for your attention.

Meg Lessard
Richmond, VA (District 6)



From: Elena Zweerink
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: Vote yes to the The Climate Emergency Resolution
Date: Monday, August 16, 2021 5:10:57 PM

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Hi My name is Elena, I live in District 5, I'm a lifelong Richmonder, and I am deeply concerned about the climate crisis. I am aware of and heartened by the City's Green plan, but I do not see these commitments being put into action with the speed and scale that is called for by the scientific community. I am also aware that the Office of Sustainability lacks the power and resources to implement this plan. As the global response to the COVID-19 Pandemic has demonstrated, society can make seemingly impossible transformations very quickly when we publicly unite behind the science. It has also shown us the deadly toll of scientific illiteracy, incompetence and inaction.

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Thank you,
Elena Zweerink

From: D. E. Latane
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: Comment on Declaration of Climate Emergency
Date: Monday, August 16, 2021 4:27:15 PM

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To members of Richmond City Council,

We are faced with a climate emergency. The science has long been settled, despite what disingenuous arguments are offered by interested parties like oil companies or the conspiracy minded. In fact, we are in the moment in which we all have to act, with government leading the way. Individuals as they have the means can add extra insulation, solar panels, reduce driving and flying, and make donations to environmental NGOs. Government though must signal the state of affairs: an emergency.

We strongly urge you to pass the Declaration of Climate Emergency--and to follow up with measures that will help reduce the city and Virginia's carbon emissions.

Thank you,

David and Dawn Latané

