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From: Arlene Mathison <amathison18@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 29, 2026 8:00 AM
To: Council Comment; Ward 11
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Priority for the Climate and Infrastructure Committee: Climate Equity Plan & Funding

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Dear Council Member Whiting,

The Climate & Infrastructure Committee asked residents to send in feedback about what we want the committee to prioritize this year, and it'll be no surprise to you that I want the city to **prioritize supporting residents to transition their homes to affordable clean energy, as part of the city's Climate Equity Plan.**

I want a livable future for all of us, and the climate crisis is urgent. Minneapolis has an amazing opportunity to be a leader in the state and nation in making a difference in emissions and in having an affordable & resilient city.

I urge the City Council Climate and Infrastructure Committee to move forward with **ramping up funding from the current \$14 million per year to \$118 million per year by 2030.**

In addition, the city should expand efforts to **implement Thermal Energy Networks block by block**, by looking into forming a Municipal Geothermal Utility.

Thank you so much!

Sincerely,

Arlene Mathison

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Waldegerma, Michael

From: Michael Walker <retmicwalker@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 18, 2026 7:44 AM
To: Palmisano, Linea
Cc: Stevenson, Soren D; Council Comment; Ward 2; Chowdhury, Aurin; Ward 10; Vetaw, LaTrisha
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Priorities for the Climate and Infrastructure Committee

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Dear Council Member Palmisano,

I hope this message finds you well. I am writing today to let you know that I would like the city council to prioritize supporting residents to transition their homes to affordable clean energy, as part of the city's climate equity plan. This is important to me because the health, safety, affordability and resilience of our community is at stake!

The cost of fossil fuels is rising every day, while clean energy costs are dropping. A [new report](#) from the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency shows that if Minnesota doesn't act to address Climate Change, the cost impact to the state could be \$20 Billion per year. This cost far exceeds the cost of mitigation strategies. In all likelihood, Minneapolis's share of that cost will be over \$1 Billion per year. We can pay a small amount now to decarbonize, or saddle residents much greater costs in the future.

This is why I believe it is critical for Minneapolis to ramp up Climate and Equity funding, and decarbonize as quickly as possible. I urge the City Council Climate and Infrastructure Committee to move forward with ramping up funding from the current \$14 million per year, to \$118 million per year by 2030.

In addition, the city should expand efforts to implement Thermal Energy Networks block by block, by looking into forming a Geothermal Municipal Utility.

Thank you for your attention to this matter!

Sincerely,

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From: Susan Lynx <lynxwyze@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, May 1, 2026 4:52 PM
To: Council Comment
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Priority for the Climate and Infrastructure Committee

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Dear Council Member,

My name is Susan Lynx, and I am a constituent in Ward 12. I urge the city council to prioritize supporting residents to transition their homes to affordable clean energy, as part of the city's Climate and Equity Plan. This is important to me because so many residents in our city, especially elderly people, are facing rising utility bills, rising rents, and stagnant incomes. It's also important for us to reduce our pollution impact on the environment.

A [new report](#) from the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency shows that if Minnesota doesn't act to address Climate Change, the cost impact to the state could be \$20 Billion per year. This cost far exceeds the cost of mitigation strategies. In all likelihood, Minneapolis's share of that cost will be over \$1 Billion per year. We can't afford it.

This is why I believe it is critical for Minneapolis to ramp up Climate and Equity funding, and decarbonize as quickly as possible. I urge the City Council Climate and Infrastructure Committee to move forward with ramping up funding from the current \$14 million per year, to \$118 million per year by 2030. In addition, the city should expand efforts to implement Thermal Energy Networks block by block, by looking into forming a Geothermal Municipal Utility.

Thanks for your service to our city, and thanks for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,
Susan Lynx

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may all beings be safe, healthy, and at ease

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Public Comment

Row 3

Date Created	05/14/26 8:39 AM
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Comment	I have a comment to make about the lack of safety that occurs during rush hour around 3:30-5:45PM on weekdays in downtown Mpls. Specifically, there are traffic control personnel outside of various parking lots who stand in the bike lanes, obstructing traffic flow. This is a hazard for cyclists who are legal vehicles. These personnel do not have appropriate training for their roles. Cyclists are legal vehicles and there may be an increase in crashes because these people stand in bike lanes, forcing cyclists to make risky merges into the 'car lanes' on one ways. What is probably a good intention has turned into a very risky, crash-prone situation at more than 3 parking lots I can think of downtown: Ameriprise on 9th St., a Lasalle/9th St. parking lot, and a 3rd Ave South and 3rd St. parking garage.
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Row 2

Date Created	05/14/26 8:45 AM
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Comment	I have a suggestion to make about the bike lanes on Park and Portland Avenue that will increase safety for all road users. Consider adding improved design features - similar to bollards - between the bike lanes and driving lanes. This would be very effective during events when cars take up the full bike lanes and cyclists are forced to lane split or make other risky maneuvers to get around. I understand this would block the ability to get out of street parking though, but something needs to be done during events when they end so that there are not car vehicles in the bike lane after events at US Bank Stadium. It creates a chaotic traffic situation for everyone. The cars literally back up in the bike lane so there is not even a bike lane to travel through after events. So if not adding bollards, perhaps there is another, crafty solution to this.
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