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May 18, 2020

Council Member Omar Narvaez  
Chair, Environment and Sustainability Committee  
Dallas City Hall  
1500 Marilla Street  
Dallas, TX 75201

Dear Chairman Narvaez:

EarthX, in partnership with the National Geographic Society, recently celebrated the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Earth Day by broadcasting six days of programs on four channels to over two million people in 60 countries around the planet. We are therefore uniquely positioned to understand the sustainability challenges we face on a variety of levels.

We want you to know that we support the City's CECAP efforts and have been involved in the stakeholder process from the very beginning. We wanted to make sure that a broad and diverse group of citizens were involved, and we appreciate the City's efforts to follow through and make that real.

Not only do we support the passage of CECAP on May 27<sup>th</sup>, we also stand ready to help implement the plan in the coming years. In fact, we can use our global capacity to live stream conferences and panel discussions to let others know about Dallas' efforts to be a leader in meeting climate and sustainability challenges.

I will also be forwarding to you an excellent report regarding a discussion with a group of Dallas business and civic leaders that I hosted at my home a few months ago to get their input on CECAP. I think you will find their enthusiastic support and insightful comments quite encouraging.

Thank you and your committee members for your leadership and hard work on CECAP.

Sincerely,



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May 21, 2020

Hon. Eric Johnson, Mayor, City of Dallas  
Members of Dallas City Council  
T.C. Broadnax, City Manager

Re: Dallas Comprehensive Environmental and Climate Action Plan

Dear Mayor Johnson, Councilmembers, and City Manager Broadnax:

On behalf of The Trust for Public Land, we are writing today to offer our full support for the adoption of the Comprehensive Environmental and Climate Action Plan (CECAP).

The Trust for Public Land is a national non-profit organization whose mission is to create parks and protect land for people. We have a 30-year history of partnership with the communities of North Texas, and have helped create nearly 2,000 acres of parks in the region including the Joppa Preserve, the Chalk Hill Trail, and Pacific Plaza. Our goal is for everyone in Dallas and North Texas to have a park or trail within a 10-minute walk of home.

For the past year, our team has had the privilege to participate as a stakeholder in the development of CECAP. Through this collaborative and inclusive process, we were able to give input on the plan and its strategies. Many of the plan's goals and objectives align with The Trust for Public Land's approach to addressing climate change, especially the use of parks and trails to combat urban heat, provide carbon-free mobility options, improve water and air quality, and improve public health. CECAP recognizes the essential role parks and nature play in the environmental and human health of our city and uses parks as one of its most important strategies for meeting its goals.

As we have seen during the COVID-19 pandemic, all too frequently it is our most challenged communities and neighborhoods that bear the most impacts of major crises. Climate change will be no exception, and we were pleased to see equity and environmental justice at the center of the plan.

The Trust for Public Land believes that CECAP lays the foundation for Dallas to become one of the most climate-resilient cities in the world and we strongly support its speedy adoption. We look forward to continuing our partnership with the City of Dallas to implement the plan for a healthy, equitable, and sustainable future.

Sincerely,

Sharon Lyle  
Chair, North Texas Advisory Board

Robert Kent  
Texas State Director



April 30, 2020

Council Member Omar Narvaez  
City Council District 6  
Chair of the Environment and Sustainability Committee  
1500 Marilla St.  
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Dear Councilman Narvaez,

Please accept this letter of support for the passage of the Dallas Comprehensive Environmental and Climate Action Plan (CECAP).

Since 1982 the Texas Trees Foundation, formerly the Dallas Parks Foundation, has been dedicated to improving the health and quality of life for all Dallas residents. Since our inception we have planted tens of thousands of trees, conducted the cities first ever tree canopy study, *The 2015 State of the Dallas Urban Forest Report* and developed the most comprehensive urban heat island study, *Dallas 2017 Urban Heat Island Management Study*, in the country. In addition, the Foundation helped re-write *Article X of the Dallas Development Code*, were instrumental in the development of the *Resilient Dallas Plan* and we are a stakeholder in the CECAP planning process. As you can see, our work over the years has been to support the City of Dallas in becoming more resilient and sustainable so that the residents of Dallas have a better quality of life and the vitality of Dallas supports economic growth and prosperity.

This letter is to support the Dallas Comprehensive Environmental and Climate Action Plan and the great work led by you and James McGuire, Director, Office of Environmental Quality & Sustainability, and his team. The diversity of membership and public input to develop this plan was impressive and we were glad to be a partner in helping guide this plan.

Although the current draft plan does not meet its overarching goal of net zero emissions by 2050 and is not as expansive as we would like, we believe this working document is a step in the right direction toward meeting its objectives. CECAP must be a living document that will need continued refinement over the years, but we feel it is a good foundation to build upon.

As a leader in urban forestry nationally and through our work in Dallas neighborhoods and parks, on Dallas ISD school campuses through our Cool Schools program and in the redesign of the streetscapes in the Southwestern Medical District we will continue to do our part to support the CECAP while making Dallas more resilient and as we say, "greener, cleaner and cooler." We will provide professional expertise, education, and programming on how best to protect and expand our urban forest to help meet the goals and objectives of the Dallas Comprehensive Environmental and Climate Action Plan.

The Texas Trees Foundation appreciates the opportunity we were provided to give input and guidance on this important work with the City of Dallas and we look forward to our continued partnership and collaboration with the City in its pursuit of the Plans implementation.

Warm Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Janette Monear".

Janette Monear  
President & CEO  
Texas Trees Foundation

Cc: Bobby B. Lyle, Chairman of the Board

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May 1, 2020

Chairman Omar Narvaez  
Environment and Sustainability Committee  
Dallas City Hall  
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Dear Chairman Narvaez and Members of the Environment and Sustainability Committee,

350Dallas greatly appreciates the opportunity to have served on the Stakeholder Advisory Committee (SAC) for the Comprehensive Environmental & Climate Action Plan (CECAP). We have long sought, and worked to bring about, a climate action plan for the City of Dallas. We encourage the Environment and Sustainability Committee to support and move the CECAP forward at the upcoming meeting May 4th and to vote for its passage at the full vote of the Council on May 27th.

We support the CECAP because the actions in it are the basis for a good start. We will work with the City of Dallas to implement, strengthen and accelerate the plan as it moves forward. The CECAP's current list of actions cannot achieve the critical 43% GHG emissions reduction by 2030 and net zero carbon by 2050 goals. However, we will help the City to find and put in place additional and emerging opportunities to reach these goals set forth in this initial plan. The establishment of a committee or commission is critical in being able to continue to move forward quickly and equitably towards reaching its goals. In addition, the CECAP states (p. 181): "Based on the interest from stakeholders, the City will form a new Environment and Sustainability Advisory Committee to assist with implementation, across all sectors and concerned departments."

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We appreciate that additional time and opportunities have been given for comments and input regarding the CECAP in consideration of the difficulties due to COVID-19 restrictions. It is, however, now time to start moving forward on this.

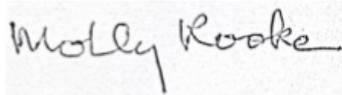
There are funds available and waiting for cities with climate action plans. There are also group purchase opportunities for climate plan cities and other time sensitive environmental and climate grant opportunities that can be taken advantage of to help fund various actions of the CECAP that may not be available at a later date.

Dallas needs a climate plan in place now or it could risk its current bond rating, making it harder to get funds needed to fund the city and needed projects. Moody's, along with S&P Global and Fitch Ratings, have warned that state and local governments' exposure to climate risk could affect their credit ratings.

We are grateful to your committee for your careful consideration of the CECAP, as well as to the OEQS staff for all the hard work they have done on this critical project.

For questions or more discussion, please contact 350Dallas at [WeAre350Dallas@yahoo.com](mailto:WeAre350Dallas@yahoo.com) and Molly Rooke at [mollyrooke@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mollyrooke@sbcglobal.net) or 214-762-3163.

Respectfully,



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May 1, 2020

Chairman Omar Narvaez  
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*Sent via email to [omar.narvaez@dallascityhall.com](mailto:omar.narvaez@dallascityhall.com).*

Dear Chairman Narvaez,

This letter serves as a follow-up to recent discussions we've had with you and members of the Environment & Sustainability committee regarding the Comprehensive Environmental and Climate Action Plan (CECAP).

Public Citizen is urging the passage of the CECAP by the committee this coming Monday, May 4, and subsequently by the full city council.

Public Citizen was a stakeholder in the planning process for the CECAP. Though the plan's current initiatives do not meet its overarching goal of net zero by 2050, we believe there is no time to waste in moving this plan into action. Since the CECAP is on a 30-year horizon, with an emissions inventory to determine its progress every three years, there are many opportunities to bolster this plan as it moves forward.

Public Citizen has provided input on each of the climate plans in Texas including those of Austin, San Antonio, and Houston. Now is the time for Dallas to set an example for the North Texas region with the passage and implementation of this plan.

Not unlike other cities in Texas, Dallas may face a budget shortfall due to the COVID-19 pandemic. But there are funding opportunities for the Dallas plan that may only be available during this fiscal year. Clean transportation grants are now available at the North Central Texas Council of Governments and the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality. There are environmental grants available through various foundations, some of which cannot be applied for unless a city has passed a climate plan. Now is the time to act as these funds may be limited in the future.

We appreciate the recent conversations we've had with Council Members regarding the CECAP and the opportunity to serve as a stakeholder in the planning process. We look forward to the opportunity to provide input on the implementation and future revisions of the plan.

Sincerely,

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**SIERRA  
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Chairman Omar Narvaez  
1500 Marilla  
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May 1, 2020

Dear Councilmember Narvaez,

The Dallas Sierra Club favors passing the current Comprehensive Environmental and Climate Action Plan as soon as possible. Our conservation committee members have attended numerous Environment and Sustainability Committee briefings, in person or online. We thank you and the committee members for your attention to the plan, and we recognize the tireless work the Office of Environmental Quality and Sustainability has done in collecting input from every neighborhood in the city as well as from businesses and city departments. Their emphasis on equity and inclusion in developing the plan is vital to its success.

The plan has been criticized as falling short in meeting its overarching goals. While the plan's initiatives do not meet its intended targets for 2050, we agree that passing the plan now is critical toward implementing the actions toward its intended outcome.

As far as funding the plan, the remaining city bag fee fund containing almost \$500,000 that was earmarked during earlier budget discussions can help start the implementation of the CECAP. For additional funding, the city can apply for Clean Fleet grant money from the North Central Texas Council of Governments (with a June deadline) along with other grants such as the Volkswagen Settlement monies and the Texas Emissions Reduction Plan overseen by TCEQ. Additional funds are available through TDHCA and federal agencies for weatherizing and other efforts. There also may be an opportunity in the coming months to apply for some of the EPA's recently announced COVID-19 stimulus funds for work in environmental justice communities.

Environmental grants are also available that are specific to climate change. Some of these require the City to have a climate plan in place before a grant application can even be submitted.

Sierra Club is encouraged that this plan addresses equity concerns through its proposed initiatives and aims to address the pressing issues of disadvantaged residents and the historically under-served parts of Dallas.

We also are glad that the CECAP plan proposes a committee to help monitor and implement its initiatives. We want to see this monitoring committee include a stakeholder membership that is inclusive and reflective of Dallas' diversity in terms of gender, race and economic opportunity.

Our organization would be happy to work with your office and other stakeholders as the plan moves forward. We believe there are opportunities that may become available that are not currently mentioned in the plan to assist Dallas achieve even greater emission reductions, energy efficiency, water conservation, waste reduction and equitable outcomes for residents beyond what the CECAP currently describes.

Currently, Dallas' greatest opportunity is passing this plan now so that its implementation can move forward. Thank you for your consideration.

Yours truly,

Chris Guldi and Dick Guldi  
Conservation Chairs  
Dallas Sierra Club

Cyrus Reed, PhD  
Interim Director & Conservation Director  
Lone Star Chapter, Sierra Club



Council Member Omar Narvaez, Chair  
City of Dallas Environment & Sustainability Committee

RE: Support for the Dallas Comprehensive Environmental and Climate Action Plan

April 28, 2020

Dear Council Member Narvaez,

On behalf of The Nature Conservancy in Texas, I want to offer our support for the City's Comprehensive Environmental and Climate Action Plan (CECAP). Addressing the impacts of climate change is critical to The Nature Conservancy's mission to protect the lands and waters on which all life depends, and our work to build a world where both people and nature thrive. In Texas, we know that cities—our residents, neighborhoods, businesses, and local government bodies—are key to addressing these issues in a meaningful way. We want to thank the City of Dallas, the Environment & Sustainability Committee, and the Office of Environmental Quality and Sustainability for their leadership on this issue, for prioritizing equity in the plan, and for your dedication to receiving and responding to community input. This plan represents an important step for Dallas, for the region, and for our State, and we look forward to supporting implementation as community partners.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kathy Jack".

Kathy Jack

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May 13, 2020

VIA EMAIL: [Laura.Cadena@dallascityhall.com](mailto:Laura.Cadena@dallascityhall.com)

Honorable Omar Narvaez,  
Dallas City Council Member, District 6  
Chair, Environment and Sustainability Committee  
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Esteemed Councilman Narvaez,

On behalf of the North Texas Renewable Energy Group, Inc., I am writing this letter in support of Dallas' proposed Comprehensive Environmental and Climate Action Plan ("CECAP").

The North Texas Renewable Energy Group, Inc. ("NTREG") is the North Texas Chapter of the Texas Solar Energy Society. It is recognized by the Internal Revenue Service as a 501(c)(3) non-profit tax-exempt organization.

NTREG, an all-volunteer organization, was established in 2001 with the primary goal of educating North Texans about the power of renewable energy. Its members quite literally come from all walks of life and backgrounds and from more than 80 zip codes in the North Texas area, primarily from Dallas. Many of its members have decades of expertise in the areas of renewable energy, sustainability, and the environment.

NTREG has been educating North Texans about renewable power resources, conservation, and sustainability for almost 20 years at no cost to the public. It does so through the exchange of ideas and information at meetings, discussion groups and public and private events. Its primary method of providing renewable energy, sustainability and conservation education to the public is through its monthly expert speaker series. NTREG features live presentations on everything from solar energy to electric vehicles, alternative transportation, biodiesel, geothermal energy, wind energy and all aspects of energy conservation. If it pertains to energy, the environment, or anything related to sustainability, NTREG has had an expert

speaker present the topic. NTREG also participates annually in a variety of events, such as Earth Day events, in which it advocates not only for renewable energy, but also promotes water conservation, clean air to breathe and sustainable design. NTREG provides environmental conservation and renewable energy pamphlets to the public at large at zero price.

Many NTREG members have participated in, and provided input into, the CECAP. NTREG was one of the beneficiaries of the outreach provided by Dallas' Office of Environmental Quality & Sustainability as it undertook to gather public input into the development of the CECAP. Ms. Alvarez provided a most informative presentation of the undertaking to develop the CECAP and how our members could participate. Our members not only monitored the development of the CECAP but also participated in numerous townhall meetings covering the CECAP. They provided not only general comments, but also technical comments specifically related to renewable energy.

NTREG wholeheartedly supports the adoption of the CECAP by the City of Dallas. While it is accurate to say that NTREG would love to see bolder actions with higher goals, this is a fantastic start. No plan is ever perfect. However, that is no reason to delay any further to move Dallas into the forefront of becoming a clean city which other cities may emulate.

NTREG will keep working with the City of Dallas' Office of Environmental Quality and Sustainability as CECAP is implemented. As advances in technology become available which facilitate reaching higher clean energy, air and water goals, NTREG will communicate any such evolutions to the Office of Environmental Quality and Sustainability so that the CECAP may be modified to include those higher achievable goals. We also cannot forget the present financial predicament all cities find themselves in due to the COVID-19 pandemic. What is certain is that at some point the financial picture will improve. With additional funds in the future, additional or accelerated actions can be undertaken to achieve the clean energy, air and water goals currently set forth in the CECAP sooner and to achieve even higher goals.

NTREG strongly supports adoption of the CECAP.

Respectfully,



Rosa R. Orenstein  
2020 Chair  
North Texas Renewable Energy Group



1 May 2020

Council Member Omar Narvaez  
Dallas City Hall  
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Dallas, Texas 75201

Re: Dallas Comprehensive Environmental &  
Climate Action Plan (CECAP)

Dear Council Member Narvaez:

Thank you for your leadership chairing the Environment and Sustainability Committee, created by Mayor Eric Johnson, and your efforts steering the Dallas Comprehensive Environmental and Climate Action Plan (CECAP). We appreciate the diverse team of local agencies and stakeholder advisors, and the extensive outreach and engagement accomplished over the last year, including the involvement of the Dallas Regional Chamber of which I am a member.

We support the over [90 actions included across eight sectors](#) that have been targeted to acknowledge and address the [specific risks facing Dallas](#). This comprehensive roadmap is a great starting point to align and build consensus on the necessary and specific actions the City will undertake to enhance quality of life for all citizens, reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, and build a healthier and more prosperous Dallas.

HKS, Inc. is a multi-disciplinary, international design firm headquartered in Dallas. We intimately understand the day-to-day challenges and opportunities of policy, design, and individuals' behavior, and how collectively these can greatly influence public health, thriving economies, and equitable communities. As a signatory of the United Nations Global Compact to advance sustainable development, we are committed to 'build a business of tomorrow.' Environmental and climate action are at the core of our responsible business plan, our collaborative approach, and our desire to lead with knowledge, advise for influence, and design for outcomes. **We endorse the plan and recommend that the City Council adopt CECAP in May 2020.**

Sincerely,

Dan Noble, FAIA, FACHA, LEED AP  
President & CEO

# Joppa Freedman's Town Association

Uplifting the Joppa Community

Chairman Omar Narvaez  
1500 Marilla  
Dallas, Texas 75201

Friday, May 1, 2020

Dear Mayor Johnson and Council Member Omar Narvaez,

For more than a year, I've represented the Joppa area as stakeholder on the Comprehensive Environmental Climate Action Plan (CECAP) committee. I was one of the many stakeholders who represented a vulnerable area in Dallas due to poor air quality as industry surrounds our neighborhood.

A final draft of the CECAP plan has been released. I am asking you to support this plan with your vote without delay, as we need to get this plan approved and started. The CECAP is a beginning to correct the environmental injustices we face in Joppa, the City of Dallas, and black and brown communities within the region.

The plan does fall short of its goals, but there are measures in that plan that will help our neighborhood clean up carbon emissions which will also reduce other air pollution while providing safer air quality. Though Dallas is dealing with Coronavirus, we should do what we can to get this plan started.

Thank you for your support,

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THE REAL ESTATE COUNCIL

May 26, 2020

Dallas City Hall  
1500 Marilla Street  
Dallas, Texas 75201

Dear Mayor Johnson and City Councilmembers:

The City Council will be considering the proposed Comprehensive Environmental and Climate Action Plan (CECAP) at its meeting on May 27, 2020. This plan provides goals and actions aimed at achieving reductions in carbon emissions and improved environmental quality across the City. The Real Estate Council (TREC) has always dedicated itself to improving the quality of life for residents, businesses, and visitors to the City of Dallas. A central element of that quality of life is the health of our environment and our community.

We are very supportive of the intent and purpose behind CECAP. We recognize the importance of sustainable development, increased trees and green spaces, and lower carbon emissions. We see a great value in and applaud the use of incentive-based measures to encourage sustainable development. However, further analysis is warranted as those measures evolve into specific regulatory and mandatory requirements for development, and, therefore, we reserve comment on such mandatory measures until specific regulations are proposed so that we can determine the impact of those measures on development. We look forward to working with the City as those measures are proposed. By including those in the community who will be affected by these regulations, we believe the measures that are ultimately enacted will have a greater likelihood of successful implementation and effectiveness in accomplishing the goal of a more sustainable and healthier Dallas.

We thank the City Council, City staff, and the community leaders who have expended great effort in formulating this comprehensive plan for improving our environment and the health of our community. If you need any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Linda McMahon'.

Linda McMahon  
*President & CEO, The Real Estate Council*

Cc: *T.C. Broadnax, City Manager*  
*James McGuire, Director, Office of Environmental Quality & Sustainability*

May 18, 2020 (email)

Hon. councilmember  
Omar Narvaez  
Chairman, Committee on the Environment and Sustainability

Mr. Chairman:

I want to express my wholehearted support of the CECAP plan that has been submitted to your committee. I've been a stakeholder on the CECAP commission since the very beginning, attended and participated in every meeting. There has been a broad-based community input from a diverse group of stakeholders. Best practices were gleaned from across the nation. The plan was thoroughly vetted, discussed, evolved and improved over the course of the commission's work. This will be a huge step forward for the City of Dallas and a critically needed commitment to a healthy and resilient future.

As a business leader, I strongly believe the adoption and execution of this plan will provide a tremendous stimulus for economic development. It will help Dallas to attract the best and most forward thinking businesses, businesses that want to locate in cities that are doing everything possible to create a healthy living and working environment for their employees and businesses that are increasingly making sustainability a key part of their business plan.

I strongly urge the adoption of this plan.

Sincerely,  
Garrett Boone

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In preparing the CECAP, the City worked with a wide range of public interest groups and stakeholders. We encourage the City to continue to work with these groups into the future to implement the action items. The GDPC encourages all Dallas residents and businesses to act where they can to reduce greenhouse emissions and improve Dallas' environment.

The GDPC applauds the City of Dallas, Mayor and City Council for taking such a forward-thinking approach to our City's and region's sustainable future. As an organization the GDPC wishes to be included on any advisory or review committees. We also extend our support, advocacy and assistance to this continued effort for our City's future.

Sincerely,  
W. Brian Keith; AIA-AICP  
GDPC President



May 15, 2020

The Honorable Omar Narvaez  
1500 Marilla Street  
Dallas, TX 75201

Dear Councilman Narvaez:

I write on behalf of the West Dallas 1 Environmental Justice Subcommittee team and want to thank you for including us in the conversation and planning of the City of Dallas' Comprehensive Environmental & Climate Action Plan (CECAP).

We appreciate your leadership role on this Committee and the inclusiveness of a cross section of professional and community members that participated in the creation of this very important document.

We at West Dallas 1 would like to offer our full and complete support of the CECAP proposal as it is currently written and which we feel is a great first step to help reduce greenhouse gas emissions and improve the environmental quality for the City of Dallas.

We know that you will continue to be a strong supporter of marginalized communities across the city if this Plan is adopted, including those that we represent in West Dallas. As our city councilman, we look forward to continuing our ongoing efforts to assist you to help reduce health disparities, increase community involvement with the efforts spelled out in this agreement, and look forward to your continued relationship with West Dallas 1 going forward.

Please keep us informed as to how we can continue to support this important initiative to not only prepare our community for the impacts of climate change but how our residents can feel empowered to participate in those efforts.

Sincerely,

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Dear Councilman Narvaez,

We are writing to ask you to support the Comprehensive Environmental and Climate Action Plan that you will be voting on May 27, 2020.

Climate change threatens our political, economic, and social establishments, alongside our personal lives. It is crucial that we begin making political changes to regulate the amount of greenhouse gas emissions we produce. While our world still has a long way to go in becoming carbon neutral, the CECAP is a great step towards a green future.

Without council member's support there will be no improvement in mitigating climate change. At Youth for Our Home we believe the first and most important step is educating our community, and you lead our community. We ask you for your support in making the beautiful city of Dallas green through the CECAP. We applaud your leadership during this time as Dallas struggles with a global pandemic and its consequences. COVID-19 currently needs all of our attention, but we must keep in mind the existential crisis that humanity faces. We appreciate your work as Chair of the Environment and Sustainability committee. We hope you recognize the urgency of climate change alongside the importance of adopting the CECAP.

Thank you so much for your help.

Sincerely,

Julianna Sierra and Emma Grimes Youth for Our Home

Dear Chairman Narvaez,

I am Israel Anderson a member of the citizens advisory committee that has been working with city staff and so many others on the plan for many months. I am the former Associate Director of the Office of Environmental Justice at EPA Region 6 there in Dallas. I am also a former Director of Environmental Assistance at Texas Commission on Environmental Quality. I was asked to serve on the citizens advisory committee shortly after retiring from EPA. We've met briefly at some of the recent CECAP meetings, the most recent being the State Fair Grounds one. I wanted to register my strong support for the approval of the plan. Much hard work, research and community input has been included in this plan. While I recognize that it doesn't meet some of the desired goals for 2050 it is a great starting point and I would urge its approval by council.

There is money available at NTCOG as well as TCEQ that could be secured and used to help implement key portions of the plan. EPA just announced its National Environmental Justice grants program for this fiscal year and certainly community based nonprofit groups could apply for these dollars to be used to assist in the planning phase of the overall CECAP.

I think that to delay approval and commencement of the implementation of this plan would be unfortunate for the city of Dallas and its citizens.

I therefore wholeheartedly endorse and support immediate approval Dallas's CECAP.

Thank you,

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Paul Westbrook RE:source <[paul@resourcedesign.org](mailto:paul@resourcedesign.org)>

**Subject:** Dallas CECAP YES

**Date:** May 20, 2020 at 9:52:10 AM CDT

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Mayor and Council Members. I am asking you to vote YES on the Dallas CECAP. I served on the advisory committee during the entire development process. I would have preferred the plan to be even more aggressive, but we can't keep waiting for perfect. We need to start taking action now - and this plan does just that. Like any long term plan it can be iterated and improved over time. The COVID-19 crises has shown us the need for good preparation and planning. The climate crisis will be bigger, but slower moving. That makes it even more important that we take action now toward emission reductions and begin serious preparation for the changes - some of which are already occurring.

This plan does not harm business. In fact, it can be a financial gain for those who take positive action. How do I know? I was the sustainable development manager for Texas Instruments until my retirement a few years ago. We built 2 million square feet of LEED Gold factories around the world. These facilities were significantly more energy and water efficient and actually cost less to build. The operational savings are in millions of dollars per year. We implemented efficiency programs at 22 million square feet of existing space globally and doubled our global energy efficiency in 9 years. That saved the company tens of millions of dollars per year - far above the modest cost to implement the programs.

My own home (<https://enerjazz.com/house>) is 24 years old and still at least twice as energy efficient as new homes being built today. Our home was cashflow positive in the first month. The small additional cost on our mortgage for better efficiency measures was more than offset by the lower electric bill. The design and construction industry had the ability to build better for decades, but just not the requirement or motivation to do so.

I also served two years as a Senior Fellow for the US State Department's Energy and Climate Partnership of the Americas. My working trips to Honduras, Bolivia, Peru, and Columbia (twice) were a good reminder that the global climate issue can only be addressed with strong local action. We need to tweak the phrase "thousand points of light" into "thousand points of action." Vote YES to make Dallas one of those points.

Clinging to destructive habits, outdated codes, and old business models will not move us to where we need to be. We are capable of much more than we ask of ourselves. It is long past time to set the goals and aspirations higher and let our creativity and ingenuity rise up to meet the challenges. Vote YES on the Dallas CECAP.

Best,

Paul Westbrook



GREATER DALLAS PLANNING COUNCIL

TO SHAPE, PROMOTE AND ADVOCATE A CREATIVE SUSTAINABLE FUTURE FOR THE DALLAS REGION.

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May 18, 2020

Honorable Mayor Johnson and Members of the Dallas City Council  
Dallas City Hall  
1500 Marilla St.  
Dallas, TX 75201

Re: Endorsement of the adoption by the Dallas City Council of the City of Dallas's Comprehensive Environmental and Climate Action Plan (CECAP)

Dear Mayor Johnson and Dallas City Council members:

The Greater Dallas Planning Council (GDPC) is a Dallas civic organization founded in 1946 whose mission it is to shape, promote and advocate a creative, sustainable future for the Greater Dallas region. Its membership is comprised of architects, planners, contractors, engineers, developers, community activists, corporations and municipalities that are interested in and involved with local and regional planning issues.

The Greater Dallas Planning Council **endorses** the adoption by the Dallas City Council of the City of Dallas's Comprehensive Environmental and Climate Action Plan (CECAP), an item on your May 27th meeting agenda. Additionally, the GDPC encourages Dallas residents, businesses, and institutions to collaborate to achieve the goals set forth in the CECAP.

On May 14, 2020, GDPC's board adopted the following Resolution of Support:

*"The Greater Dallas Planning Council recognizes that for Dallas to be a resilient and economically successful city and region we must take steps to improve our air quality, reduce greenhouse gas emissions and prepare for the inevitable effects of climate change. Such steps are consistent with the mission of the Greater Dallas Planning Council: to shape, promote and advocate a creative, sustainable future for the Dallas region. We believe that the City of Dallas's proposed Comprehensive Environmental and Climate Action Plan (CECAP) is a necessary step in achieving these goals. The GDPC's Agenda for Change advocates for enhancing the sustainability and resiliency of our region's natural resources and environmental quality. To this end, the GDPC enthusiastically supports adoption of the proposed CECAP. This plan will provide the City of Dallas with a critical blueprint for creating a healthier, greener, and more resilient city – one that focuses on the need to reduce emissions while delivering quality of life benefits to the Dallas community. GDPC requests an opportunity to play a role in implementation of CECAP's critical recommendations."*

The CECAP recommends a number of actions that mirror specific provisions of GDPC's "Agenda for Change." For example, the Agenda for Change states that: "Improving air quality and the reduction of local and regional greenhouse gas emissions should be a high priority." The CECAP embraces a number of other goals that are defined in our Agenda for Change, including the following:

- Develop renewable energy sources.
- Strengthen our regional food system and better manage municipal solid waste.
- Develop a multi-modal approach to transportation and related land use policies.
- Utilize new technology to improve the environment.
- Preserve water resources.
- Social equity through urbanism – all North Texas should be afforded access to affordable housing, transportation and employment in a healthy and safe environment.

In preparing the CECAP, the City worked with a wide range of public interest groups and stakeholders. We encourage the City to continue to work with these groups into the future to implement the action items. The GDPC encourages all Dallas residents and businesses to act where they can to reduce greenhouse emissions and improve Dallas' environment.

The GDPC applauds the City of Dallas, Mayor and City Council for taking such a forward-thinking approach to our City's and region's sustainable future. As an organization the GDPC wishes to be included on any advisory or review committees. We also extend our support, advocacy and assistance to this continued effort for our City's future.

Sincerely,



W. Brian Keith; AIA-AICP  
GDPC President

cc: GDPC Executive Committee  
Dallas City Council  
Dallas City Manager - T.C. Broadnax  
James McGuire with the City of Dallas' Office of the Environment



May 26, 2020

The Honorable Omar Narvaez  
Chair, Environmental and Sustainability Committee  
Dallas City Hall  
1500 Marilla Street, 5FS  
Dallas, Texas 75201

Dear Councilmember Narvaez:

We are writing this letter on behalf of Children's Health in support of the City of Dallas Comprehensive Environmental and Climate Action Plan (CECAP).

For more than 100 years, Children's Health has been committed to making life better for children. We are the leading pediatric health care system in North Texas, the eighth largest pediatric health care provider in the nation, and one of the busiest regarding admissions and pediatric Emergency Department visits.

Our community's needs are great. According to our 2019 *Beyond ABC* Report, our community needs assessment, 22.5 percent of Dallas County children live in poverty and these children are seven times more likely to be in fair or poor health. The key to prevention is awareness, and we believe the CECAP sheds light on key issues affecting those most vulnerable in our community. The focus on health equity, food insecurity, and air quality are particularly important to our organization as we understand the importance of taking a holistic approach to the care of our patients.

Last year, over 172,000 children came through our emergency room and asthma continues to be one of the leading causes of emergency room visits within our system. Our team has been committed to not only to treatment but prevention of chronic illness. Through our asthma management program, we offer environmental assessment, asthma education and self-management skills to help children and their parents cope with the complexities of the condition. It was the first such program in Texas to receive disease-specific certification by The Joint Commission for pediatric asthma care.

However, prevention efforts do not stop with asthma. In 2016, 34.7 percent of Dallas County children in grades 3-12 were overweight or obese. If this trend continues, the number of adults with heart diseases related to obesity in Texas will increase by five times by 2030. Our Weight Management program aims to reduce these trends by offering a wide range of programs and services to empower families in making lasting health lifestyle changes. Whether it's learning healthy food choices along with fun games and exercises or cooking delicious meals and planting and growing the food you eat, our programs have the resources you need to kickstart healthy habits that will last a lifetime.

The education and awareness components of our programs are made possible thanks to our community partners, like the City of Dallas. These are just a few of the programs that could benefit from the potential solutions implemented through the city's environment plan (CECAP).

Thank you for your leadership on this very important effort to help provide a more viable future for our community. We look forward to the opportunity to work alongside the City of Dallas to provide support and guidance throughout the implementation of the plan. If you have questions or need additional information, please have your staff contact Cristal Retana, Manager of Government & Community Relations, at 214-456-5390 or [cristal.retana@childrens.com](mailto:cristal.retana@childrens.com).

Sincerely,



Pamela Rogers  
*Sr. Director*  
*Disease Management*



Alex Reid  
*Director*  
*Disease Management*



Parkland

May 26, 2020

Dear Dallas City Council:

On behalf of our patients and in an effort to promote a healthier Dallas County, Parkland Health & Hospital System supports the City of Dallas' efforts to develop a Comprehensive Environmental & Climate Action Plan. We commend the extensive work and thoughtful deliberations of the Environment and Sustainability Committee and look forward to continued partnership with the City of Dallas to create a healthier community.

In 2019, Parkland partnered with Dallas County Health and Human Services to develop the 2019 Dallas County Community Health Needs Assessment. The CHNA outlined significant health disparities and socio demographic disparities stretching through the southern sector of the County. These disparities translated into higher incidents of chronic diseases including diabetes, asthma and hypertension in these communities. Major social determinants of health factors identified in the CHNA are also identified in your CECAP plan goals including access to healthy foods, transportation and improving air quality. Research has proven that living in food deserts causes higher rates of obesity and diabetes, limited transportation options creates barriers to accessing health care, and high rates of air pollution increases acute asthmatic events. Addressing these social determinants of health in the City's CECAP will improve public health.

Parkland appreciates the City's significant community outreach and stakeholder engagement during the development of the plan and look forward to continued collaboration.

Sincerely,

Frederick P. Cerise, MD, MPH  
President and Chief Executive Officer



May 26, 2020

Mayor Eric Johnson  
1500 Marilla, 5EN  
Dallas, TX 75201

RE: Support for the City of Dallas Comprehensive Environmental and Climate Action Plan

Dear Mayor Johnson,

On behalf of the Dallas Regional Chamber, I offer this letter of support for the city's Comprehensive Environmental and Climate Action Plan (CECAP) as recommended for council approval by the Environment and Sustainability Committee on May 4, 2020.

I recognize that no plan of this magnitude and complexity can be entirely satisfactory to any one stakeholder. For instance, the DRC supports maximum flexibility for our member companies to meet their energy needs as they reduce emissions, while the CECAP elevates one energy source above another. However, I am encouraged by the city's pledge to maintain its engagement with the business community to build out plan elements for implementation.

The DRC has more than a century of experience in advocating on behalf of our community's economic health. Throughout our history, we have played a central role in helping businesses navigate through good economic times and bad. For this reason, the DRC recognizes the benefits of planning with the long horizon in mind. The city's CECAP provides a framework for addressing real and long-term threats to economic productivity and potential disruptions to business operations from impacts associated with climate change.

This is increasingly important as the Dallas Region has added more than one million new residents since 2010 — growth fueled by the addition of more than 130 corporate headquarters, hundreds of local company expansions, and the creation of nearly one million new jobs. We are now a region of more than 7.5 million people — and we're projected to reach 10 million in the next 20 years. As the DRC continues leading the region's efforts to attract more companies and jobs to Dallas, we understand that with this growth comes great responsibility. We are committed to sustainable and equitable growth that will be more intentional with our commitment to the city's CECAP.

Finally, I would like to offer my thanks to the city's Office of Environmental Quality and Sustainability and to Chairman Omar Narvaez and members of the Environment and Sustainability Committee for actively seeking input from the business community. The open and collaborative approach they embraced for developing the CECAP bodes well for a successful implementation. The DRC looks forward to consulting on behalf of the business community to make this happen.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dale Petroskey". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Dale Petroskey  
President & CEO