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Support for the 2023 Priority Focus Areas of the Office of Climate Change Initiatives (PED23064)

On behalf of the Bay Area Climate Change Council, we are writing to express our support for the 2023 Priority Focus Areas put forth by the city's newly established Office of Climate Change Initiatives (OCCI).

The Bay Area Climate Change Council (BACCC) represents a collaborative voice for climate action in the Hamilton-Burlington region. Members of BACCC and our implementation teams span the region and represent organizations in the municipal, non-profit, education and private sectors, and include citizen representatives.

Implementation of the City of Hamilton's Climate Action Strategy requires focussed effort on the three (3) biggest sources of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions in the Hamilton area - Buildings, Industry, Transportation. This is imperative if we are to meet the target of net-zero emissions by 2050 and demands urgent action.

We applaud this council and staff for recognizing and actioning the important and much needed work to mitigate climate change.

Congratulations to the City on reaching this significant milestone with the launch of the OCCI's inaugural work plan focussed on climate priorities.

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