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Subject: Our climate initiatives

Re: Budget cuts debates and voting: Feb 6 and 13

I am a resident of Ward 3.

Dear mayor Horwath and city councillors,

It has been brought to my attention that some councillors advocating for cutting climate/environmental initiatives under the guise of addressing fiscal concerns.

I want to voice my concern about taking this path. I have a young family and want my kids to grow up in city that takes care of its citizens and is safe for all. Things aren't perfect now but I can see the progress we are making to make our city bike-able and less car dependent, the air more breathable and the streets safer and more enjoyable for pedestrians with urban tree canopies. As a homeowner, I'd love to take advantage of any home retrofitting grants and as an avid hiker I believe boosting our biodiversity will benefit the next generation.

Hearing attempts to cut funding for these initiatives that so many have worked for hard for is **short sighted** and **disappointing**.

I know countless others who share my desire for our city to NOT cut funding for our hard earned environmental initiatives. If anything, we need to be investing more into these initiatives before it's too late.

Thank you,

Jess Atkinson

Ward 3