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Hello,

This is a follow-up to a similar e-mail sent last week about potential budget cuts to climate-related items, e.g. Bike lanes, the Office for Climate Change Initiatives. Please let all of council know that I do not support last-minute budget changes at tomorrow's meeting, especially when citizens are not given appropriate time to comment. This displays a lack of accountability and transparency – not the objectives which City Council wants to achieve.

I am concerned that some Councillors may drop motions at the last minute, as they have done in the past. Please do not accept proposals to slow down or defer items which this Council has already approved, items which improve the environment for Hamiltonians. We know that the climate emergency is already impacting Hamilton with extreme heat, increased precipitation, and rapid weather changes. We also know that the United Nations Environment Programme currently projects a global average temperature increase of 3.1 °C - well above the maximum limit of 1.5-2 °C agreed to in the 2015 Paris Agreement. Hamiltonians already struggle to adapt to the impacts we've experienced so far and conditions are set to worsen.

Please work for the people of Hamilton.

Thank you,

Marie Covert