

Sayers, Margery

From: Pat Hersey <trishhersey@hotmail.com>
Sent: Friday, April 3, 2020 2:05 PM
To: CouncilMail; Ball, Calvin B
Subject: CB-10 and Declaring a Climate Emergency

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I am writing today to express my support for CB10-2020. This bill will help move Howard County forward of our critical need to address our climate crisis.

Also, I hope you will take this opportunity to declare a Climate Emergency. The Coronavirus crisis is a preview of our near future if we do not address the climate emergency. Coronavirus is Climate Change in overdrive. This is a moment that confirms we need to be proactive and prepared. We can take this pause and address what we can be. We now know, that fast change is not "impossible". We can start preparing for the emergencies that will happen. Viruses is just one of the many disasters we will be facing if we do not start reversing and mitigating climate change.

We are in a climate and ecological emergency. We urgently need a massive effort to reverse global warming and protect humanity and the natural world from collapse. It's time for the state of Maryland to join over 1,311 local governments in 25 countries around the world in telling the truth about the climate.

Declare a Climate Emergency and protect all Americans, all humanity, and all living things, so that we can be safe for generations to come.

We are in a critical time in history. We are the first generation to see the impact of climate change and the last generation that can have an impact.

You have the power to give the gift of a sustainable planet to future generations. We must act right now.

Be the leadership others will follow.

Below is the Columbia Association Climate Emergency Resolution that passed unanimously.

Sincerely,
Name: Pat Hersey
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https://www.columbiaassociation.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/Item_09a_Climate-Emergency-Declaration.pdf

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From: paul.baicich <paul.baicich@verizon.net>
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 9:09 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Climate Emergency Resolution
Attachments: HowardCounty3SS.png

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Dear Howard County Council Members,

Last year, our friends at the Columbia Association (CA) passed an ambitious resolution on the climate emergency (on 26 September 2019). The Association has outlined specific objectives and action to advance climate change mitigation and adaptation efforts, such as reducing energy consumption, supporting clean energy development, conducting a Columbia-wide climate vulnerability assessment, and implementing sustainable land-use practices.

But there are things that the CA is incapable of putting into practice, things that clearly are outside the jurisdiction of the CA.

This is where that county must be heard... and must act. It's time to formally declare a Climate Emergency to confront global warming through appropriate financial, policy, and regulatory initiatives made at different levels. This action should open that way to achieve net-zero emissions, perhaps no later than 2038 (with a special emphasis on solar), and, in the process, avoid or reduce the impacts of climate change on county infrastructure, open space resources, and our quality of life.

Please ACT on the need to address this overarching problem.

Sincerely,
Paul J. Baicich
Chair, Our Revolution Howard County

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From: Sue Franckel <suefranckel@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 8:42 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Climate Emergency Resolution

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The president and his fellow republican followers constantly deny the fact that we are in a climate crisis by setting back many of the regulations put in place to protect the climate. Please support legislature to protect our climate!

Thank you,
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From: Cathie Leimenstoll <cathie.leimenstoll@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 9:00 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Climate Emergency Resolution

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I am writing to ask that you support the Climate Emergency Resolution. We are enduring right now the short-sightedness of our federal leaders. The issues facing us due to the ever-growing and far-too-long ignored and discounted climate crises are just one more example of the dangers and destruction that come from leadership that doesn't listen to scientific evidence and refuses to think beyond the moment. We must do better. Local and state leadership has stepped up in inspiring ways to demonstrate that we can do better even without leadership at the federal level. Please support this resolution and help us here in Howard County to take a longer view. Thank you for all you are doing and for your considering of this resolution. Cathie Leimenstoll 11243 Chase Street, #1 Fulton, MD . 20759

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From: E Kato <euk369@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 5, 2020 10:26 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Please pass a Climate Emergency resolution

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Dear County Council,

The coronavirus pandemic is a vivid illustration of what happens when we ignore science and refuse to take timely action to avert a looming natural disaster. And please note that the cost of taking timely action to prevent wider spread in the early days would have been a fraction of the current predicted damage to the economy.

As a society, let's not be this stupid twice. Please pass a climate emergency resolution to recognize that it is past time for us to take action to stop accelerating global warming and start bringing down greenhouse gas emissions.

Thank you.

Liz Kato
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From: CHARLES GOEDEKE <tooldude@me.com>
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 8:33 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: I Support a Climate Emergency Resolution

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To Our Leaders in Howard County:

While this ongoing COVID-19 emergency seems all-consuming at the moment, it should also be a lesson that preparing for future disasters, no matter how remote they seem at the moment, is always wise.

With Climate Change, the dangers seem much more abstract than the virus, but all the experts tell us that they are very real, and that in the long run the consequences will be even more devastating in the long run.

THEREFORE, please put Howard County on the forefront of this next battle, and pass a Climate Emergency Resolution. With teeth!!

Respectfully submitted,

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“The whole idea of compassion is based on a keen awareness of the interdependence of all these living beings, which are all part of one another, and all involved in one another.” —THOMAS MERTON

Sayers, Margery

From: Carolyn Parsa <carolyn.parsa@mdsierra.org>
Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2020 12:16 PM
To: CouncilMail; Ball, Calvin
Subject: Support for CB10-2020
Attachments: CB10-2020 HoCo Sierra Club Testimony.pdf

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Honorable County Council,

I hope this email finds you all well, and thank you for all you are doing during these difficult times.

Please find the attached letter of support for CB10-2020 from the Howard County Sierra Club.

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Carolyn Parsa
Sierra Club Howard County Chair

March 25, 2020



Sierra Club Howard County

RE: Support for CB10 – to enter into a multiyear power purchase agreement for solar energy for use by Howard County Government.

This bill would start the shift to renewable energy that is part of the promise that Howard County made about a year ago when they declared that “We are still in” on the Paris Accord. In fact, this agreement not only reaches the goal of meeting electric needs with 20% renewable sourced energy, but could surpass this goal potentially reaching 30% when fully implemented.

This proposal is well thought out and utilizes multiple locations and types of solar siting: rooftops, parking canopies and ground mount. This is so important right now because in one initiative we gain a multitude of types of projects with the same goal of obtaining renewable energy.

Since ground mount locations may be location on a farm, we support the stipulation that the ground mount installations must be compatible with continued farming operations. The Sierra Club supports the installation of solar on closed landfills since that land use is otherwise limited.

We urge you to pass CB10 to start the process of gaining renewable energy in Howard County. This agreement locks in a low rate for electric, and saves the county money in addition to being the right thing to do to follow up on prior commitments to renewable energy and to improving Howard County’s overall sustainability and resiliency.

Thank you for your consideration of this bill.

Carolyn Parsa
Chair, Howard County Sierra Club