Good evening, Mayor and Members of The Dalles City Council,

Two years ago I read on the city council website a letter from then Mayor Lawrence that he was looking for people to help work on the city's new long-range plan. He asked that any interested parties send him an email. I did that, and told him that I knew of several other community members who would be willing to help in such a capacity, specifically to help the city develop a climate action plan, as a number of cities and towns around Oregon and the country were doing. The mayor never returned my message.

This past Friday, some four million people from thousands of cities around the planet took to the streets in the largest and most expansive climate protest that has ever occurred. A great many of these protestors were youth. According to a recent Washington Post article, most American teens are fearful of how climate change will impact their future, and 1 out of 4 of them are taking action. A growing number of Americans now see climate change as a global crisis caused by human activity, something scientists, have been telling us for years.

The draft resolution we are asking you to consider comes from The Climate Mobilization ([www.theclimatemobilization.org](www.theclimatemobilization.org)), a group that is dedicated to accelerate meaningful response to the climate emergency. In the words of its founder, Margaret Klein Salamon, "The fact that we have warmed the world to this extent, and show little sign of stopping, is evidence of widespread institutional failure. We cannot expect anyone else to save us. We must do it ourselves."

The actions of so many people around the planet this year have motivated me to try again and return to the council with the hope that different leadership will welcome the opportunity to join cities such as Hood River, Portland, Milwaukie, Salem, Corvallis, Eugene, and Ashland to do what our federal government is currently failing to do – take climate change seriously. We MUST think globally, and act locally.

Respectfully,
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