May 16, 2022

Re: Continued Funding for the Bay Area Climate Change Council (BACCC)

Dear Mayor and Members of Council:

The Burlington Sustainable Development Committee (SDC) works hard to serve the citizens of the City of Burlington. As part of our mandate, the SDC is committed to helping Burlington achieve its goal to be Net Carbon Neutral by 2040.

One of the ways the SDC supports the City of Burlington is through our active participation on the BACCC Advisory Committee. I am writing to you today to let you know that the SDC strongly supports the BACCC and we would encourage the City of Burlington to continue to do likewise as it will allow the council to press forward with educating citizens and finding turnkey policy solutions for climate action.

Since its inception, BACCC has emerged as an organization that punches far above its weight, with meaningful contributions to the community as we transition to net zero emissions.

For example, over the past 2 short years:

- BACCC has supported over $1 million in local investment requests
- BACCC has led over 15 policy initiatives to help local government tackle climate change in Hamilton and Burlington, including a complete municipal retrofit program design, a green economic development strategy, and an optimized transportation network framework
- BACCC hosts an annual free event for residents to learn about climate action (completely 'sold out' in 2021 with over 600 registrants)
- BACCC works hard to match its stable municipal funding with additional sources to maximize its regional climate impact
- BACCC has employed 9 additional youth, on top of the 2 full-time staff that are municipally funded

The Burlington Sustainable Development committee is proud of the City of Burlington for its commitment to climate change and its support of the BACCC and we look forward to a continuation of that commitment and support as we work together on our transition to a low carbon future.

Sincerely,

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Chair Burlington Sustainable Development Committee