



March 29, 2022

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

Dear Tim,

As you may know, I am a founding member of the Bay Area Climate Change Council with BurlingtonGreen continuing to serve as a participating member. We have been proud to contribute to the shaping of BACCC's mission, function, strategy and impact.

While BurlingtonGreen continues to carry out our many years of extensive, impactful, community-based work in addressing climate change here in Burlington, we collaborate with newer organizations such as BACCC, with an aim to ensure we leverage opportunities to strengthen each other's function while avoiding a duplication of efforts. The scope of work in the climate education and action space is immense, the stakes are high in regards to the escalating impacts of climate change, and the window of time to effectively and swiftly address the issue is closing sooner than any of us would like. Thus, collaborating with and investing in established and well-respected organizations like BACCC and BurlingtonGreen and others who share common ground with the City's strategic priorities, provides a valuable opportunity for the City to advance its ambitious and critically important Climate Action Plan priorities.

And while BurlingtonGreen is a registered charity that is also very much in need of funding support to plan and execute climate action projects and events here in Burlington, my purpose in writing to you today is to request continued funding for BACCC.

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.

In the two short years since the Cities of Burlington and Hamilton have provided funding:

- 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

Unfortunately, the City of Burlington's funding for BACCC expires this year and continued funding was not included in the approved 2022-3 Municipal Budget. Without municipal funding, BACCC cannot continue to support the community as we transition to a low carbon future and



thus, BurlingtonGreen would appreciate your consideration of continued investment in BACCC's work.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Amy Schnurr".

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