Mayors Budget 2024 (MO-02-23)



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Dear Members of Council,

RE: Funding for BurlingtonGreen

The Bay Area Climate Change Council ("BACCC") submits this letter in support of BurlingtonGreen's request for funding. We ask that the City of Burlington make a multi-year financial commitment in support of BurlingtonGreen's impactful environmental work.

BACCC is a multi-sector collective of organizations across Hamilton and Burlington who have come together to catalyze climate action in our communities. Members of BACCC and our implementation teams represent organizations in the municipal, non-profit, education and private sectors, and include citizen and Indigenous representatives. BACCC works to develop and advocate for climate change policies that reduce emissions in buildings, transportation networks, and local industry within the Hamilton and Burlington Bay Area region, in order to reach net zero carbon by 2050.

BurlingtonGreen is the "go-to" grassroots environmental organization in Burlington, with more than 15 years of extensive, impactful, community-based work advancing Burlington's climate and other environmental goals. BurlingtonGreen provides tremendous value to the City of Burlington and its residents through community-engagement and a unique awareness, advocacy, and action approach.

Together, BurlingtonGreen and BACCC collaborate to advance the City of Burlington's ambitious and critically important Climate Action Plan priorities. BurlingtonGreen and BACCC work together to amplify the efforts of our individual organizations, achieving a greater impact than we could acting alone. As a founding member of BACCC, BurlingtonGreen also offers invaluable advisory support to our organization, shaping our mission, function, strategy, and impact.

BACCC fully supports BurlingtonGreen's request for multi-year municipal funding. Funding for environmental organizations like BACCC and BurlingtonGreen is needed now more than ever as the window to act closes, and our communities face the escalating impacts of climate change. The City of Burlington has set ambitious and important climate targets, and our organizations are needed to ensure that we reach our target of net zero carbon by 2050.





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We thank the Council for its consideration. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you would like further information.

Sincerely,

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