

We are from People for Climate Action - Seattle and we are writing to you today about the 2022 Budget. We are happy that the Mayor and the Council have worked together to provide a significant amount of additional funding in this year's budget for greenhouse gas reduction and climate justice policies. However, the reality is that Seattle is not on track to achieve its 2030 emissions reduction goal and we must ensure the budget invests adequately to meet the urgency of climate change.

The climate challenge is not one we can wait until later to work on. The impacts of climate change are coming sooner than anticipated, and they are more severe. To take just one example, the drought, if it continues, will severely impact our food supply. The Council and the City have committed to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 58% by 2030, and be carbon neutral by 2050. As OSE has observed, this will require a **reduction rate 17 times larger than our current rate.**

The Mayor's proposed budget allocates \$14.4 million to climate spending. This is a great start, but it is not enough to get us on track to meet our climate goals. Originally, JumpStart promised 9% to be dedicated to climate and the Green New Deal. That would be \$21 million, not \$14.4 million. We ask that the funding be raised to \$21 million. Further, **we ask for a dedicated and ongoing source of funding that is tied to a climate justice and greenhouse gas reduction plan that will meet Seattle greenhouse gas reduction goals.**

Thanks very much,

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