

Dear Mayor Harrell,

I'm writing on behalf of People for Climate Action-Seattle (PCA-S) once again. We sent a letter on August 3 asking you to preserve JumpStart funding for the purposes it was intended; i.e., affordable housing and addressing climate crisis issues, rather than using the funds to fill in gaps in the City Budget. Though we requested a thoughtful response we have not heard back from you or someone in your office.

We understand that you and CM Mosqueda have agreed to use JumpStart funds over the next couple of years to help the City get through the \$140 million budget deficit, after which you have agreed to find other revenue sources for the City Budget so that JumpStart revenue can in fact be used for affordable housing and climate mitigation measures.

In our August 3rd letter we also asked you to appoint a Deputy Mayor on Climate. Climate crisis issues need to be at the top of the list of issues to be addressed by your administration. Without a stable climate, clean air, clean water and a healthy environment it may be impossible to address other pressing problems such as homelessness and increasing gun violence.

We urge you to resurrect the city's Climate Action Plan which was last updated in 2013 and evaluated in 2018 and revitalize it to be used as a working document to guide the city's actions to decrease GHG emissions, improve resilience, and to provide a dashboard to measure, evaluate and report to the public steps taken, progress made, and ongoing plans to work towards meeting the city's climate goals of decreasing GHG emissions 58% by 2030 and 80% by 2050.

We understand your job is challenging and you're juggling many balls. Please let us know that you understand the importance of appropriately addressing climate issues NOW. Time is of the essence.

We look forward to hearing back from you with the steps you're prepared to take to address the existential crisis of our times.