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American Cities Climate Challenge
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To Whom it May Concern,

The Minneapolis [Community Environmental Advisory Commission \(CEAC\)](#) is submitting this letter of support for the City of Minneapolis to be one of the 20 cities accepted into the American Cities Climate Challenge. Since 1990, CEAC has advised the Minneapolis Mayor and City Council on matters of environmental impact. With climate change being the greatest environmental challenge of our lifetime, CEAC has been dedicating much of its efforts on supporting and advancing City policies and programs to mitigate its impact on climate change.

CEAC was formed to assist and advise the City on its environmental efforts with a strong focus on sustainability issues. The committee has up to 19 volunteer members including residents, representatives from environmental advocacy groups, technical environmental experts and representatives from industries or companies having a major impact on the environment, as well as three government agency appointments.

In the past eight years alone, CEAC has played a significant role in the development of the Minneapolis Climate Action Plan; the creation of a Green Zone initiative and establishment of two Green Zones; the approval of an increase in the utility franchise fee to raise funds for energy efficiency and clean energy projects; and the adoption of the 100% Renewable Electricity resolution. Currently, the Climate and Energy working group of CEAC is supporting staff in the update to the City's Green Fleet Policy, with specific attention on the aggressive adoption of electric vehicles in the municipal fleet. CEAC has contributed content to the Minneapolis 2040 comprehensive plan update, and will be developing zoning recommendations for the inclusion of EV-ready parking stalls in off-street parking.

CEAC is continually at the table with Minneapolis staff and elected leaders, pushing the envelope on climate change to do more and do it sooner. If selected for the challenge, CEAC will ensure that Minneapolis action on climate change makes Bloomberg Philanthropies proud of making Minneapolis part of the American Cities Climate Challenge.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this letter of recommendation.

Sincerely,

Erin Niehoff, Chair

Minneapolis Community Environmental Advisory Commission