

To the TIO committee holding this city's future in its hands. My name is Matthew Meloy and I am a 21 year old lifelong resident of Kansas City. I am writing to you because the impacts of climate change are knocking at our front door. The stakes for our planet have never been higher. The world is warming, sea levels are rising, and various alarming impacts of climate are occurring faster and more robustly than predicted. It is a global crisis that requires solutions on all scales, across every sector. What is essential in making any systemic change is collective action and starting from the roots.

This council needs a strategic and outlined plan that does not pander to those seeking real change. Reading Resolution No. 200005 I am discouraged by its vague nature, wording, and weak goals. As a city I know we can do better to truly make Kansas City a national leader in the cause for ecological justice.

The climate crisis is an issue that has been on the forefront of my interests and passions and has followed me to my higher studies. I am a junior currently studying Architecture and Environmental studies at Tulane University in New Orleans. I was 9 years old when the first Climate Protection Plan was passed. The goals for this resolution were not met. This only shows the seriousness with which this issue is being taken and lack of comprehensive action on issues that are systematically incorporated into our lives. More vigorous and accountable action is needed. A real solution should be approached with determination and imagination, one that forgoes the idea that we cannot do it, because we **MUST** do it.