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The Environmental Management Commission (EMC) recommends adoption of the Climate Protection and Resiliency Plan. The current Plan is the next step toward a viable future for us and our descendants. If we are to rise to meet the challenges that we already face and the changes that are coming, we have to set goals, formulate plans, and take action.

The City of Kansas City's intentionality is essential to foster collaboration between ideas and action, to bridge tensions between familiarity and innovation, and to remove barriers and enable opportunities.

The EMC has consistently advocated for regeneration of natural ecosystems including water, soil, and air; maximizing local resource efficiency including local food production and reuse of local goods and materials; and reduction of poisons and pollutants including compounds that contribute to climate change.

When making recommendations to the Mayor and Council, the EMC has grappled with concerns about impacts disproportionately borne by disadvantaged communities as a result of action or inaction. Elected City leaders play an indispensable role addressing these concerns as decisions are made about how to mitigate both environmental and economic hardships.

In conclusion, the EMC urges the Transportation, Infrastructure, and Operations Committee to vote in favor of Resolution #220596.