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[Our Climate Letter of Support for Electrification.pdf](#) 

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To the Shoreline City Council,

As a former Shoreline resident, and Washington Field Representative for Our Climate (a youth-led environmental organization), I would like to give you our support to **phase out fossil fuels within new constructions in Shoreline.**

I hope that by reading this letter, the Shoreline City Council will clearly see the urgent need to take immediate action steps to mitigate the effects of climate change as soon as possible - for the sake of our most vulnerable community members and for the next generation.

Growing up in Shoreline, I have always admired the city's dedication to providing its residents with green spaces, and their commitment in creating and fostering safe spaces for its diverse community. I hope that the city continues to carry on this tradition and maintain these same values.

Please see the letter attached.

Thank you for your consideration,

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Dear Shoreline City Council and Shoreline Clerk,

On behalf of the members of Generation Z, Our Climate strongly supports the proposed efforts to look at policies that will phase out the use of fossil fuels in new construction.

Our Climate is an organization that mobilizes young people across the United States to pass bold, equitable, and science-based climate policy. Tackling greenhouse gas emissions from our county's buildings is imperative if we are to make progress with our climate goals.

From our work with fellow youth activists, it has become clear to our organization that many members of Generation Z are suffering from *climate anxiety*. As their senior generation, it is our duty to protect them and their futures from the dire consequences of climate change - and it begins with untangling ourselves from the use of fossil fuels within incorporated infrastructures in your community.

As an organization that advocates for science-based and equitable policies, we would like to place an emphasis on climate change's heavy impact on marginalized members of our community. Youth members hope that Shoreline City Council will curate and support policies that take this disproportionate weight upon minority groups into account, while including the group's involvement throughout the process of passing policies that phases out fossil fuels in new construction.

We support the efforts of Shoreline City Council to look at policies that would phase out the use of fossil fuels in new construction, which would ensure clean, safe, all-electric buildings for everyone. We are thankful that on August 16, Council will be discussing first steps in developing such a policy.

Electrifying buildings will improve health and safety for Shoreline workers and residents. Our Climate urges the Shoreline City Council to move forward with its discussions to develop policies that would phase out the use of fossil fuels in new construction.

Thank you for your time and consideration, we hope you make the right decisions for the sake of our next generation of leaders.

**Jade Lauw, Washington Field Representative**  
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