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Since Mr. Medvigy has taken one of my statements in a way I did not expect, I'd like to clarify that I'm asking council members to learn about the issue of climate change in order to understand the scale of impacts and the urgency of taking action, not to go get an education as he has suggested.

Thank you,  
Karissa

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Hello,

I am concerned with the Council's commentary today focusing on EVs, which is a very small part of the equation when looking at climate solutions. No single individual has to shoulder the burden when you invest in public transportation and micromobility infrastructure. On a side note, there are also great tax credits and rebates for EV's right now (\$6,500 starting in

August). Furthermore, the monologue about impacts and being pragmatic to protect the most vulnerable is completely misguided given the data showing that the most vulnerable in our community are hurt the most by climate impacts and pollution. I find the loud ignorance from elected officials at this stage in the climate crisis to be incredibly frustrating and ask those of you who will be here to adopt the climate policies in 2025 to educate yourselves.

I am also increasingly disturbed by the Chair's efforts to continue greenwashing the heavy industrial railroad plan. Parametrix just showed you that 75% of the GHGs in the AFLU are from net forest carbon loss. This means we need to stop decimating carbon sequestering forest, such as the forest parcel in Chelatchie you voted to put the illegal SMO on. Talk about propaganda, Mr. Medvigy! Opening up land for more extraction will never be a climate solution no matter how you spin it. We aren't falling for it, so please give it up.

Street parking will be the least of anyone's concerns as we experience food price spikes from extreme climate events and drought that destroys our food supply, most of which is imported. California is currently burning, and the Colorado River Basin is drying up. These impacts will only get worse which means the last thing we should be doing is continuing to take out our own farmland. I ask that the Council take this emergency that \*global scientific consensus tells us literally threatens all life on planet Earth\* seriously by focusing much more heavily on the impacts already in the pipeline and what happens if we do nothing to mitigate or prepare for it, rather than focusing on impacts that at some point you will look back and understand were incredibly trivial. Our children and grandchildren will be judging us for what we did during this crucial time period. None of them will thank you for your false "pragmatism". I'll tell my daughter that, among other things, I worked to educate our elected officials on the climate crisis and boot the science deniers the hell out of office.

Thank you,  
Karissa Halstrom