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<u>City Council</u>	<u><a href="#">INT-1 20-0642 A2Zero Carbon Neutrality Governance Plan, Prioritization Framework, and Investment Scenario</a></u>	<u><a href="#">Luis Vazquez</a></u>	Please vote yes to support A2Zero goals and objectives. The current COVID-19 pandemic will pass eventually, but the effects of climate change on our community are likely to last for generations. Now is the time to act!	Support	05-18-2020 03:39 pm
<u>City Council</u>	<u><a href="#">INT-1 20-0642 A2Zero Carbon Neutrality Governance Plan, Prioritization Framework, and Investment Scenario</a></u>	<u><a href="#">Kit McCullough</a></u>	I support the Carbon Neutrality Plan. This living document, prepared with extensive community input, gives us the necessary guidance to meet one of our highest priority policy goals.	Support	05-18-2020 12:35 pm
<u>City Council</u>	<u><a href="#">INT-1 20-0642 A2Zero Carbon Neutrality Governance Plan, Prioritization Framework, and Investment Scenario</a></u>	<u><a href="#">Charles Compton</a></u>	Please remove the A2Zero plan from the Consent Agenda, and postpone it for several months. We are life-long supporters of environmental action. But this "plan" in its current form is not viable. Carbon neutrality is a laudable goal. However, this plan relies on theory and assumptions which are not proven and true. For example, eliminating R-1 zoning (page 78) without imposing strict carbon-neutral building requirements will actually increase the City's carbon footprint. The possible consequences need to be evaluated in terms of the real impact on the current tax-paying residents of Ann Arbor, as well as carbon neutrality. We realize that pushing the A2Zero Plan forward right now is highly political. We understand that to vote for a delay will be turned into a negative sound-bite. It takes courage and leadership to pause and consider the context and implications of a plan. A2Zero deserves full and reasoned consideration, and needs some modification. L M Borset & C P Compton Ward 5	Oppose	05-18-2020 12:14 pm
<u>City Council</u>	<u><a href="#">INT-1 20-0642 A2Zero Carbon Neutrality Governance Plan, Prioritization Framework, and Investment Scenario</a></u>	<u><a href="#">Ilene Tyler</a></u>	While I hope to deliver my comments live during the meeting, I want to make sure my voice of support is registered here, too. We are in a climate emergency, and this plan provides a comprehensive guide for achieving real results. We need to adopt the plan now as a	Support	05-18-2020 08:15 am

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framework for future decisions, and negotiate its implementation and budgets as we enthusiastically and confidently move forward.

I ask you to please work together to implement changes to reduce our fair city's carbon footprint. Our children's future depend on your actions and vision. I and others will be watching closely and will support political leaders with the resolve to support action against climate change. No plan is perfect but having no plan is not acceptable.

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[Judith Nikolai](#)

Despite the immediate fiscal concerns we face as a community, the challenges of climate change will not recede because of the pandemic. Keep your eyes on the prize... Ann Arbor must address the urgent need to move to carbon neutrality now!

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[Milt Baker](#)

Honorable Mayor Taylor and Council-you have shown bold and decisive leadership in declaring a climate emergency and we thank you. Please continue to show your strong commitment on this issue by supporting the A2Zero Carbon Neutrality Governance Plan. While there may be parts of the plan that require further refinement, please find ways to support the overall plan. There will be obstacles on the journey to carbon zero, but the obstacles pale in comparison to doing nothing. We have seen what happens on a national level with lack of leadership. You are the front line way the citizens of AA can make progress on this issue. Please show your leadership and recognition of this issue by supporting the governance plan. The future of all of us, our children, and grandchildren hangs in the balance and your leadership can do something about it.

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My thinking always returns to the science. The world's carbon budget for averting 2 degrees Celsius heating is almost gone, taking into account feedbacks like Arctic permafrost melt, and also the principle of global equity and justice, which dictates that rich countries must decarbonize more quickly to allow poor countries more carbon budget to catch up. I wish we had more time, but we don't. This is my (older) generation's great failure. Now we must basically end emissions all at once to avoid the worst impacts. Little Ann Arbor can't solve this global problem, but neither can we shed our responsibility. And we can be an example. I don't like everything in this plan, but its framers drafted it responsibly, quantifying each action's impact by cost and emission savings, not hedging on the necessary steps, difficult as they are. In this way the plan is exemplary, and to my knowledge, unique. The focus on equity and justice is laudable. Above all, it's a living plan, accountable to us.

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[City Council](#) [CA-7 20-0636 Resolution Adopting the Living A2Zero Ann Arbor Carbon Neutrality Plan](#)

[Luis Vazquez](#)

Ann Arbor cannot afford to wait any longer to take action to reduce our carbon footprint. Please vote yes on this Agenda item.

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Objections to this plan are fourfold: It spends too much on actions with minimal emissions impact; it overly relies on state government for enabling legislation; there is little overall emission reduction in the first five years; and the plan's density elements do not take into account embedded emissions, i.e. the carbon impact of concrete production. All true, but not properly framed. Most of these problems are not the plan's fault, but are due to our failure to address carbon emissions earlier. On the first, many of the low-impact actions enable the high-impact ones, and can't be decoupled. And we must get to zero

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emissions anyway. Two, the plan offers a plausible plan for the necessary legislation to ultimately select a clean electricity provider. Three, city-wide electrification is a necessary first stage, even though it will not show emission reduction until we have clean electricity. And four, there is a carbon price to pay for emission reductions. The plan is flexible; adopt it.

<u>City Council</u>	<u>PH-2 20-0582 Resolution to Approve The Garnet PUD Site Plan and Development Agreement, 325 East Summit Street (CPC Recommendation: Approval - 8 Yeas and 0 Nays)</u>	<u>Luis Vazquez</u>	The developer has jumped through so many hoops to get this project going. Time to approve.	Support	05-18-2020 03:45 pm
<u>City Council</u>	<u>DC-3 20-0594 Resolution to Appoint Rita Mitchell to the Environmental Commission</u>	<u>Ken Garber</u>	I support Rita Mitchell's appointment to the Environmental Commission. Rita has been constantly and constructively engaged in a variety of local environmental issues. Excellent choice.	Support	05-17-2020 08:20 pm
<u>City Council</u>	<u>DC-7 20-0623 Resolution in Support of the Medicare for All Act of 2019</u>	<u>John Moran</u>	I urge Council to adopt this excellent Resolution DC-7. After 9-11, trillions were spent to respond to the tragedy of 3K lost lives; yet every year 30K Americans die from inadequate insurance. That's 600K deaths since 9-11. Leaders of both parties that spared no expense re: 9-11 say we can't afford to address the annual tragedy of 30K deaths. Fact is we can't afford the inefficient and morally bankrupt system the Unaffordable Care Act seeks to preserve by "reform" & government subsidy. "Competition" has NOT lowered cost. Medicare for All is EFFICIENT, saving huge administrative costs to government, doctors & business of our current incoherent payment system. Moreover, Medicare for All is HUMANE, in keeping with America's moral vision of the value of every individual's life and health. Americans realize this. I hope passing this resolution will awaken	Support	05-18-2020 03:57 pm

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<a href="#"><u>City Council</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>DC-7 20-0623 Resolution in Support of the Medicare for All Act of 2019</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Mishaal Muqaddam</u></a>	I do support Medicare for All in principle, I just find this to be a "feel good", "virtue signalling" resolution that will not change our circumstances here in Ann Arbor.  Healthcare is a human right. The US government's failure to acknowledge this has resulted in avoidable misery in the forms of deaths, illnesses, and bankruptcy from medical bills. The COVID-19 pandemic has amplified and will continue to amplify this issue. However, we can have a better system than our current, cruel non-system. A system where healthcare is not tied to an employer or determined by how much money one has. Ann Arbor City Council must show support for its citizens by supporting Medicare for All.	Support	05-18-2020 01:12 pm
<a href="#"><u>City Council</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>DC-7 20-0623 Resolution in Support of the Medicare for All Act of 2019</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Richard Frazin</u></a>	I see our city and small businesses, and now, the newly unemployed, struggling with healthcare costs. Our country needs single player healthcare to guarantee access and control costs. Every other advanced country, including the European nations and Israel, does this. COVID19 has exposed even more profoundly deeply flawed nature of employer-based healthcare coverage.	Support	05-18-2020 11:32 am
<a href="#"><u>City Council</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>DC-8 20-0665 Resolution Regarding FY21 Budget and Financial Recovery Plan</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Luis Vazquez</u></a>	This is a time when we need to be supporting affordable housing and our community organizations who help those with the least resources. I urge Council to vote NO!	Oppose	05-18-2020 03:53 pm
<a href="#"><u>City Council</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>DC-8 20-0665 Resolution Regarding FY21 Budget and Financial Recovery Plan</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Kit McCullough</u></a>	I am alarmed that council would propose eliminating desperately needed dedicated funding for affordable housing, sustainability, and pedestrian safety. The pandemic has shown us how critical affordable shelter,	Oppose	05-18-2020 12:43 pm

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sustainability, and active mobility are for a resilient community to be able to weather a crisis. We have received advice from our senior staff about how we can be prepared and have a fiscally conservative plan in place for coping with budget shortfalls and I believe we should follow their well reasoned recommendations.