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RE: Climate Protection and Resiliency Plan Proposal

This plan heard today to ultimately ban natural gas is tone deaf and is out of touch with everyday people who struggle to keep up with the soaring costs of living. It's also just one more thing to worry about. Please look at who is speaking out against it: regular citizens and people speaking on behalf of thousands, thankfully.

1. This ordinance, instead of increasing energy options, limits them for us. Nobody ever wants fewer choices. **Ask us, the utility customers, if we want more, or fewer energy options.** Just like any other product, when you have less of it, the price goes up - much like a monopoly with no competition. Even Evergy recognizes the harm. Marginalized communities will suffer.
2. Many of stakeholder groups, neighborhoods and industry experts **have simply not been a part of the early conversations in any meaningful way.** Instead, we are left to react to it in the final hours while special interest groups sat at the planning table again. We hope that you listen to us now.
3. Many of us know that the cost of heating with natural gas has been much cheaper than electricity, in addition to being reliable. We do not want to be like California or New York.

Natural gas customers are watching this process unfold that will impact their families.

I hope you hear the voice of the people, and chose to increase our energy options, and instead of the phrase, "...to run on clean electricity instead of natural gas" replace it with "to run on clean energy". That's what people will accept, a choice.

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