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i my name is Jakob and I live in the 4th district. I am writing to ask City Council to vote YES on the Climate Protection and Resiliency Plan WITHOUT ANY WEAKENING AMENDMENTS OR CHANGES. We deserve a climate plan that will not only uplift our environment, but also uplift our communities. Kansas Citians deserve a climate framework that endorses green social housing, closing the Hawthorn Coal Plant, maximizing convenient and accessible public transit, and electrifying our homes and buildings to protect the most vulnerable people.

As written, this plan calls on the City do everything in its power to hold Evergy accountable to closing the Hawthorn Coal Plant, the biggest polluter in Kansas City. 35,000 people live within a three-mile radius of this plant, 62% of whom are low-income and the majority are Black, brown, and people of color. This single coal plant is responsible for 25% of the city's emissions. **The plan, as written, holds Evergy accountable to closing Hawthorn no later than 2025. Any delay beyond this date is out of line with the latest climate science from the IPCC, which says we must cut our emissions in half by 2025.** In addition, equitable building decarbonization and investments in renewable energy will bring down utility costs for renters, protect indoor air quality, and ensure that Kansas City is prepared for an energy transition. The state has already pre-empted cities from banning natural gas. Any notion that the CPRP eliminates gas is a lie. In reality, the CPRP promotes energy choice by giving the people greater access to clean, cheap, renewable energy.

This plan reflects hundreds of public comments supporting common sense climate justice policies that are rooted in everyday people's experience, aligned with the latest climate science, and reflect the priorities of our city from southern Jackson County to north of the river. **We are counting on you to give us a livable future and a city that protects the most vulnerable. Pass the CPRP without any weakening, industry-backed amendments.**

**Don't give in to the corruption, energy efficiency is good for our communities.**

-Jakob