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**Date:** Thursday, February 9, 2023 at 10:22:18 PM Pacific Standard Time  
**From:**   
**To:** Heidi Lueb  
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Hi Ms. Mayor,

Yes, these are the responses to public comment that I try to get out by end of the week in order to meet Kathy's deadline of Monday morning for Tuesday's council report.

Normally, the follow ups come from me or the most knowledgeable staff person, but in the case of Mr. Smith and Mr. Holgate, Kenny and Emily wrote the responses (subject experts) and indicated I should send the response from you. When a 'regular' teammate asks for anything connected to you, my first question is always "did the mayor approve that?" but with Directors, I defer. This is a good example for pushing back – even if it's a Director asking me.

Emily has spoken with Mr. Holgate at length and has identified him as an interested party for future involvement. And now that I've had a chance to catch up on emails, I see that Councilor Singh wrote a response to Mr. Smith, and I had also written him to invite him to watch the Feb. 21<sup>st</sup> Council Meeting when Council is set to discuss climate/resilience.

Courtney Furman in Engineering wrote to the 3<sup>rd</sup> public commenter (Mr. Martini) and is sending a crew out to add better pavement markings and she invited him to meet with her to walk & talk about the area in front of his home that is most concerning.

Public comment is one of the areas I really focus on so that constituents know they are heard and responded to after reaching out to city council. I'm still trying to find that groove for your preferences on public comment and not over-helping with responses.

I'll talk with Kathy on Monday about amending her deadline so I don't have to press staff to address issues brought to public comment. I'm happy to work the process you're envisioning.

I'm sorry I didn't run those by you first and it won't happen again.



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**From:** Heidi Lueb <[heidil@tigard-or.gov](mailto:heidil@tigard-or.gov)>

**Sent:** Thursday, February 9, 2023 9:34 PM

**Subject:** FW: RE: Tigard Action on Climate Change

Hi 

I don't remember approving this message to go out on my behalf – do you know what happened and how it got sent out?

Heidi



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Mr. Holgate,

Thank you for submitting public comment to the City Council with your climate concerns, both at our recent meeting and with your email of January 31<sup>st</sup>. We truly appreciate your involvement on this pressing issue, and your vote of confidence. We have plenty of work ahead, and time is short. The Council is working on finalizing its goals for the next two years and I think you'll be pleased to know that climate response remains one of our highest priorities.

We agree that better health, and a more equitable and economically robust city, are possible if we do this work well. It will take continued collaboration with supportive ity members like yourself, and I would like to thank you again for your

advocacy.

Best,

Heidi Lueb, Mayor



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**From:** Steve Holgate <[stephenwholgate@gmail.com](mailto:stephenwholgate@gmail.com)>

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**Subject:** Tigard Action on Climate Change

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Dear Members of the Tigard City Council

You were kind enough to allow me to speak to you some time ago on the critical need to act against climate change. As you consider policy proposals on this issue, I would like to try your patience a bit further by following up with this letter.

As I mentioned at the time of my testimony, I grew up in Tigard and, though I now live in unincorporated Washington County, I still consider it the home of my heart.

The imperative to act against climate change couldn't be more clear. But analysis and planning are needed to identify the most effective actions. From what I have seen of the proposals going to the council, this kind of work is well under way. These measures promise not only to protect the health and safety of your constituents, but will help Tigard attract the kind of young, entrepreneurial workers who will lend dynamism and growth to the local economy.

None of these measures come cheaply. A lack of action, though, will prove even more costly. The council is faced with the choice of paying for the solution or paying for the disaster. The latter will prove far more expensive for Tigard residents than the former. And, if Tigard presents a strong plan for reducing greenhouse gasses, there may be substantial federal assistance from the IRA.

It's true that, in the context of global climate change, Tigard's role is relatively small. But this crisis calls on all of us to act, to do our part. We can't avoid our responsibility to contribute what we can.

The council's seriousness in considering climate change is truly admirable. I have confidence that you will make the decisions necessary to address this, the most important issue of our time.

Best Regards,  
Steve Holgate

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