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Dear mayor and city council members —

We understand the impacts that the current health crisis will have to the City's budget. You are being asked to plan for a future with a reduced budget for climate and resilience initiatives. We would like to remind you that while we are experiencing a health crisis and a potential economic crisis, your council has also recognized that we are in a climate crisis which requires us to step up and lead for other communities that will have fewer direct impacts from climate change. To that end, we understand the need to put off certain work in the short-term (tree plan, CARP communications plan) and we understand that some capital projects can move forward with a reduced budget (Veteran's Court). However, we support moving forward on the hiring of the Sustainability and Resiliency Manager as soon as possible as these staff resources will allow us to take advantage of grant opportunities to ensure that our projects are "shovel-ready." We also support moving forward on the DePave Park feasibility study to ensure that we don't lose momentum on this important project.

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