

To: Chairperson Kurth and Transportation Committee members  
From: Michael and Patricia Allen, Florence Climate Emergency Campaign  
Date: November 21, 2023  
Subject: Climate Petition

We now have 1,841 signatories on our climate petition from city residents, area residents and visitors from all over the county, state, country and the world. There are 95 more signatures since I last presented the petition to you in September. Check out all the names to see who you recognize.

In signing the petition they all believe, as we do, that climate change is an emergency that demands an urgent response by our City and the community at large as well as others across the country and around the world.

Many of our signatories are in key positions in city government to meet the demands of the petition. They include three members of the City Council, two members of the Planning Commission, four members of the EMAC, and two members of the Transportation Committee.

They also come from leadership positions in our city and the surrounding area. They are church leaders, school board members, teachers in our schools, commissioners for the Siuslaw Watershed Council, business members of the Chamber of Commerce, etc., etc..

Visitors from out of town enthusiastically signed the petition as shown by the photos. We had a physics professor from Oregon University who pondered why our Mayor and City Council refuse to address the climate crisis, or to acknowledge that it is happening. He wasn't alone in his quandary. Many came from city's and towns that have stepped up to the challenge. They have declared climate emergencies, developed climate action plans, and best of all, hired sustainability specialists to implement the plans.

As you begin a new work plan cycle filled with many opportunities to address climate change we are open to meeting with you to discuss the request in the petition and ways we can be of help.

Thank you for your attention in this most important matter.

Respectively,

Michael and Patricia Allen  
and an additional 1,839 signatories

Attachment: Climate Petition as of November 20, 2023

*CLIMATE CHANGE – It goes in cycles until it doesn't*

