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Subject: [EXTERNAL] A Public Comment for the Climate Action Subcommittee Meeting on 9/8/2021

Hello, my name is Nicholas. First, I would like to thank the climate action committee for advancing climate action in this city. I am currently a sophomore, age 15, and have lived here for almost a decade. Though I have been lightly affected by climate change, it was strong enough for me to develop a stronger passion for dealing with this situation. The fires in this county which have become more common due to climate change have gradually affected me, until last year when the LNU complex fires were one mile away from our home. I will never forget those evacuated 10 days in cramped hotels, where I had to juggle the fear of losing everything whilst focusing on online school. A sign currently resides near our home regarding fire danger and has been stuck on *highly likely* for the past season. This is not normal. In addition to me being affected by it directly, I am passionate about climate change prevention because our kids, our future generations, and us for the next decades should be given an earth that is the same, if not in better quality. This is why I believe that the current youth should be able to make a larger difference in this issue. I am requesting the committee consider adding a youth member to the subcommittee so that our voices can be heard in decisions about our future.