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Protect Flagstaff's Carbon Neutrality Plan next Tuesday at City Hall

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FLAGSTAFF, Ariz. – The Northern Arizona Climate Change Alliance (NAZCCA) is encouraging residents of Flagstaff and Coconino County to protect the Carbon Neutrality Plan by attending the Flagstaff City Council meeting on Tuesday, March 26 at 3 p.m. at City Hall.

The City of Flagstaff's Carbon Neutrality Plan (CNP) sets a goal for the community to achieve net zero carbon emissions by 2030. It was adopted after thousands of residents came together to take meaningful climate action. The CNP—including its goal to achieve carbon neutrality by 2030—was amended into Flagstaff's Regional Plan in 2021. The CNP also guides Coconino County in its Comprehensive Plan and regional planning for other cities in its jurisdiction.

The CNP is under threat by a group of climate skeptics who are proposing to add priorities for wildfire, flooding, and drought. Adding these priorities would divert essential funding and prevent the City from its goal of achieving carbon neutrality by 2030. And funding for these priorities are largely funded by other City, County, and U.S. Forest Service agencies.

“The group proposing to change the CPN has a website that describes the plan as a ‘futile effort’,” said NAZCCA's Regional Field Organizer Jason Kordosky. “It is clear they do not care for our City and County's efforts to slow climate change. That's why we need everyone in the community to show up!”

Flagstaff and Coconino County residents are encouraged to attend the City Council meeting next Tuesday at 3 p.m. to demonstrate support for our climate and the CPN in its current form. The meeting is at Flagstaff City Hall (300 W. Aspen Ave.). Community members who wish to speak on the issue should show up before 3 p.m. to fill out a public comment card and note they wish to speak on the CPN agenda item. Residents should also email their public comments in support of the CPN in its current form to publiccomment@flagstaffaz.gov.

NAZCCA is hosting a live-stream presentation by Bill McKibben on the same day, starting at 4 p.m., across the street in the Conference Room of the Flagstaff Downtown Library (300 W. Aspen Ave.). The presentation is part of NAZCCA's Speaker Series: Climate Talks for Everyone, and all participants are encouraged to attend before or after public comments on the agenda item.

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