

Hello,

Providing information to Council Bill 21-0075R - Global Warming Solutions - Carbon Neutral City

My name is Dave Arndt and I am a resident of Locust Point.

We all know that climate change is happening and will cause many events that will have a dramatic negative effect on the City of Baltimore. Such as tidal flooding, large storms and precipitation events – causing flooding, sink holes, sewage discharges, etc., heat events - causing heat strokes and air quality issues. These events will be very costly to Baltimore both in the health and quality of life of its residents' and in cost to prevent or repair.

The problem with "carbon neutrality by 2050" is that 2050 is too far off and it gives local polluters a free pass to continue polluting while questionably "offsetting" those emissions elsewhere in the globe, often with problematic and sketchy offset schemes.

A solution would be to add tangible items like what is found in the [Prince George's County Board of Education Climate Change Action Plan](#):

100% Clean Sourced Electricity by 2030;

100% Clean Energy in all energy sectors, including heating, ventilation, air conditioning (HVAC), and cooking, by 2040;

100% Clean Transportation, by 2040;

100% Zero Food Waste by 2030; and

100% Zero Landfill Waste by 2040;

Another real solution would be to end incineration and the Vicinity Energy downtown district heating system that is pouring pollutants into Baltimore's air. Their steam loop provides steam heat by burning natural gas and using steam from Wheelabrator's trash incinerator. Wheelabrator and Vicinity are responsible for a combined 48% of the city's industrial GHG emissions.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide my input.