



City Council

September 2, 2025
Packet Addendum #1

From: [Don Parcher](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: Please support retention of EPA's endangerment finding
Date: Tuesday, September 2, 2025 1:51:49 PM

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I believe climate action is the most important issue we face because I believe we may have passed the point of no return for saving life on Earth, so, I believe we need to do all we can to fight climate change. Opposing doing away with the EPA's endangerment finding seems like an obvious step the Louisville City Council can and should take, for all of us and especially our children, our grandchildren and generations to come.

Thank you,
Don Parcher

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Volunteer for 350Colorado, Citizens' Climate Lobby, BoCoDems, Red Cross, Cultivate, Boulder County Adult Protection Review Team, AARP SmartDriver, Classrooms for Climate Action and TimeBank Boulder. Please check out my [checklist for helping to save life on Earth](#).

From: [Cathern Smith](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: Please comment on EPA's Proposed Recission
Date: Tuesday, September 2, 2025 10:27:09 AM

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Dear Mayor Leh and Members of City Council,

Rather than sit silent as the current EPA attempts to gut the existing endangerment finding - a legal and scientific keystone of green house gas emission regulation, let's meet the moment with a robust comment.

Because the Administrative Procedures Act requires the EPA to address each substantively unique comment, the most impactful approach is to draft our own comment. Due to the myriad impacts of the Marshall Fire upon our community and the current EPA's downplaying of the costs of extreme weather events, part of the City's comment should talk about the social and fiscal costs of the Marshall fire. We have a unique perspective on the impacts of extreme weather events whose intensity and frequency are increasing due to climate change. Hopefully, there are existing reports (or easily gathered data) that can be attached to the City's comment.

Thanks for taking this up.
Best,

Cathern Smith
Ward 3

From: [Katie Lacz](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: Please support retention of EPA's endangerment finding
Date: Tuesday, September 2, 2025 10:19:09 AM

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Dear City Council,

I am writing to encourage you to please publicly support retention of EPA's endangerment finding regarding greenhouse gas emissions and send that support to the proper channels of the federal government. The repeal of the endangerment finding would be disastrous for efforts to mitigate the climate crisis, and support for the finding voiced by the City Council on behalf of the people of Louisville would have a greater impact than our individual voices. Louisville clearly cares about climate change and has experienced the devastation that our warming climate causes. Please do the right thing and be our voice on this issue. Thank you for your time and hard work.

Sincerely,

Katie Lacz
874 W Mulberry St

From: [Robert P. Muckle](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: Open Space Funding
Date: Monday, September 1, 2025 10:23:02 PM
Attachments: [OpenSpaceBudget2026.pdf](#)

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Dear Members of City Council

Please see attached a letter from the Louisville Open Space Advocates regarding Open Space funding in the 2026 budget.

Thanks for your consideration.

Bob Muckle

Subject: Invest in All Louisville Green Spaces

Dear City Council Members,

We, the Louisville Open Space Advocates, deeply appreciate your ongoing support for our city's green spaces. Open Space and Parks together form the backbone of our community's connection to nature, environmental health, and civic identity. As you consider the 2026 budget, we urge you to invest in both—continuing strong support for Parks while also ensuring Open Space has the resources it needs to thrive.

Currently, Open Space receives no external funding support from the General Fund or Conservation Trust Fund beyond its share of the Open Space & Parks Sales Tax Fund and impact fees. All Open Space operations and capital projects are restricted to this limited revenue stream. In contrast, Parks benefits from significantly broader financial support, including:

An annual transfer of over ~\$1M from the General Fund

Full capital project funding from the General Fund Capital Project Fund and the Conservation Trust Fund (~\$2.4M in 2026 alone)

A new annual transfer of ~\$100K from the Conservation Trust Fund beginning in 2026 through 2028

This disparity in funding is inconsistent with the Louisville City Charter and the will of the voters expressed in the Open Space and Parks tax renewal. We ask that Council manage resources in a way that allows for meaningful investment in Open Space acquisition and restoration. This is not an issue of Parks or Open Space—it must be both.

Open Space property acquisitions, despite strong community support, partnership funding, and viable city funding options, are often met with hesitation or rejection. These opportunities are time-sensitive: once lost, they are gone for good. Available funding sources include the OS Acquisition Reserve, OS Fund Balance, General Fund reserves, and the Conservation Trust Fund. Council has the ability to adjust program and project timelines and draw on reserves to make room for urgent acquisitions.

To ensure Open Space can meet growing community needs and fulfill its mission, we respectfully request increased investment in the following priorities:

New Property Acquisitions, including the Gateway Property, Coal Creek Riparian Zone parcels, and OSAB-recommended opportunities

OSAB Operations and Capital Budget Recommendations

Critical Capital Projects, such as:

Permanent water rights for Hecla Lake

In-stream flow protections for Coal Creek

Prairie restoration- especially on the hillside on Davidson Mesa for habitat improvement and fire mitigation

Fishing pond restoration

Interpretation and education facilities

Trail connections

Strategic Staffing, including:

A Grant Coordinator to pursue and administer additional revenue sources

A dedicated Open Space Project Manager with planning and implementation expertise

A PROS Department Volunteer Coordinator to support our invaluable community volunteers—Weed Whackers, Property Adopters, Citizen Scientists, and Raptor Observers

Open Space is a cornerstone of Louisville's identity and ecological resilience. With equitable support alongside Parks, Open Space can fulfill our community's and city charter's goals to:

Preserve wildlife habitat and biodiversity

Safeguard watersheds, wetlands, and natural floodplains

Maintain ecological corridors and native vegetation

Increase climate resilience

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration and your commitment to all of Louisville's green spaces.

Sincerely,

Bob Muckle

On behalf of Louisville Open Space Advocates

From: [Ken Wilson](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: Oppose EPA cancellation of action on greenhouse gas emissions
Date: Sunday, August 31, 2025 5:46:15 PM

[EXTERNAL EMAIL] From outside of City of Louisville DO NOT CLICK links or attachments unless you validate the sender and know the content is safe.

I hope you will take all possible action to express Louisville's opposition to the Environmental Protection Agency's proposal to stop regulating greenhouse gas emissions. Carbon dioxide and methane pollution are major threats to all of us. Failure to reduce their emission will irreparably damage our planetary ecosystems and endanger the lives of our children and grandchildren. I would not often advocate that our council intervene in federal matters, but in this case our citizens are directly threatened by the EPA's irresponsible proposal. Certainly the council's legislative agenda should address federal rule making that affects our climate and health. At minimum you should express our city's formal opposition to the proposed rollback before the September 22 deadline.

Ken Wilson
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From: [Laura Pederson](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: City Council must support retention of EPA's endangerment finding
Date: Sunday, August 31, 2025 4:13:10 PM

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City Council Members,

The citizens of Louisville care deeply about the environment. They prioritize the safety and well being of their children's health and safety. They have chosen to live in Louisville because they believe that the City's leaders share their commitment to these basic principles.

In today's political climate where so many norms and safeguards are being obliterated, Louisville must stand firm on basic principles.

The EPA's endangerment finding must be retained.

Thanks and Regards,

[Laura Parks-Pederson](#)

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From: [tamar krantz](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Cc: [Samma Fox](#); [Diana Langley](#)
Subject: Thanks for Agenda Item 8A. Please speak up on behalf of Louisville and our climate!
Date: Sunday, August 31, 2025 1:43:14 PM

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Dear Mayor and City Council Members,

I am so proud to see this brought up on your agenda! We all need to speak up for science and democracy! EPA's endangerment finding for GHG in 2009 was based on scientific research and is crucial to EPA's reporting requirements and regulation of GHG.

As the staff report from Deputy City Manager Samma Fox makes clear, taking the actions recommended by CC4CA would fit within our legislative agenda and would be consistent with our city's priorities. I support adding federal actions to our legislative agenda for the future. This is a great time to do so.

Please take all of the steps recommended by CC4CA.

Thanks for the great reminder to comment as an individual too.

Tamar

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Tamar Krantz
She/her

From: [H.M](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: Action against the EPA proposal to dismantle Greenhouse gases standards
Date: Sunday, August 31, 2025 12:09:54 PM

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Dear Members of the Louisville City Council,

The EPA is currently taking comments on their proposed action to repeal all greenhouse gas emissions standards—an alarming move that threatens public health, the environment, and the progress communities like ours have worked hard to achieve. I urge the Council to respond swiftly and assertively in defense of science-based climate policy.

First, please expand the scope of the Council's legislative agenda to include federal rulemaking and regulatory actions that directly affect climate change, air quality, and community health. While local initiatives are vital, federal decisions on emissions standards have far-reaching consequences for Louisville's sustainability goals and the well-being of our residents.

Second, I ask the Council to adopt a resolution reaffirming its commitment to science-based strategies for addressing climate change. This resolution should explicitly support the EPA's 2009 Endangerment Finding, which recognizes the threat greenhouse gases pose to public health and welfare. It should also reject any efforts to dismantle this foundational scientific determination or weaken the federal agencies and programs that study, educate, and act to protect us.

Third, I respectfully request that the Council submit formal comments to the EPA by the September 22 deadline, publicly reinforcing Louisville's support for the Endangerment Finding and the broader framework of evidence-based climate action. A clear statement from our city would demonstrate leadership and solidarity with our neighbors and communities nationwide that are committed to protecting future generations.

Thank you for your continued service and for considering this urgent request.

Sincerely,

Helen Moshak
Louisville Resident