



**TO:** Board of County Commissioners ("Board")  
**FROM:** Michael Wurzel, Sustainability Coordinator  
**SUBJECT:** A Resolution of Support for the CC4CA Policy Statement for 2020-2021  
**DATE:** Prepared for July 28, 2020 Board Regular Meeting

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**BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE :**

Summit County Government (SCG) has been a member of Colorado Communities for Climate Action (CC4CA) for many years. As a member, SCG has had the opportunity to weigh-in on the development of the CC4CA Policy Statement, which is updated on an annual basis to adjust the policy positions of the organization. CC4CA's 2020-2021 Policy Statement update reflects unanimous agreement among the coalition members on steps that should be taken at the state and federal level, often in partnership with local governments, to enable Colorado and its communities to lead in protecting the climate.

The proposed statements were developed through CC4CA committees, which solicited input from every member jurisdiction and then prepared updates to reflect that input. County Commissioner Karn Stiegelmeier and Sustainability Coordinator Michael Wurzel participated and provided input in these discussions. CC4CA held its all-member annual retreat to review and finalize the Policy Statement on June 19, 2020. CC4CA members did a significant amount of work to finalize the proposed statement based on the input of all member Councils and Boards and to gain the approval of all members present at the retreat. At this time, all members of CC4CA are asked to formally ratify the updated Policy Statement.

The general policy principles call for collaboration between federal, state, and local governments to advance climate action and sustainability strategies in the following areas: energy generation, energy efficiency, transportation, fossil fuel extraction, solid waste reduction, and other general policies like telecommuting and regenerative agriculture. Most of the updates are non-substantive, and none of the substantive updates significantly alter any positions. Many of the proposed changes are for grammatical purposes, to improve clarity, or maintain clarity when removing the explanatory text. CC4CA focuses on legislative, regulatory, and administrative action, supporting efforts that advance the general policy areas and opposing efforts that would weaken or undermine them.

There are several options available to the Board on how to express support for the updated Policy Statement. In the past, a board representative sent CC4CA an email indicating that SCG supports the updated Policy Statement. However, since passing the Summit Community Climate Action Plan, the BOCC decided at a work session on July 14, 2020, to approve the policy statement via a resolution of support.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION :**

After a review, staff have found that none of CC4CA's policies directly conflict with SCG's policies on sustainability, climate action, or waste reduction, so staff recommends that the Board express support CC4CA's updated Policy Statement via the attached resolution.

**ATTACHMENTS:** CC4CA 2020-2021 Policy Statement, Resolution expressing support for the 2020-2021 CC4CA Policy Statement

**CC:** Bentley Henderson, Assistant County Manager