



August 20, 2018

Mayor Steve Hagerty
2100 Ridge Avenue
Evanston, IL 60201

Subject: Rotary International's Commitment to Mayor Hagerty's Climate Action and Resilience Plan

Dear Steve,

Thank you for inviting me to the April 5th Climate Action Meeting of large employers. We are excited to join other large employers and the City in supporting the CARP initiative, and ensuring Evanston is ready for the impact of climate change.

Rotary has already taken numerous steps to reduce our environmental impact including;

Existing Climate/Energy/Sustainability Initiatives

- Achieved USGBC LEED Gold (2017, 2012)
 - 50% renewable electricity supply
 - 58% reduction in conventional commutes
 - Continuous improvements to HVAC, lighting
 - Installed electric vehicle charging stations
- EPA Energy Star Certified (9 years consecutive – 2010-2017)
- Supported City of Evanston Building Energy Benchmarking Ordinance (2016)
- Tree-planting (Clark Street Beach Bird Sanctuary - 2017)

We understand that in order for the city to meet its ambitious goals, such as 100% Clean Energy and eventual carbon neutrality, additional action is necessary from all members of the Evanston community. Therefore, we are prepared to commit to the following:

New Climate/Energy/Sustainability Commitments

- Pursue LEED Platinum status by 2022
- Reduce building energy costs by continuously improving systems efficiencies and reducing energy usage
 - Switch to LED lighting
 - Install hydronic economizer
 - Update boiler system controls
 - Replace variable frequency drives on chillers
- Source 100% of electricity from renewable sources
- Explore the possibility of:
 - Rotary serving as the anchor subscriber to a community solar project which would enable other Evanston businesses, residents and Rotary employees to subscribe
 - Onsite renewable energy generation
 - Waste reduction/diversion
 - Increase overall recycling rate
 - Composting for cafeteria, tenant waste
 - Reduce food waste, single-use plastics
 - Reduce, reuse, recycle construction waste

- Expanding electric vehicle charging capacity
- Install additional bike racks

In addition, we agree to provide an annual update to the City on the status of these commitments to ensure progress towards reducing community impacts on the environment.

We want to thank you for your leadership on this important community issue and we look forward to continuing to making Evanston the Most Livable City in America.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "John Hewko", with a long horizontal line extending to the right from the end of the signature.

John Hewko
General Secretary