

**Town of Lyons, Colorado
Board of Trustees
BOT Agenda Cover Sheet
Agenda Item No: XIV. 3.
Meeting Date: June 5, 2023**

TO: Mayor Rogin and Members of the Board of Trustees

FROM: Kim Mitchell, Director of Communications and Community Relations

DATE: May 31, 2023

ITEM: Resolution 2023-37, A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF LYONS, COLORADO APPROVING UPDATES TO THE COLORADO COMMUNITIES FOR CLIMATE ACTION POLICY STATEMENT

ORDINANCE
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 INFORMATION

- I. **REQUEST OR ISSUE:** Staff is requesting the BOT decide if they would like to support the CC4CA updates to the CC4CA policy statement, which is attached.
- II. **RECOMMENDED ACTION / NEXT STEP:** Review and determine if the BOT supports the policy statement updates or not.
- III. **FISCAL IMPACTS:** None.
- IV. **BACKGROUND INFORMATION:** The Town of Lyons became a member of Colorado Communities for Climate Action (CC4CA) in 2021. Part of that process involved the previous BOT adopting a resolution expressing support for CC4CA's Policy Statement. CC4CA goes through a formal process of updating this Policy Statement every other year. Because the last time their Board updated their policy statement was in June 2021, their current Board is slated to decide on a new round of updates at this year's annual retreat which will be held June 8-9, 2023.

According to CC4CA, their Policy Committee leads this process. The process has included soliciting input from every member jurisdiction, a preliminary review by the Board of Directors at its February 2023 meeting, and now this final set of proposed updates.

In preparation for the annual Board retreat, each CC4CA member is asked to review the proposed changes and identify any that might be of concern.

According to CC4CA, there are several key points to keep in mind:

1. The process of crafting the proposed updates is extensive and thorough, so these proposed updates have already gone through substantial vetting and modifications.

2. For each proposed update, their Board members will have the option of supporting, abstaining, or objecting. If a single member objects to a specific proposed change at the Board retreat, that change does not occur, so we ask that members only object (i.e., veto) if they have a strong objection.
3. Ultimately, the question for our Board representative will be, “Can you live with this proposed change?” as opposed to “Is this the best possible wording?”
4. Because the coalition now has 42 member municipalities, and each jurisdiction essentially has a veto over every proposed update, it is important for member jurisdictions to raise any concerns about proposed updates as soon as possible to give everyone time to understand and try to resolve the issue.
5. The Policy Statement does not guide how CC4CA prioritizes advocacy opportunities. The Policy Committee does that separately. The Policy Statement simply identifies the organization’s positions on each of the relevant policy issues.

The Town of Lyons Board of Trustees has been asked to review the proposed updates to confirm that they have no objections.

If we do raise concerns, CC4CA asks that we be very specific about what they are:

- a) Which specific proposed update is of concern?
- b) What exactly is the concern?
- c) Would we rate the concern as minor (e.g., grammatical edits), moderate (may require discussion but probably doesn’t require major changes to the proposed updates), or serious?

V. LEGAL ISSUES: The proposed edits were reviewed by the Town Attorney and he did not identify any legal concerns.

VI. CONFLICTS OR ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES: None known.

VII. SUMMARY AND ALTERNATIVES: Approve the resolution, make amendments to the resolution, or not accept the resolution

Motion: “I move to adopt Resolution 2023-37 - A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF LYONS, COLORADO SUPPORTING UPDATES TO THE COLORADO COMMUNITIES FOR CLIMATE ACTION POLICY STATEMENT”