

Unitarian Universalist Society of Laconia (UUSL)
172 Pleasant Street
Laconia, New Hampshire 03246

November 10, 2020

The Laconia City Council

Re: Green Laconia Petition to Laconia City Council

Dear Gentilepersons:

The Green Sanctuary (GS) Committee of the Unitarian Universalist Society of Laconia (UUSL), established and serving in Laconia since 1838, and the citizens of Laconia, submit for your consideration the attached Green Laconia Petition in memory of the late David Bownes, who passed away on July 4, 2020, while actively representing Ward 2 on the Laconia City Council, and serving as the Moderator of our UUSL congregation. We do this with the support of David's family, which has a historic legacy of service to Laconia and our Nation.

David, an ardent supporter of controlling climate change, actively worked with our UUSL Green Sanctuary Committee to draft this Green Laconia Petition, which calls upon elected officials to enact policies to protect the citizens of Laconia from the costs, negative health effects, and social impacts of climate change. We believe that David previously made you aware of these efforts.

The Petition does not ask for any financial commitment from the City of Laconia, and the target dates as outlined are goals and we recognize that some may not be reasonably achievable. However, establishing a time frame encouraging a positive step toward making a difference is critical. Unfortunately, there is no vaccine for climate change. It is not necessarily the goals achieved but more importantly the commitment made.

We ask that the policies outlined in the Green Laconia Petition be considered by the Council in your next meetings. Thank you for your consideration, and please let us know if there are ways in which we can assist with this important issue.

Sincerely,

Roger Andrews
Co-Chair UUSL
GS Committee

Rev, Dr, Judith Wright
Minister, UUSL

Linda Terwilliger
President, UUSL
Parish Committee

Cc: Scott Myers, City Manager (via email only)

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