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To: Ask Planning
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Hello Trevor,

It was shocking to read last December's report by the American Lung Association listing East Yakima as having the most deaths associated with air pollution in Washington! The next highest number of deaths in Washington — again, in our entire state — occur in our Lower Valley. The City of Yakima can and should address our air quality and climate resilience in the revised comprehensive plan. We must take what action we can for our citizens. What could be more important than our health, and that of our children?

I happened to observe a meeting of the Sustainable Yakima Committee a couple years ago (end of 2023?) in which the then intern, Karina Solorio, presented a detailed report with recommendations as to what Yakima could do — *needed to do* — to mitigate the effects of increased heat and bad air quality. Tree-planting, cooling centers, dense urban planting, green roofs, are a few I remember. No doubt you and the Planning Committee are aware, and at a technical level, of more. Presumably you would have access to that report since the City was, at that time, supporting the work of that committee.

Yakima needs a serious protective climate policy. Carpe Diem!

Thank you,

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