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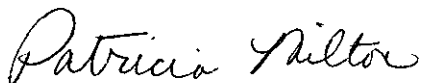
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
Be it resolved that :

- * Because Ohio has the 3rd worst air quality in the nation (source: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency), partly due to how much coal we burn for electricity;
- * Because natural gas meets more of our electricity needs than ever and Ohio doesn't have as much energy-intensive manufacturing as when many existing coal plants were built;
- * Because fossil fuels are going to run out one day and a transition to cleaner, renewable energy is inevitable;
- * Because small particle pollution from burning coal contributes to cancer, heart disease, stroke and lower-respiratory diseases ~ 4 of the top 5 killers in the U.S. (source: Physicians for Social Responsibility);
- * Because asthma rates for both adults and children in Ohio are higher than the rest of the country (source: Centers for Disease Control);
- * Because according to Ohio's 3 largest utility companies- Duke, FirstEnergy and AEP- 7 coal power plants and 1 nuclear plant might close without a consumer rate increase;
- * Because Ohio's energy efficiency and renewable energy programs saved customers \$1.03 billion from 2009-2013 (source: Duke, FirstEnergy and AEP) and because the legislature froze those programs in 2014;
- * Because Ohio's investments in renewable energy created 33,000 jobs (source: Ohio Development Services Agency) and then stalled due to the freeze on Ohio's renewable energy programs;

The Avondale Community Council supports denial of a consumer bailout of coal and nuclear plants that might otherwise close AND supports adoption of state policies that accelerate the transition toward greater energy efficiency and use of clean, renewable energy sources.



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