

## Authorize a Memorandum of Understanding from the Natural Resources Defense Council, as outlined in the American Cities Climate Challenge Support Package

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**Subject:** NRDC Letter of Support for Nov. 7, Agenda Item 1030  
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**Council Date:** November 7, 6 p.m.

**Agenda item:** Authorize a Memorandum of Understanding to accept assistance, support and resources from the Natural Resources Defense Council, as outlined in the American Cities Climate Challenge Support Package

Dear Council Clerk,

Please find attached a Letter of Support from Christina Angelides, Natural Resources Defense Council, for agenda item 1030.

Thank you,  
Emma

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November 6, 2019

To: Mayor Wheeler  
Commissioner Eudaly  
Commissioner Fritz  
Commissioner Hardesty  
Commissioner Fish

Re: Partnership between the City of Portland and NRDC through the American Cities  
Climate Challenge

Dear Mayor Wheeler and Commissioners,

NRDC is proud to partner with the City of Portland to support its actions as part of the Bloomberg American Cities Climate Challenge—an unprecedented opportunity for 25 ambitious cities to significantly deepen and accelerate their efforts to tackle climate change and promote a sustainable future for their residents.

The City has committed to an ambitious climate agenda, including goals to manage congestion, make walking, biking and public transit more reliable and safe, and investing in local community solar initiatives and other clean energy solutions. We applaud the progress the City has made toward these goals to reduce carbon emissions from the buildings and transportation sectors—including the City's first red bus lanes, painted just a few days ago.

We also strongly support the City's commitment to equity in its work to reduce emissions, so that people in historically underserved communities benefit most and are impacted least by the actions the City takes on climate—from community solar power to more affordable, safer mobility for all throughout the city.

We applaud your leadership, and we look forward to continuing to work with the City of Portland to help achieve its ambitious agenda.

Sincerely,

Christina Angelides  
Director, American Cities Climate Challenge  
Natural Resources Defense Council