

City of Alexandria, Virginia

Creation of Office of Climate Action

Presentation to City Council
September 28, 2022



Background



City Council Climate Action Efforts in 2022:

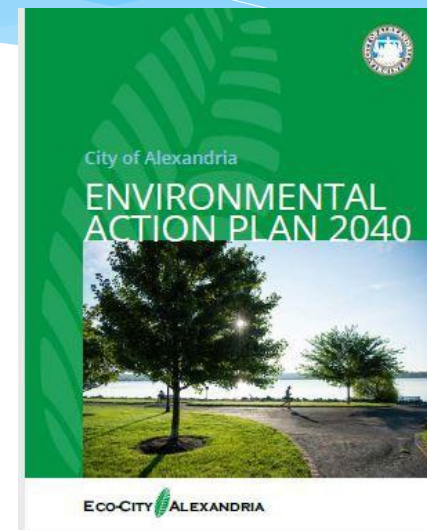
- The identification of environmental justice as a guiding principle, a lens through which each City Council priority would be viewed.
- The approval of \$1.85 million in general fund contingency reserves for climate change initiatives.

Purpose of Office of Climate Action



Reducing City-wide greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions that achieve our climate targets and resiliency strategies that protect the community from the impacts of climate change in a just and equitable manner through:

1. A Systems Approach
2. Engaging and Empowering the Community
3. Advocating and Mobilizing Action beyond the Community



RESOLUTION NO. 2958

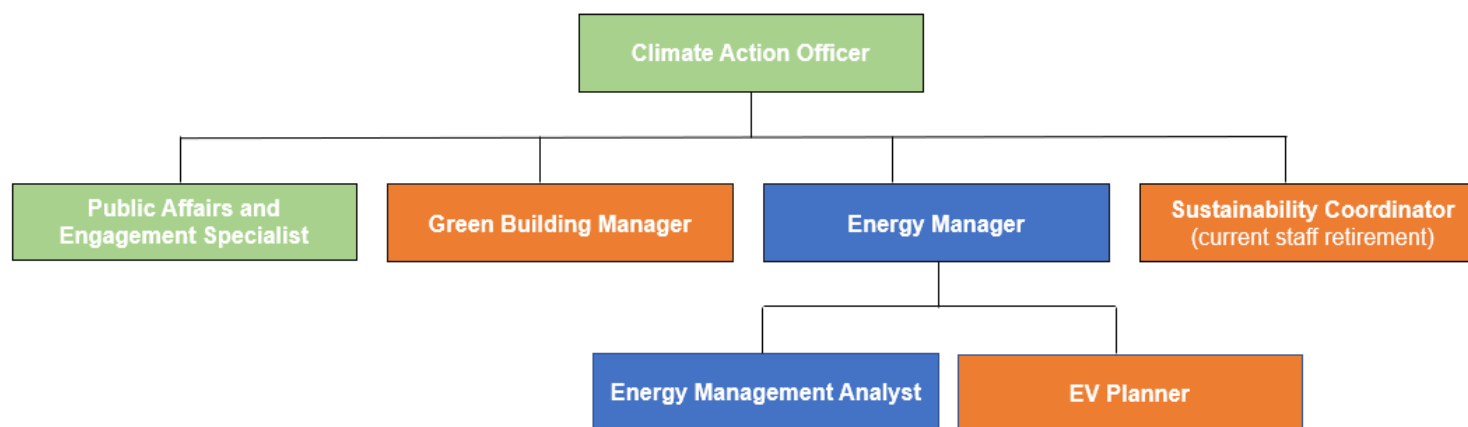
and **WHEREAS**, City Council wishes to establish an Energy and Climate Change Task Force,

WHEREAS, the Energy and Climate Change Task Force will conduct specified tasks outlined in this resolution.



Composition

- Centralized within the City Manager's Office
- 2 new staff positions
 - Climate Action Officer
 - Public Affairs and Engagement Specialist (EPC Recommendation #8)



Legend

Climate Contingency Funds

Budgeted Funds

Existing Staff

Focus Areas



#	Focus Area	EAP Chapter Reference
1	Incentives	2.3.5, 3.1.8+
2	Environmental Justice	Various
3	Education, Capacity Building and Outreach	2.3.2; 10.1.1 – 10.1.3;
4	Disclosure, Monitoring and Recognition	2.3.4; 10.1.4; 10.1.5; 10.2
5	Demonstration	1, 2, 3, and 7
6	Policies, Procedures and Advocacy	Various
