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1. What are the top 3 things you have you done in your personal life to reduce your own, or your family's environmental impact? *

- 1 Doing more walking and biking, less driving.
- 2 limited our use of plastic bags by using recyclable bags for shopping.
- 3 Filtering water instead of bottled water

2. List 1-4 steps you would take to help implement the CARP plan incorporating key City departments and decision-making processes. *

1. Fund and staff substantiality department
2. Provide incentives for green community practices
3. Prioritize residential weatherization grants and training for low-income and minority families
4. Prioritize the expansion of green initiatives through corporate tax

3. What are your top environmental or climate priorities for the City? *

- Lead pipe reduction revise a plan to help marginalized residents with implementation.
 Adaptive reuse of exist buildings turn buildings into much needed energy efficient housing.
 Eliminate single use plastic bags

4. The City just passed an Environmental Justice Resolution. What steps should be taken to ensure that Environmental Justice (EJ) is incorporated into City Code and that all City staff is trained to identify and tackle EJ issues? *

Environmental Justice Resolution (Click Link) - <https://www.cityofevanston.org/home/showpublisheddocument?id=59213>

Implement EJR and ensure that city staff understands what environmental racism is.

Implement a plan to help marginalized residents to help them remove diseased trees and replace with a new tree to ensure adequate canopy coverage.

5. Building energy consumption is the greatest source of greenhouse gas emissions in Evanston. Assertive action and meaningful behavior change to address building energy consumption are needed to mitigate the gravest impacts of the climate crisis. Would you endorse: *

Yes

No

Maybe

Updating the building code to require LEED Gold Certification or higher on new construction?



Updating the building code to improve overall building energy efficiency beyond the minimum requirements of the State of Illinois Energy Conservation Code?



6. List 1-3 of your ideas to engage and educate the public so that Evanstonians have the knowledge and resources to address the climate crisis. *

1. The city should promote carp and have educational forums for residents
2. The city as well as both school districts should be promoting environmental awareness and educating students about the environment
3. The city should have solar panels on city buildings

7. List 1-3 of your ideas to ensure that our most vulnerable residents are prepared for the challenges of climate change such as extreme heat, flooding, etc. and that they know where to get support when facing such challenges. *

1. Ensure the city adequately communicates with to all residents, so that vulnerable residents receive know where and how to get resources they need.
2. Support the weatherizing of marginalized residents' homes and seek funding to help subsidized.
3. Work to guarantee food security to vulnerable residents by making sure food locations information available is easily .

8. Would you endorse: *

	Yes	No	Maybe
A pathway to free beach access for all?	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
An affordable pathway to lead pipe replacement?	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

9. How would you advance green infrastructure in Evanston? *

Info: <https://www.epa.gov/green-infrastructure/what-green-infrastructure>

Encourage residents to use other forums of transportation such as bikes and walking.

10. Reducing food waste is a top climate solution. The USDA estimates that 30-40% of food is wasted in the US, while as many as 14% of Evanston residents may be food insecure. List 1-3 ideas to ensure all people in Evanston have enough healthy food to eat. *

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1. I've run a mobile food distribution called Feeding The Village Evanston and we receive food that is near expiration but still good but can't be sold in stores.
2. We're expanding into a local church next month and will get food from several local groceries to give out to families in Evanston.
3. The majority of the foods that are donated to pantries are healthy such as lean meats and fresh fruits and vegetables.

11. List 1-3 ideas to combat food waste in Evanston, including at schools. *

1. Expand composting efforts to both school districts.
2. Expand composting and recycling programs
3. Ask restaurants to donate food to families that are food insecure, pantries, and schools.

12. Would you endorse: *

	Yes	No	Maybe
A path to ban all single-use plastics, including shopping bags?	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Expanding bulk shopping options at stores?	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

13. How would you support a circular economy in Evanston? *

Info: <https://www.ellenmacarthurfoundation.org/circular-economy/concept>

I would like to see Evanston expand their solar opportunities for marginalized residents

14. List 1-3 ideas you have to advance climate-friendly transportation and mobility in Evanston, either through project investments or big picture changes to urban development planning. *

1. Work to-increase and encourage public transportation accessibility.
2. Strengthen walkability with small businesses concepts increase access to public transportation.
3. Repurpose buildings in TOD's to increase housing for families.

15. Would you endorse: *

Yes

No

Maybe

Preserving large native trees on private land?

More info -

<http://content.time.com/time/magazine/article/0,9171,1635842,00.html>

Requiring bird-friendly construction on new buildings and renovations, like Chicago and New York City? More info -

<https://studiogang.com/publication/Chicago-tribune-safer-migration-chicago-birds>

Leaving leaves to decompose on city properties, rather than hauling them? More info - <https://awaytogarden.com/fall-cleanup-with-ecology-in-mind-with-doug-tallamy/>

Expanding the city ban on gas, propane and electric leaf blowers? More info - https://library.municode.com/il/evanston/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=TIT9PUSA_CH5GEOF_9-5-20NOPR

and <https://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/109428.html>

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