

Statement on Environmental Policy Positions by 5th Ward Aldermanic Candidate Carolyn Murray

I support the goals of climate action as a whole, and feel strongly that Evanston should work toward raising community awareness and understanding of the urgency of our environmental crisis. I support the implementation of CARP and particularly support the Environmental Justice Resolution that was passed by City Council.

Because Evanston's budget is precarious right now, and I take the fiduciary responsibility of aldermen very seriously as it relates to committing taxpayer monies, I would need to carefully consider cost proposals for each item, balancing the many priorities of expenditures for our residents. I care about many urgent, competing priorities that should appear in our city budget, including addressing housing needs, unemployment, food insecurity, access to healthcare and gun violence. Climate action should definitely remain high on this list, to protect Evanston residents from the impacts of climate change now and for our children's future.