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San Juan County Council Members  
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Honorable Council Members:

OPALCO is in full support of the “Climate Change Pillar” as proposed by the Friends of the San Juans for the Comprehensive Plan update under consideration now. The OPALCO Board of Directors passed a formal motion in support of the proposed changes at their meeting on August 18, 2022. We urge the Council to make this mission-critical change.

Climate change has become the over-arching strategic imperative. San Juan County has an opportunity to move climate action front and center by adding a Climate Change Element to the Comp Plan in the current cycle of updates. The language of the element is not new: it would simply provide a high-level summary and neatly knit together all the disparate mentions of climate change scattered throughout the comp plan into a unified and effective statement of purpose. The urgency of the climate emergency cannot wait until the next update cycle.

Thank you for your attention to this important and time-sensitive matter.

Sincerely,



Foster Hildreth, General Manager