

EXHIBIT -
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Dear Aldermen,

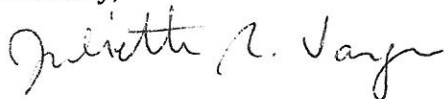
First, as a citizen of Somerville, I want to thank you for your service to our community. To me, your willingness to run for office and serve our City is an act of generosity that, like many others our citizens offer, makes our community so strong.

Next, as a scientist and a mother of three young children in the Somerville Public Schools, I ask that you move to divest our City's assets from fossil fuels. To me and many others, this is a clear choice for both moral and financial reasons. According to the scientific consensus, within two decades on our current path of fossil fuel use, we will have committed our children to the impacts of dangerous climate change. My hope and belief is that we will not choose that path, but will instead choose a transition to a low-carbon economy, and the many health and economic benefits that such a transition would provide. I know that many Somerville residents share my hope, including the growing organization of mothers taking action on climate change, *Mothers Out Front*.

As our representatives, you have an opportunity to show that our City also shares this hope and that it is grounded in the reality of our day-to-day choices. And, if our optimism is real, then it follows that most of the remaining fossil fuel reserves must remain where they are, safely buried, making the fossil fuel industry a poor investment choice and divestment the only reasonable financial decision.

Somerville is poised to lead the way to a low carbon economy. It will take time to build the physical infrastructure needed to transition away from fossil fuels. But we must start today, with a clear vision of our future. And investing our financial assets in a future we don't believe in makes little economic sense.

Sincerely,



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John Long

From: RooneyVarga, Juliette [Juliette_RooneyVarga@uml.edu]
Sent: Friday, March 14, 2014 1:46 PM
To: John Long; Catie Ferrara
Cc: Catie Ferrara; Randi Smith Soltysiak
Subject: Re: Public Hearing Testimony
Attachments: 2014 March Divestment letter to BOA.docx

Please see attached letter, in reference to testimony in support of divestment from fossil fuels mentioned below.

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On Mar 14, 2014, at 11:25 AM, Catie Ferrara <catie.ferrara@gmail.com> wrote:

Hi Juliette,

I am a member of Fossil Free Somerville and I was able to read your testimony regarding fossil fuel divestment at the public hearing yesterday. Thanks for your support!

The Board of Aldermen requested that written testimony be sent to the City Clerk at cityclerk@somervillema.gov to be included as part of the official record. We want to send that record to the Retirement Board, so please send your letter to the clerk as soon as possible.

Thanks again,
Catie

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