

From: Andrew Garner
Sent: Tuesday, January 16, 2024 7:28:26 PM
To: Suzanne D'eon
Subject: Plant Based Treaty brings the solutions we need NOW!

Dear Mayor Suzanne D'Eon,

In October 2022, Los Angeles became the largest US city to pass a resolution endorsing the Plant Based Treaty, this was later followed by the capital of Scotland, Edinburgh endorsing in January 2023.

A coalition of groups, including Toronto [350.org](https://www.350.org), Reimagine Agriculture and Plant Based Data, is urging town and city councillors across the country to support sustainable diets by signing the Plant Based Treaty initiative.

The UN Secretary-General António Guterres' described the release of the IPCC sixth assessment as a 'code red' for humanity and our last chance to avoid catastrophic climate breakdown.

Greenhouse gases must be cut in a rapid and sustained manner to avoid temperatures rising above 1.5C. According to the 2021 UN Global Methane Assessment, methane, of which a third comes from animal agriculture, must be cut by 45% by 2030. Doing so will prevent a 0.3C temperature rise by 2045, buying us time for carbon dioxide, a longer-lived gas, to reduce.

The Plant Based Treaty is designed to put food systems at the forefront of combating the climate crisis. Modeled on the popular Fossil Fuel Treaty, the treaty aims to halt the widespread degradation of critical ecosystems caused by animal farming and promote a shift towards healthier, sustainable plant-based diets.

More than 650 politicians back the treaty, along with IPCC scientists Dr. Peter Carter and Professor Julia Steinberger, and Nobel Laureates, including Klaus Hasselmann and Roger D. Kornberg.

More than 3,000 groups and businesses have signed on, including Canadian fast food chain Odd Burger, Tofurky, Ocean Preservation Society, Fridays For Future Digital, and chapters of Greenpeace and Friends of the Earth.

Leah Taylor Roy MP for Aurora—Oak Ridges—Richmond Hill, Ontario said, “We can all support this! You don't need to be vegan - eating more plant-based meals is easy. You can make a difference in fighting climate change.”

Please visit www.plantbasedtreaty.org, where you can sign your name to endorse the Plant Based Treaty or consider putting forward a motion for your city to endorse. You

can email hello@plantbasedtreaty.org for a sample motion.

Thank you for taking climate action today to secure a future for all.

Sincerely,
Andrew Garner

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Plant Based Treaty Supporter