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My fellow delegates:

As we take up our discussion of Climate Change Proposed Ordinances (1) 19-04 & (2) 19-05, I thought you might be interested in hearing a little bit about a conference I attended about a year ago. Entitled "Changing the Climate: How Public Health, Cities, and the Media Can Advance Climate Solutions," it was sponsored by the Boston University School of Public Health.

Information on the conference can be found at: <https://www.bu.edu/sph/news-events/signature-programs/deans-symposia/changing-the-climate-how-public-health-cities-and-the-media-can-advance-climate-solutions/>

One thing I learned at that symposium is that, since the U.S. administration's repudiation of the Paris Accord, a group of cities around the world, including Boston and others in the United States, is playing a leading role in combating climate change. Many of these cities are in coastal locations, so they feel directly threatened by the prospect of sea-level rise, and they are doing important work. It is my personal view that this group of cities provides some models for things we might want to emulate in Barnstable County.

The group is known as C40, and its website is here: <https://www.c40.org>. There is a lot of information on the website, but I find the dropdown menus for Programmes and Research to be particularly informative.

I realize that we are a county government, and not a city, but I think much of the information here presents models for the kinds of things we could be thinking about.

I hope you find this material relevant to our discussion.

Sincerely,



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