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Dear Mayor Genung and Councillors,

I'm writing to express my disappointment regarding Council's June 23 decision to defer Councillor Wilson's motion to withdraw from the ICLEI/FCM Partners for Climate Protection (PCP) program—**without a single word of public debate.**

This issue is not new:

- A formal delegation was presented on February 18, 2025.
- A formal Notice of Motion was submitted on June 6.

Council had ample time to review the materials, ask questions, and prepare a response. Yet when the moment came, the chamber fell silent.

Why?

Because of a letter from FCM or ICLEI warning against "carefully crafted conspiracy theories"? That kind of dismissive language should prompt deeper scrutiny, not silence. Even more troubling, one councillor and one town staff member are required to be listed as Cochrane's official PCP contacts—active or not. Did they speak up? No. Why not? Who are they?

Cochrane has been in this program for over 20 years, and is listed as having achieved "Milestone 3."

Yet most councillors—and nearly all residents—had no idea. That's not misinformation. That's a governance failure.

It was citizens and KICLEI who alerted you—not ICLEI, not FCM.

And now ICLEI claims they need to "warn" you about us? Interesting.

Meanwhile, they claim 522 municipal participants, yet more than half of those we contact don't even know they're listed.

Let's be clear: the PCP resolution is essentially a mini municipal Paris Accord—were councils commit their towns to long-term net-zero goals and UN-aligned climate targets, without public referendum.

This is not about ideology. It's about transparency, local autonomy, and informed public consent.

Council must not defer this any longer.

We urge you to bring Councillor Wilson's motion back for debate and a recorded vote.

Residents deserve to know where their elected officials stand—before the October election.

Sincerely,

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