WE, THE YOUTH OF
endorse this Climate Report Card & Call for immediate action to protect our future from the Climate Crisis.

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Portland CLIMATE REPORT CARD

ZERO EMISSIONS PLAN  C  50% Weighting
Rapidly reducing emissions is the most important thing we can do to address the climate crisis.

RENEWABLE ENERGY  A  20% Weighting
While typically included within a city’s Climate Action Plan, electricity generation caused 32% of US greenhouse gas emissions in 2012 (source: EPA), the largest of any source. That's why the percent of electricity used by a city that comes from renewable sources is included as a separate grading item.

WASTE  C  20% Weighting
Reducing the amount of waste we generate and recycling more of it reduces the amount of greenhouse gases from landfills. Waste reduction is also an indirect indicator that we’re reducing the amount of completely new stuff we’re buying. Production of new stuff can generate a lot of greenhouse gases.

CARBON REMOVAL  B  10% Weighting
Removing greenhouse gases from the atmosphere will reduce the impacts of climate change. Carbon dioxide, the most prevalent greenhouse gas, can be removed from the atmosphere and stored in trees, forests, plants, and soil, mostly through photosynthesis.

YOUTH INVOLVEMENT  None
The youngest generation will be most impacted by the climate crisis and should be involved when policies are being put in place. A city gets a half grade increase if they have youth involved in advising on or developing climate related policies.

OVERALL GRADE  B-