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MADISON COMMON COUNCIL TO HOLD VOTE ON CLIMATE RESOLUTION

Madison students will be presenting a Green New Deal to the Madison Common Council

MADISON, WI 8 MARCH 2019 — The Green New Deal, sponsored by Representative Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez and Senator Ed Markey, is currently hotly debated on a national level. The resolution details plans to achieve nationwide carbon neutrality, ensure abundant jobs in clean energy, and protect low income and minority communities disproportionately affected by climate change. While the Green New Deal undergoes arguments on the national stage, local Madison youth are working to bring the Green New Deal to their community. Key goals of the resolution include carbon neutrality by 2030 and protection of Madison's lakes through elimination of salt and phosphorus runoff.

On Tuesday, March 19th, a team of high school students will present a Green New Deal resolution to the Madison Common Council. After hearing testimonies from several of the students, the Common Council will vote on the resolution. Preceding the Common Council meeting, the Green New Deal Madison team has been collecting [petition](#) signatures and informing the community about the resolution. They aim to gather as much support from the community as possible in order to show the Common Council that a Green New Deal resolution is enthusiastically backed by their constituents.

After introducing the Green New Deal in Madison, the team intends to continue working towards implementing the resolution on a statewide and nationwide level. The Green New Deal is supported by 35 members of Congress and continues to gather support as the effects of climate change become more and more evident. Hundreds of youth across the country share similar goals with the knowledge that the future of their generation depends on the actions taken now.

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