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## **MADISON YOUTH CONTINUE CLIMATE ACTION WITH GREEN NEW DEAL**

*Madison students presenting Green New Deal to Common Council*

MADISON, WI 16 MARCH 2019 — On Friday, hundreds of Wisconsin youth convened at the capitol to advocate for environmentally friendly legislation. One group of Madison youth is responding to the call to action and presenting a Green New Deal resolution to the Madison Common Council this Tuesday. Recognizing we don't have much time to act, the Green New Deal calls on city officials to make Madison "green" by 2030 by transitioning to renewable energy sources, focusing on lake quality, and encouraging residents to make renewable choices.

The Green New Deal, national legislation sponsored by Representative Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez and Senator Ed Markey has wide support with 89 House co-sponsors and 11 Senate co-sponsors. Katia Wanish, a senior at Madison West High School, is encouraged by Green New Deal legislation as "our planet is in very rough condition right now." She says passing such legislation will protect the Madison experience for future Madisonians and allow them to enjoy the same area lakes, winters, and natural spaces Katia has enjoyed while growing up in Madison. In the previous weeks, a group of environmentally concerned youth has collaborated to inform the community about the resolution and collect petition signatures to demonstrate community support.

On Tuesday the 19th, youth and community members will gather outside the City County Building at 6:00 PM before the meeting starts at 6:30 PM. The meeting will feature youth testimonies before alders vote on the resolution. After introducing the Green New Deal in Madison, the team intends to continue working towards implementing the resolution on a statewide and nationwide level.

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