

Dear Mendocino County Board of Supervisors,

I am writing to express my support of the Grassroots Institute's plan to solarize the Mendocino County's infrastructure, including local government buildings, additional EV charging stations, and helping MTA to transition to electric vehicles. These are crucial steps we can take to realistically address climate change right now, which as far as I am concerned is imperative.

The three-pronged strategy outlined in the Grassroots' action plan will help us reduce our dependency on fossil fuel by promoting the use of clean solar energy for tourists and residents alike. Solar panels on municipal buildings will produce clean energy for our use, and create new revenue through the sale of excess energy. The installation of more electric car charging stations will encourage the purchase of more electric cars locally and attract many tourists who are driving them. Transitioning our public transportation from fossil fueled buses to electric vehicles of different sizes that can efficiently and cleanly address the transportation needs of residents who don't own cars and might well encourage the possibility of life without private vehicle ownership for some citizens.

The ideas the Grassroots Institute is promoting are realistic, within our reach, and absolutely necessary. The fact that a portion of the required funding can be obtained through the American Rescue Plan Act makes these measures truly attractive for all of Mendocino County. I urge you to address our climate crisis here in Mendocino County with good sense and optimism by supporting this stellar plan as soon as possible. As a member of the League of Women Voters of Mendocino County, I join them (and many other Mendocino County residents and organizations) in supporting the Grassroots Institute's initiatives.

Thank you for your consideration,

Yolanda B. Fletcher