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Thanks Jackie. This is very well done. There was only a minor add from me. I feel like it is important to be up front that if this document isn't significantly improved that we simply cannot support it and/or endorse its recommendations. Y'all tell me if it's too much.

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4/26/2023

Sam and Jamie,

After review of the March 14th version of the 100% Renewable Energy Plan, the City and County are sharing feedback that may inform The Blue Horizons Project's future engagement with this initiative.

For the Plan to be a valuable tool for local governments as intended, we recommend major revisions. As it stands, the generalized, nonspecific suggestions do not add much to the existing body of knowledge. Incomplete data, uncited claims, and locally irrelevant references may inadvertently confuse or misguide readers. The analysis methodology is poorly defined, inconsistent, and subjective, raising skepticism around the recommendations. The document organization, formatting, and grammatical errors inhibit readability.

As currently constructed neither the City or the County feel as though they would be able to support or endorse this document. Recognizing the amount of time and effort already invested in this effort, the City and County would like to see the Plan process completed no later than the end of June so that the BHPCC can refocus their efforts on program and project implementation.

Lastly, we want to acknowledge the real challenges of creating a data-driven and user-friendly 100% Renewable Plan. There is no doubt that a lot of hard work has gone into this. This feedback is aimed at enriching the final product. More detailed notes are in the attachments, and we plan on bringing constructive suggestions to the upcoming review session.

Best,

Jeremiah, Bridget, Jackie, and Kiera

