

**May 18, 2021**  
**Hybrid City Council Meeting**  
**Comments and Position Statements**

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**PUBLIC FORUM**

***COMMENT***

Howard Salk (Clean Energy Alliance of Naperville)

I am submitting this public comment to respond to Naperville's opposition to the Clean Energy Jobs Act (CEJA) and the Consumer and Climate First Act (CCFA) pending in the Illinois legislature, as evidenced by the brochure issued by the City which advocates for the continuing operation of the Prairie State coal power plant. By supporting the continuing operation of Prairie State, you are supporting the largest polluter in the State of Illinois, you are supporting the emission of greenhouse gases and you are supporting harm to public health and the environment. The City's brochure tries to justify its support on a cost basis, but totally ignores the costs of not transitioning from Prairie State coal to clean energy: HEALTH EMISSIONS  
Deaths: 76 Carbon dioxide: 13,859,542 tons Hospital Admissions: 8 Sulfur dioxide: 10,741 tons  
Asthma ER Visits: 16 Nitrous dioxide: 4,126 tons Heart Attacks: 33 Acute Bronchitis: 41 Asthma  
Attacks: 785 Work Loss Days: 3,736

[https://www.tollfromcoal.org/#/map/\(title:55856//detail:55856//map:55856/IL\)](https://www.tollfromcoal.org/#/map/(title:55856//detail:55856//map:55856/IL)).

These are annual numbers. Each and every year you want Prairie State to keep operating you are voting for these consequences. Furthermore, the costs imposed by CEJA will decline as clean energy replaces Prairie State's coal. Please withdraw your opposition to CEJA and CCFA, and instead work with the legislature to craft a just and equitable transition to clean energy that supports public health and jobs. Thank you.