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Sierra Club Applauds the Dallas City Council on vote for the Clean Air Resolution

Dallas, Tex.--Today, the Dallas City Council unanimously voted in favor of a clean air resolution that asks Texas regulators to identify actual measures to reduce pollution in the state's proposed clean air plan to reduce ground level ozone (smog) pollution for the DFW area. The state's current plan to reduce smog pollution fails to require meaningful reductions from big polluters like coal plants, cement kilns or the oil and gas industry to address the smog pollution throughout north Texas. Speakers and attendees in support of the resolution included the coalition D-FW CAN (Clean Air Network) and representatives of Downwinders at Risk, Public Citizen, Livable Arlington, Texas Campaign for the Environment, West Dallas One, Mansfield Gas Well Awareness, and Local Dallas Sierra Club.

Since 1991, this metropolitan area has failed to meet the minimum air quality standards for smog pollution established by the Clean Air Act. Dallas City Council recognized that without additional pollution controls, DFW will likely remain in nonattainment for the ozone standard established in 2008. Elevated levels of ground level ozone put everyone at risk, but especially children, the elderly, outdoor workers and asthma sufferers. Continued exposure to higher levels of smog correlates to widespread public health problems like asthma and chronic lung disease.

In response to today's vote, **Cherelle Blazer, organizing representative for the Sierra Club Beyond Coal Campaign**, issued the following statement:

"The Sierra Club applauds the Dallas City Council for asking state regulators to actually reduce emissions from large plants in Texas that make smog pollution worse here in Dallas. Today's action is a resounding vote against decades of inaction by Texas state officials that puts families in Dallas at risk. I am proud to live in a city that puts its people first and is willing to work with regulators to look for real solutions to the public health crises of asthma and lung disease.

"Recently, north Texas suffered the single worst day for smog pollution since 2013. Smog levels were dangerously high. Coal pollution has been left unchecked for far too long, and I hope that federal regulators take their cues from local government and take steps to prioritize healthy people over profits for a bankrupt coal company like Luminant."

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