

Good evening Mecklenburg County Commissioners,

My name is Meg Fencil and I'm the Program Director at Sustain Charlotte.

Tonight, I want to thank you for your commitment to working towards a sustainable future for Mecklenburg County, and to congratulate those of you who are newly elected.

Sustain Charlotte advocates for sustainable land use and transportation choices so that all residents of our region have access to the full benefits of the community.

Tonight we bring to you the support of over 2,100 area residents who have signed our Get There CLT statement of support, which you've been given a copy of.

Their voices join ours in asking you to support ongoing funding to implement:

- CATS' Envision My Ride initiative to increase frequency of service on key bus routes
- Completion of the projects in the 2030 Transit Corridor System Plan
- Completion of the 205-mile Mecklenburg County greenway system by 2035.

As you know, we live in one of the nation's fastest growing cities. Mecklenburg residents need safe and affordable transportation choices.

That means a connected network of greenways for walking and biking so that residents can replace some short car trips with a human-powered trip.

It means a fast, frequent public transit network that connects our county's residents to employment centers and other daily needs.

We need your support to invest in transportation **solutions** that will provide all residents with access to opportunity regardless of where they live and whether they own a car or not.

Solutions that attract and retain talented workers who are increasingly making the decision about where to move based not only on salary, but on quality of life issues like transportation choices and recreational amenities including greenways.

Solutions that will protect our air quality, water quality, and natural habitats so that all who call Mecklenburg County home can thrive in a healthy environment.

Please support expansion of Mecklenburg County's transit and greenway networks. Our ability to grow sustainably depends on your leadership over the next two years.

Thank you for your time and your leadership. We look forward to working with you in 2019.