



The Colorado College Student Government Association
902 N Cascade Ave, Room 205, Colorado Springs, CO 80903

Colorado Springs City Council
City Hall
107 N. Nevada Avenue
Colorado Springs CO 80903

Dear Members of the Colorado Springs City Council,

In response to student input concerning plans to accelerate the closure of the Martin Drake Power Plant, the representatives of the Colorado College Student Government Association have voted in favor of a resolution (attached with this letter) in support of expediting the closure of the power plant.

The students of Colorado College have long supported efforts to reduce carbon emissions from our campus, as exemplified by the inclusion of a 2020 carbon neutrality goal in the college's Strategic Plan. It is in this same spirit that we favor the closure of the power plant as a means to reduce the carbon footprint of our city.

Further, we have received input from students concerned about the health and environmental impacts of the power plant. We believe that expediting the closure of Martin Drake represents the surest way to resolve the adverse impacts to public health associated with operating a coal fire power plant near the core of our urban center. The potential to redevelop the lands and waterways near the site of the power plant also represents an exciting possibility for our student body.

With these and other considerations in mind, we hope you will vote as members of the Colorado Springs Utilities Board in favor of accelerating the closure of the Martin Drake Power Plant to the soonest feasible date. We thank you for your careful consideration of this issue and know that your decision will be informed by a judicious consideration of the wellbeing of all members of our shared community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dorsa Djalilzadeh". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being more prominent.

Dorsa Djalilzadeh
President
Colorado College Student Government Association



1 **COLORADO COLLEGE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION**
2 **A Resolution to Endorse the Accelerated Closure of the Martin Drake Power Plant**

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4 Preamble: WHEREAS The Colorado College Student Government Association has an interest in
5 representing the views of Colorado College students before the Colorado Springs Utilities Board,

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7 & WHEREAS The Colorado College Student Government Association has received student
8 input in support of accelerating the closure of the Martin Drake Power Plant,

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10 & WHEREAS The Colorado College Student Government Association has an ongoing interest
11 in the carbon emissions and electricity usage of Colorado College,

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13 & WHEREAS the role of the Martin Drake Power Plant as the primary source of electricity for
14 Colorado College therefore makes its manner of operation relevant to the College's carbon
15 emission goals,

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17 & WHEREAS the Martin Drake Power Plant's usage of coal as its primary fuel source has
18 relatively greater costs to public health and environment than other viable fuel sources that could
19 supply the City of Colorado Springs' electrical needs,

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21 **RESOLVED**, The Colorado College Student Government Association urges the Colorado
22 Springs Utilities Board to accelerate the closure date of the Martin Drake Power Plant.

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24 *Enacted by a vote of The Colorado College Student Government Association Full Council on 12/07/17.*