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"Think globally but act locally" is what more than 1,000 cities worldwide are doing as they recently committed to halve emissions of greenhouse gases. The leaders of those cities realize that what they do can affect the whole world. In a first for a United Nations Climate Change Conference, mayors from cities around the globe addressed world leaders to talk about the commitments subnational governments are making to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

At least 1,049 cities and local governments representing a total of 722 million people across the globe have joined the *Cities Race to Zero* — a UN-backed campaign to put the world on track to halve emissions within the next decade and reach carbon neutrality by 2050. This collective action has the potential to reduce global emissions by at least 1.4 gigatons annually by 2030.

Cities are on the frontlines of the climate crisis and they can lead the way in finding and implementing the necessary solutions. Mayors can play a critical role in pushing world leaders to take action at the national level — through their words, and by providing a blueprint for countries to follow. We all need to work harder and faster, and you, as the *Orange City Council*, can take action to address the climate crisis, which is even more of an emergency than the coronavirus pandemic.