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Dear San Jose Officials,

As your work crafting the new city budget continues, **I urge you to once again make our city government a voice for climate action.** Our city is on record saying " San José will become a better, stronger, and more resilient community by accelerating climate action and moving to carbon neutrality by 2030."

I am increasingly concerned that you, Mayor Mahan and you, Councilmember Mulcahy, intend to renege on that promise.

Proof of the validity of my concern is the proposed cuts to Climate Smart San Jose. The budget amount targetted is miniscule in the total city budget but important in the functioning of the initiative. More importantly, the proposed cut signals loud and clear that you do not see climate action as part of your agenda for San Jose, particularly given that there was also no mention of climate -- and the city's carbon neutral promise -- in the mayor's state of the city report. Leadership in this area costs little monetarily in the context of the city budget, but can reap important rewards for all who live in San Jose. In light of the open warfare on environmental safeguards by the new federal administration, San Jose's continued commitment to climate issues is crucial.

I urge you to at least restore the current level of funding for Climate Smart San Jose and stay open to a possible increase based on the 2025 Plan update for Climate Smart which is now underway.

Respectfully,  
Mary L. Perry

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