

## "Support for Item 2.10 on 10.29.19 City Council agenda"

Kat Baumgartner-Wilson

Today, 11:46 AM

Liccardo, Sam;Agendadesk

Inbox

Dear Mayor Liccardo,

As a lifelong resident of San Jose, I commend you for voting last month for a strong reach code to incentivize all-electric new construction. On October 29, I urge you to follow through on your commitment to additional policies by supporting Item 2.10 to prohibit "natural" (fracked methane) gas in several types of new construction.

Given that buildings are the second-largest source of climate-destabilizing emissions in our region, due mainly to the burning of gas, it's essential that we stop building with gas, now. We have all of the technical solutions and market forces to power our buildings entirely with clean, renewable energy. Knowing the dangers that methane gas poses to our climate, health, and safety, we're counting on you to lead the way to a healthy, safe and climate-smart future for all children. Thank you!

Best,

Kat Wilson

# Support for San Jose's Proposed Ordinance Prohibiting Natural Gas Infrastructure In Detached Accessory Dwelling Units, Single-Family, and Low-Rise Multiple Family New Construction and Policy for Municipal Buildings

[Janet Walworth <walworthjanet@gmail.com>](mailto:walworthjanet@gmail.com)

Mon 10/28/2019 1:27 PM

To:

Liccardo, Sam;Davis, Dev;Perez, Raul;ian.diep@sanjoseca.gov;Arenas, Sylvia;Esparza, Maya;Jones, Chappie;sergio.jiminez@sanjoseca.gov;Carrasco, Magdalena;Foley, Pam;johnny.kamis@sanjoseca.gov;Agendadesk;Hughey, Rosalynn;Romanow, Kerrie;Davies, Ken;jim.ortbal@sanjose.ca.gov;scott.green@sanjose.ca.gov;louis.osemwegie@sanjose.ca.gov

Dear Mayor Liccardo and San Jose City Council Members,

As someone who grew up in San Jose although I no longer live there now, I was very proud of the leadership shown by the city in taking steps to protect against climate change recently.

The city has done so first by making an emergency climate declaration and second by adopting a very strong Reach Code to make our buildings safer, healthier and better for our climate.

Now, the City of San Jose is considering adopting an ordinance to prohibit gas infrastructure in new homes. This would include detached accessory dwelling units, single family and low rise multifamily new construction. The ordinance would also adopt a policy for municipal buildings as I understand it.

A letter by the Campaign for Fossil Free Buildings in Silicon Valley ('FFBCSV') has been submitted to you all under separate cover.

Peninsula Interfaith Climate Alliance ('PICA') is part of a coalition supporting the goals of FFBCSV and I am a member of PICA.

I fully support the FFBCSV letter. This is to briefly supplement the points raised in such letter.

First, the state of California faces an onslaught of fires now and in the future. A statewide emergency has been declared by Governor Gavin Newsom. The last thing we need is fuel to feed those flames in our buildings.

This point was really underscored in my mind by the Sunnyside Fire that was racing toward the Aliso Canyon gas facility a few weeks ago. Mercifully, the fire did not reach Aliso Canyon.

California is also earthquake prone as we all know. Nearly half of the fires that occur after an

earthquake are caused by gas connections.

Second, and on a lighter note, I would add that an alternative to gas cooking is provided by induction cooking. None other than the noted restaurant The French Laundry cooks with inductive heat.

Finally as reflected in MicrogridKnowledge.com's September 20, 2019 newsletter, the construction of electrical powered appliances in new construction will allow developers to build quickly and less expensively, thus saving money for homeowners.

For all of these reasons as well as the reasons set forth in the FFBCSV's letter, I urge the City Council to adopt the ordinance under consideration.

Thank you to the Mayor, each City Council representative and each staff member for all of them hard work you have done and your leadership as we work to fight climate change and its impact upon us all.

Best regards,

Janet Walworth

Sent from my iPhone

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I support San José's Gas Prohibition. Vote yes on 10/29! (Item 2.10, 19-977)

Renee Ryan

Mon 10/28/2019 3:17 PM

To:

Liccardo, Sam;Khamis, Johnny;Agendadesk

Cc:Green, Scott

Dear Mayor Liccardo and Council Member Khamis:

As a lifetime resident of San José (48+ years), I was thrilled to see our city take aggressive climate protection action in September, by making an emergency climate declaration and adopting a very strong Reach Code to make our building safer, healthier and better for the climate. Thank you for protecting our city and make us climate leaders!

I am proud of San José's climate leadership, and the impact our actions have in motivating other cities around the United States. California cities must continue to lead on climate, especially with the current White House administration's negligence in this area. I am hoping we continue this leadership and that you vote YES on 10/29 for the first phase of San José's gas prohibition.

The ban will prohibit gas in new buildings will protect 2,750 new households a year from the perils of natural gas.

This reduction in natural gas will:

- Create better, healthier buildings that don't contribute to climate change.
- Allow us to avoid some of the tremendous costs of climate remediation and adaptation by minimizing climate change.
- Protect our residents from indoor air pollution and associated respiratory diseases caused by open combustion in the home, as well as burns, fires, and carbon monoxide poisoning.
- Encourage us to install solar, battery storage and take other measures to increase our energy resilience, and make us far less vulnerable to issues like PG&E's power shutoff.
- Protect our residents in the near term from skyrocketing gas prices, and future proofs our buildings against the dangers of aging gas infrastructure and the cost of stranded gas infrastructure in the longer term.

Thank you for your climate leadership.

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**Renee Ryan, MS, RDN**  
**Ryan Nutrition Solutions**

## Support for Item 2.10 on 10.29.19 City Council agenda

[Kristine Karnos](#)

Yesterday, 6:51 PM

District9;Liccardo, Sam;Agendadesk

Dear Councilmember Foley,

As a resident of District 9 who is deeply concerned about the effects of the climate crisis, I commend you for voting last month for a strong reach code to incentivize all-electric new construction. On October 29th, I urge you to follow through on your commitment to additional policies by supporting item 2.10 to prohibit “natural” (fracked methane) gas in several types of new construction.

Given that buildings are the second largest source of climate-destabilizing emissions in our region, due mainly to the burning of gas, it's essential that we stop building with gas... now. We have all of the technical solutions and market forces to power our buildings entirely with clean, renewable energy.

Knowing the dangers that methane gas poses to our climate, health and safety, we're counting on you to lead the way to a healthy, safe, equitable and climate-smart future for all children. Thank you!

Your constituent in 95124,

Kris Karnos

## Support for Item 2.10 on 10.29.19 City Council agenda

[Betsy Allen](#)

Mon 10/28/2019 7:11 PM

To:

Agendadesk;The Office of Mayor Sam Liccardo;District3

Dear City Officials,

As a resident of District 3, I commend you for voting last month for a strong reach code to incentivize all-electric new construction. On October 29, I urge you to follow through on your commitment to additional policies by supporting Item 2.10 to prohibit “natural” (fracked methane) gas in several types of new construction.

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Elisabeth “Betsy” Allen

Sent from my iPhone

## support of item 2.10

[Lisa Feldberg](#)

Mon 10/28/2019 8:59 PM

To:

Agendadesk

Dear Mayor Liccardo and City Councilmembers,

As a resident of District 3, I urge you to continue your support of incentivizing all electric new construction and urge you to support a prohibition on fracked methane gas which will be on tomorrow's October 29<sup>th</sup> agenda (item 2.10)

I was surprised to learn the other day that buildings are the second largest source of climate-destabilizing emissions in our region, due mainly to the burning of gas. We must keep future generations and the future of our world in mind and ensure that any new construction is powered by clean, renewable energy.

Please help make the city of San José a leader in health and safety for our residents and our future.

Thanks you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Lisa B Feldberg

## Support for Item 2.10 on 10.29.19 City Council agenda

[Thomas Habermann](#)

Mon 10/28/2019 9:49 PM

To:

District9

Cc:

Agendadesk;

Liccardo, Sam

Dear Councilmember Pam Foley,

As a father and resident of District # 9, I commend you for voting last month for a strong reach code to incentivize all-electric new construction. On October 29, I urge you to follow through on your commitment to additional policies by supporting Item 2.10 to prohibit natural (fracked methane) gas in several types of new construction.

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## Support for Item 2.10 on 10.29.19 City Council agenda

[RebeccaHabermann](#)

Mon 10/28/2019 9:49 PM

To:

District9

Cc:

Agendadesk;

Liccardo, Sam

Dear Councilmember Pam Foley,

As a mother and resident of District # 9, I commend you for voting last month for a strong reach code to incentivize all-electric new construction. On October 29, I urge you to follow through on your commitment to additional policies by supporting Item 2.10 to prohibit natural (fracked methane) gas in several types of new construction.

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# Please Continue to Protect Our Children's Future

Laura Finnigan-Heil

Tue 10/29/2019 8:55 AM

To:

District 10;

Liccardo, Sam;

Agendadesk

Dear Councilmember Khamis:

As a mother and resident of District 10, I commend you for voting last month for a strong reach code to incentivize all-electric new construction. On October 29, I urge you to follow through on your commitment to additional policies by supporting Item 2.10 to prohibit “natural” (fracked methane) gas in several types of new construction.

Please watch this [1-minute video](#) where I explain why I feel so strongly about the urgent need for bold climate action.

After transportation, buildings are the **second largest source of climate-destabilizing emissions** in our region, due mainly to the burning of gas, so it’s essential that we stop building with gas, now. We have all of the technical solutions and market forces to power our buildings entirely with clean, renewable energy.

Knowing the dangers that methane gas poses to our climate, health and safety, we parents are counting on you to lead the way to a healthy, safe, equitable and climate-smart future for all children.

Thank you!

Laura Finnigan-Heil

**From:** "DeAnna Pursai"

**Subject:** **Hi Johnny - reaching out about today's building electrification vote :)**

**Date:** October 29, 2019 at 8:21:42 AM PDT

**To:** <[district10@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:district10@sanjoseca.gov)>, <[johnny.khamis@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:johnny.khamis@sanjoseca.gov)>

Hi Johnny!

I'm DeAnna Pursai, a resident in your district. I live at...– my kids went to Guadalupe & Dartmouth Middle School.

This past Sunday the SJMN published my letter to the editor thanking the City for passing the reach code for new building construction: [https://mercurynews-ca.newsmemory.com/?publink=3fd3374d5\\_1341157](https://mercurynews-ca.newsmemory.com/?publink=3fd3374d5_1341157)

I will be there today to cheer you all on to vote for more policies that are going to protect our children's future.

In solidarity,

DeAnna Pursai 😊

Mother of 2 – 21 year resident of San Jose

**From:** Diana Moss

**Subject: Support Strong Reach Codes!**

**Date:** October 29, 2019 at 8:09:07 AM PDT

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Dear Mayor Liccardo, Councilwoman Davis and members of San Jose City Council,

As residents in District 6, I commend you for voting last month for a strong reach code to incentivize all-electric new construction. Today, I urge you to follow through on your commitment to additional policies by supporting Item 2.10 to prohibit “natural” (fracked methane) gas in several types of new construction.

Given that buildings are the second largest source of climate-destabilizing emissions in our region, due mainly to the burning of gas, it’s essential that we stop building with gas, now. We have all of the technical solutions and market forces to power our buildings entirely with clean, renewable energy.

Knowing the dangers that methane gas poses to our climate, health and safety, we’re counting on you to lead the way to a healthy, safe, equitable and climate-smart future for all children. I am grateful that San José is leading the way in taking steps to combat climate change, so please keep moving us forward!

Regards,

Diana and Brian Moss  
San José, CA 95125



September 17, 2019

Honorable Mayor Sam Liccardo and Members of the San José City Council  
200 East Santa Clara Street  
San José, CA 95113

RE: Council Agenda: 10/29/19, Item 2.10: Ordinance and policy to build without gas

Dear Mayor Liccardo and Councilmembers Jones, Jimenez, Peralez, Diep, Carrasco, Davis, Esparza, Arenas, Foley and Khamis,

Bravo to you for your climate leadership last month in unanimously declaring a climate emergency and unanimously approving a strong reach code to incentivize all-electric new construction in our city. We especially appreciate Councilmembers Peralez, Diep, Carrasco and Davis for joining Mayor Liccardo in the Memo strengthening the reach code and proposing additional measures to promote equity in EV access and electrification.

Today, we look to you to make history again, by becoming the largest U.S. city to prohibit the use of fossil gas in most types of new construction. Make no mistake, what you are doing is vitally important, setting an example for other cities to follow in the race against the ticking climate clock. We will be there today to support you and cheer you on.

After transportation, buildings are the largest source of greenhouse gas emissions, due largely to the burning of “natural” gas (which is mostly methane, one of the most potent greenhouse gases). With only 11 years left to dramatically accelerate the transition away from dirty fossil fuels to clean renewable energy, we need to use every tool in the toolbox. Ensuring the new buildings are powered by clean energy (not air-polluting and climate-destroying methane gas) is one of the most impactful things you can do to reduce our city’s greenhouse gas emissions and protect residents’ health, safety, and pocketbooks.

Given the push of Climate Smart San Jose to electrify everything and support our community to replace existing gas appliances with electric ones, it makes no sense to lock new buildings into outdated fossil gas infrastructure: buildings with gas are more expensive to build now and will be even more costly to retrofit later. The bottom line is: truly climate-smart cities don’t let developers use gas.

As one of the model climate-smart cities around the country, and the Capitol of Silicon Valley, all eyes are on San Jose. Will you rise to the challenge and **set an example** for other big cities to follow? Or will you listen to fear-mongers who try to scare you away from doing the right thing? We hope you’ll follow through on your historic September 17<sup>th</sup> vote and seize today’s opportunity with vision and courage. Know that we in the community have your backs.

**Please be climate smart: pass the Ordinance and the Resolution today, with no delay, to help us protect our families' health and preserve a livable climate for all children.**

**Thank you!**

Linda Hutchins-Knowles and the Mothers Out Front South Bay team



## The Campaign for Fossil Free Buildings in Silicon Valley

350 Silicon Valley, Acterra, Carbon Free Silicon Valley, Carbon Free Palo Alto, Carbon Free Mountain View, Citizens' Climate Lobby San Mateo County, Citizens Environmental Council of Burlingame, Clean Coalition, Climate Reality Santa Clara County, Coltura, Cool Block, Fossil Free Mid-Peninsula, Menlo Spark, Menlo Together, Mothers Out Front South Bay, Pacifica Climate Committee, Peninsula Interfaith Climate Action, Project Green Home, San Carlos Green, SIDCO Homes, Sierra Club Loma Prieta Chapter, Sustainable San Mateo County, Sustainable Silicon Valley, Sunnyvale Cool, Silicon Valley Youth Climate Action, and Silicon Valley Youth Climate Strike.

29 October 2019

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RE: **STRONG SUPPORT** for the Ordinance Prohibiting Natural Gas Infrastructure in Detached Accessory Dwelling Units, Single family, and Low rise Multifamily New Construction and Policy For Municipal Buildings, Item 2.10, 19-977

Dear Mayor Liccardo and Councilmembers:

On behalf of the Campaign for Fossil Free Buildings in Silicon Valley ("FFBSV"), this letter expresses our strong support for the Ordinance Prohibiting Natural Gas Infrastructure in Detached Accessory Dwelling Units, Single family, and Low rise Multifamily New Construction and the Policy For Municipal Buildings. We would like to extend our gratitude towards city staff, who have worked tirelessly on this and other climate initiatives, and have been extremely supportive of public input.

We also thank you for continuing to make San José a climate leader through your actions, with approval of Climate Smart San José to the adoption of the Reach Code Ordinance and declaration of a Climate Emergency last month, and now with this prohibition on natural gas in many types of buildings. You are setting an example other cities will follow, and which many cities are already pointing out as inspiration for their enhanced climate actions.

Contact IdaRose Sylvester, |

; and find info at [www.FossilFreeBuildings.org](http://www.FossilFreeBuildings.org)

Your actions to prohibit gas in these new buildings will save at least 105,000MT of CO2e emissions, and protect at least 2,750 new households per year from the health, safety, and future cost impacts of natural gas, and will serve to bring innovation and acceptance to the market. We also believe that prohibiting gas encourages the installation of solar and battery storage and the adoption of other measures to increase our energy resilience, making us far less vulnerable to issues like PG&E's power shutoffs.

Since San José passed its Reach Code on September 17, 2019, Menlo Park adopted a nearly all-electric Reach Code, Mountain View is refining its nearly all-electric Reach Code to prohibit gas in all but a few specific building types (such as laboratories), and Morgan Hill passed a prohibition on gas in all new buildings. Cities are recognizing how important a fossil-free future is to our community's health, safety, climate, and future, and your action on October 29, 2019, will further this acceleration of climate change action.

We look forward to staff's analysis in January 2020 on building electrification for new multi-family buildings up to seven stories, and the report on compliance on the Reach Code beginning in May 2020.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions or for further discussion.

Sincerely,

IdaRose Sylvester, Fossil Free Buildings Silicon Valley Campaign

Tom Kabat, Menlo Park Environmental Quality Commissioner (organization for identification purposes only)

Janelle London, Coltura

Cynthia Kaufman, PhD, Director of VIDA, De Anza College (organization for identification purposes only)

Ruth Merino, San Jose Community Energy Advocates

Hoi Yung Poon, co-chair, environmental committee, Silicon Valley Democratic club, co-founder, Silicon Valley Youth Climate Action

Tara Sreekrishnan, Co-Founder, Silicon Valley Youth Climate Action

James Tuleya, Chairperson, Carbon Free Silicon Valley

Karen Warner Nelson, chair, The Climate Reality Project: Santa Clara County chapter

Terry Nagel, Vice Chair, Sustainable San Mateo County, and former Mayor, Burlingame

Gladwyn d'Souza, co-Chair, Conservation Committee, Loma Prieta Chapter, Sierra Club

Diane Bailey, Menlo Spark

Susan Butler-Graham, Mothers Out Front South Bay team leader

Sven Thesen, Founder, CEO ProjectGreenHome.org

Carol Cross, Fossil Free Mid-Peninsula

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(No subject)

Walter Hudson

Today, 12:57 PM

Liccardo, Sam;

Peralez, Raul;

Agendadesk

Dear Councilmember Peralez and Mayor Liccardo:

As a citizen, father, uncle, grandpa of District 3, I commend you for voting last month for a strong reach code to support all-electric new construction. On October 29, I urge you to follow through on your commitment to additional policies by supporting Item 2.10 to prohibit "natural" (fracked methane) gas in several types of new construction.

Given that buildings are the second largest source of climate-destabilizing emissions in our region, due mainly to the burning of gas, it's essential that we stop building with gas, now.

You dont have to have a PhD from Stanford (and I dont) to know that we have all of the technical solutions and market forces to power our buildings entirely with clean, renewable energy. Knowing the dangers that methane gas poses to our climate, health and safety, we're counting on you to lead the way to a healthy, safe and climate-smart future for all children.

Thank you!

Walter Hudson from N 9th St

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There is no decent place to stand In a massacre;  
But if a woman takes your hand, then go and stand with her.  
from "The Captain" by Leonard Cohen