



# Memorandum

**TO:** HONORABLE MAYOR  
AND CITY COUNCIL

**FROM:** Councilmember David Cohen

**SUBJECT:** SEE BELOW

**DATE:** May 2, 2023

Approved

Date: 05/02/2023

**SUBJECT:** Amendment to the San Jose Municipal Code to Establish a Climate Advisory Commission

## **RECOMMENDATION**

1. Approve the staff recommendation with the following change:
  - a. The Climate Commission will meet Bimonthly .

## **BACKGROUND**

The new commission is not a replacement of the Clean Energy Commission but an expansion of the commission. The Climate Smart program is synergistic with the SJCE, as SJCE was created to provide carbon-free electricity to San Jose's residents and businesses. The Clean Energy Commission currently meets bimonthly, so it would be counterintuitive for the newly established commission to meet less frequently. While there is an opportunity to make the work of the new commission as efficient as possible as we embark on our ambitious plan to be carbon neutral by 2030, there is lots to do to make it successful, including leveraging the work of SJCE. I anticipate the continued participation of Clean Energy Department staff with the new commission, as Climate Smart staff provides additive support for the extra work that comes from the expanded scope of the commission.