

Fw: to Mayor Liccardo and Open Govt Cmte

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Thank You,

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October 7, 2020

City of San Jose Rules and Open Government Committee

Re: Agenda Item G.2: Bay Area Air District's Cut the Commute Pledge

Dear Mayor Liccardo and Committee Members:

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Sincerely,

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Re: SUPPORT Agenda Item G.2: Bay Area Air District's Cut the Commute Pledge

Dear Mayor Liccardo and Committee Members:

The undersigned organizations strongly support the City of San Jose becoming a signatory to the Bay Area Air District's *Cut the Commute Pledge*. Fulfilling this commitment will enable our region to permanently enjoy reductions in air pollution from decreased traffic, cut long term traffic congestion, improve the work/life balance for hundreds of thousands of residents and reduce harmful nitrogen deposition and other ecological disruptions.

Prior to COVID-19, the Bay Area was among the top 10 of regions in the US with the worst traffic in the nation, especially during morning and evening commutes. Traffic is highly polluting, very stressful, and a factor in people's decisions about whether to live and work here. Increasing remote work options can help prevent a return to the "Carmegeddon" of our past.

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Thank you for your leadership.

Sincerely,

Shani Kleinhaus
Environmental Advocate
Santa Clara Valley Audubon Society

Eileen McLaughlin
Board Member
Citizens Committee to Complete the Refuge

Alice Kaufman
Legislative Advocacy Director
Green Foothills

Deb Kramer
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Keep Coyote Creek Beautiful

Justin Wang
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Patricia Kinney

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I strongly encourage the City of San Jose to become a signatory to the Bay Area Air Quality Management District's "Cut the Commute Pledge". Following through on this commitment will help our Bay Area environment by reducing toxic air pollution, cut traffic congestion, and improve work/life balance for many thousands of residents.

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Best Regards,

Stephanie S. Troyan

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Sincerely, Linda Ray dadaray2002@yahoo.com

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City of San José Rules and Open Government Committee

Via email

Re: Support for Agenda Item G.2: Bay Area Air District's "Cut the Commute" Pledge

Dear Mayor Liccardo and Committee Members:

We at Mothers Out Front Silicon Valley, on behalf of our 1900 supporters, **urge the City of San José to become a signatory to the Bay Area Air Quality Management District's "Cut the Commute" Pledge.** Fulfilling this commitment will reduce toxic air pollution and greenhouse gas emissions, cut traffic congestion, and improve work/life balance for thousands of residents.

As our economy recovers, we simply cannot afford to go back to a time where most workers drive single occupancy vehicles to and from work, clogging our highways, polluting our skies, and destabilizing our climate. Fossil-fuel companies like Exxon are [planning to boost](#) their annual carbon dioxide emissions, and we must ensure that does not happen in our city. Vehicle exhaust is the single largest source of the greenhouse gas emissions that are leading to more hurricanes, wildfires and rising sea levels.

Signing the Cut the Commute Pledge is in **alignment with the City's Climate Smart goals**, and should be accompanied by **additional support for the endangered public transit system**, which many essential workers rely on.

To preserve a healthy environment today and provide a livable climate tomorrow for all children, please support becoming a signatory to the Cut the Commute Pledge, and agree to present the Pledge at the next City Council meeting for approval.

Thank you for your leadership on climate and keep up the good work,
Linda Hutchins-Knowles for
Mothers Out Front Silicon Valley



Oct. 6, 2020

City of San Jose Rules and Open Government Committee

Re: Agenda Item G.2: Bay Area Air District's Cut the Commute Pledge

Dear Mayor Liccardo and Committee Members,

For a better future for the entire Bay Area, please bring San Jose's leadership to bear on reducing traffic congestion and greenhouse gases by supporting Item G.2 and signing on to the Bay Area Air Quality Management District's Cut the Commute Pledge.

This regional approach to combatting climate change and some of the worst traffic in the nation brings the added benefits of improving work/life balance for many employees and potentially preserving the Bay Area as a desirable place for people to live and work.

Our district recently joined Santa Clara County and a number of neighboring municipalities in signing the pledge, and I believe San Jose's participation would encourage others to join as well.

While the Foothill-De Anza District is a longtime distance education leader, it was only when we needed to rapidly switch to delivering all instruction and services remotely that we learned to rethink some of our processes and discovered new approaches and efficiencies. I am proud to report that through creativity and hard work, our faculty and staff continue to serve our students remotely with care and distinction. Our transition has gone so well that we'll continue some of the new practices we've developed during the pandemic even after returning to campus, including allowing more remote work.

Many employees say they are grateful to no longer have to spend hours of their lives in stressful commutes of an hour or more during long morning and evening rush hours. By signing the Cut the Commute Pledge, we are committing to increasing remote work options by at least 25% from pre-pandemic levels for employees whose work requirements allow that flexibility.

All government entities in the Bay Area now have a unique opportunity to continue to some degree the remote delivery of services that serve Bay Area residents conveniently while also improving air quality, reducing traffic, increasing sustainability, and contributing to quality of life. I urge San Jose to continue to exert its leadership and sign the Cut the Commute Pledge.

Warm regards,

A solid black rectangular box used to redact the signature of Judy C. Miner.

Judy C. Miner, Ed.D.
Chancellor



Oct. 6, 2020

City of San Jose Rules & Open Government Committee
Visa email: city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov

Re: Agenda Item G.2: Bay Area Air District's Cut the Commute Pledge

Dear Mayor Liccardo and Committee Members,

I strongly urge the Rules & Open Government Committee to support the Bay Area Air Quality Management District's Cut the Commute Pledge. As the largest city in Santa Clara County, San Jose would be an important contributor to this regional effort to reduce greenhouse gases to combat climate change and improve the quality of life for all Bay Area residents.

Anyone who has lived here for more than a decade has witnessed the human toll that longer commutes and higher transportation costs have taken on both families and businesses. In the past 15 years, the average time it takes Silicon Valley residents to get to work rose by 25 percent to a half hour, according to the 2020 Joint Venture Silicon Valley Index, and more than 100,000 people were enduring a three-plus hour roundtrip mega-commute to work before COVID-19.

As tragic as the coronavirus pandemic has been, it has shown us that it is possible for many people to work from home or a convenient remote location and remain productive and engaged. The Cut the Commute Pledge asks only that signatories commit to extending remote work options by at least 25% to employees whose jobs allow it. This should provide enough flexibility to meet operational needs while continuing to extend life improvement option to employees.

Last night, our Board of Trustees in the Foothill-De Anza Community College District voted unanimously to have our district sign the Cut the Commute Pledge. I have attached the resolution.

I hope that the Rules & Open Government Committee will lead the charge to have San Jose sign the pledge and join other signatory organizations such as ours, Santa Clara County, and the cities Sunnyvale, Mountain View, Monte Sereno and Los Altos Hills. As we see the ravages of wildfires fueled by the effects of climate change, I think it's clear that signing the pledge represents an unprecedented opportunity to make a meaningful difference in our region.

Respectfully,

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Peter Landsberger
Vice President, Board of Trustees

Board of Trustees Patrick Ahrens Laura Casas Pearl Cheng Peter Landsberger Gilbert Wong

Resolution 2020-31 of the Board of Trustees of Foothill-De Anza Community College District Authorizing the Chancellor to Sign the Bay Area Air Quality Management District's Remote Work Pledge

WHEREAS, climate change and air pollution, caused by the emission of carbon dioxide (CO₂), oxides of nitrogen (NO_x) and fine particulates from automobiles with combustion engines, represents a profound threat to the Bay Area's air quality, public health, environment, and economy; and

WHEREAS, the Joint Venture Silicon Valley Index released in 2020 reported that transportation costs are up 21 percent over the last 5 years, to \$6,500 for a family of four; the average time for Silicon Valley residents to get to work rose 25 percent in the last 15 years to a half hour; over 100,000 Silicon Valley employees had a round-trip mega-commute of over 3 hours, resulting in a regional loss of productivity is as much as \$3.4 billion a year; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 shelter-in-place orders issued to protect the public from the spread of COVID-19 necessitated a shift in how Bay Area employers operate, and many employees quickly made the adjustment to remote work; and

WHEREAS, the Bay Area Air Quality Management District estimated that the COVID-19 shelter-in-place orders resulted in a decrease of an estimated 70 percent of Bay Area vehicle miles traveled, which resulted in estimated reductions in total emissions of 15 percent for fine particulates, 30 percent for NO_x and 20 percent for CO₂; and

WHEREAS, the option to work from home or another off-site location is critical to reducing single occupancy vehicle trips; and

WHEREAS, the increase of the use of public transportation reduces the number of single occupant vehicle trips; and

WHEREAS, people are more inclined to use public transportation if it is faster than driving in a single occupancy vehicle and cities and counties can increase the speed of public transportation through land use decisions; and

WHEREAS, the increase in bike lanes and other land use decisions, such as the inclusion of complete streets, increases safety and the perception of safety thereby increasing the number of people who will use bicycles to meet their transportation needs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Foothill-De Anza Community College District Board of Trustees strongly supports increasing the number of employees who are able to telecommute, supports the goal of reducing single occupancy vehicle trips in the Bay Area, and supports the implementation of policies that will increase options, incentives and abilities for employees to use public transit and other alternative modes of transit.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board authorizes the Chancellor to sign the Bay Area Air Quality Management District's Remote Work Pledge.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Trustees of the Foothill-De Anza Community College District this 5th day of October, 2020, by the following vote:

AYES:	5
NOES:	0
ABSENT:	0
ABSTENTION:	0



Judy C. Miner, Chancellor and Secretary
to the Board of Trustees

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October 7, 2020

City of San Jose Rules & Open Government Committee

Re: Agenda Item G.2: Bay Area Air District's Cut the Commute Pledge

Dear Mayor Liccardo and Committee Members:

350 Bay Area is a grassroots organization, focused on climate change and the elimination of carbon pollution. Our team is focused on Telecommuting, as one strategy that can help reach that goal.

Pre-COVID, transportation equated to around 41% of the greenhouse gas emissions (GHG) in the Bay Area. Existing legislation and practices, alongside the projected population growth in the Bay Area, would mean that we would find it difficult to even meet the 19% reductions on GHG's set up the state. However, due to the forced behavior changes caused by COVID, and the increase in the volume of people working from home, we saw a dramatic decrease in traffic, pollution, and GHG's. We do not want, nor expect that these disruptive changes remain in full effect. However, we have seen now that telecommuting can be a very effective solution to decrease traffic and GHG's.

Organizations can now use what they have learned during the past few months, to implement good practices to benefit their organizations, employees, and the environment.

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Please support becoming a signatory to the Bay Area Air District's Cut the Commute Pledge and agree to present the pledge at your next City Council meeting for approval.

Thank you for your leadership.

Sincerely,
350BayAreaTelecommute Team
Lisa Jackson
Jack Fleck
Wendi Kallins
Roopak Kandasamy.
David Page

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Please endorse BAAQMD's Cut the Commute Pledge and take it to the next level by implementing policies that incentivize the initial goal of 25% of staff plus taking it to 50% and 75% if feasible. This will improve quality of life, environment, public health, and decrease morbidity and mortality. It improves the commute by lowering traffic density and vehicular fatalities for all.

Annually, for every 100 staff that work remotely, each company pockets \$1million in savings while increasing productivity and decreasing turnover. The majority of staff wish to be offered WFH options.

Thank you,

David Bezanson, Ph.D.
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City of San José Rules & Open Government Committee
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Re: Agenda Item G.2: Bay Area District's Cut the Commute Pledge

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We would like to express our support for the City of San José becoming a signatory to the Bay Area Air Quality Management District's *Cut the Commute Pledge*.

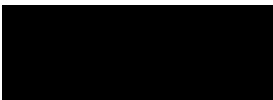
In the wake of Covid-19 shelter-in-place orders, the Leadership Group conducted surveys of employer attitudes towards remote work and potentially continuing this practice on a limited basis to capture benefits to GhG and traffic reduction. As companies learned and adapted to a telework setting, we found that receptiveness grew. This work led to a collaboration with the Air District and the creation of the *Cut the Commute Pledge*.

The *Cut the Commute Pledge* asks companies and organizations to extend remote work options by at least 25% (or 1 to 2 days a week) for employees whose work requirements allow for that flexibility. For those employees that don't have that flexibility, employers can encourage alternatives to driving alone, such as taking public transit or cycling. This pledge gives full flexibility to employers to determine the most appropriate manner to implement this increase.

The Bay Area Air Quality Management District's voluntary pledge is a model for how to work with employers to capture some of the GhG and traffic gains, while working with companies and the community to gather crucial information on how to encourage and not mandate good behavior. The Leadership Group prides itself on working closely with a spectrum of organizations – from grassroots groups to business to labor to government. With communication and collaboration, we feel that Silicon Valley can tackle most challenges.

The Silicon Valley Leadership Group encourages the City of San José to become a signatory to the Bay Area Air Quality Management District's *Cut the Commute Pledge*. We appreciate your continued leadership on this important and timely issue.

Sincerely,



Ceci Conley
Senior Associate of Transportation & Housing
Silicon Valley Leadership Group

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Your vote to support this pledge will demonstrate your leadership for the both the City of San Jose and the region.

By being a signatory to the Cut the Commute Pledge, and recommending to the City Council to approve the pledge you are supporting impactful climate change/disruption actions the will improve public health by significantly reducing green house gas emissions from single-occupancy automobiles. As you know, automobile exhaust contributes to the atmospheric changes which lead to more hurricanes and wildfires.

Your demonstrated leadership is important; lives will be saved. Our region will be more resilient. As a former City Council and School Board Member and member of the VTA Board, I know the value of your work. I am also a member of the 350SV Telework Team . My views are also informed by my career in city planning and transportation planning.

Thank you,

Gail Price
Palo Alto, CA

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Dear Mayor Liccardo and Committee Members:

I strongly support the City of San Jose becoming a signatory to the Bay Area Air District's *Cut the Commute Pledge*. Fulfilling this commitment will enable our region to permanently enjoy reductions in air pollution from decreased traffic, cut long term traffic congestion, and improve the work/life balance for hundreds of thousands of residents.

The Foothill-De Anza Community College District Board of Trustees recognized decades ago the critical importance of environmental sustainability and adopted board policy 3214 Environmentally Sustainable Practices in 1999. The governing board's 2020 legislative principles and 2019-2020 board priorities support efforts to enhance energy efficiency and sustainability on our campuses and in our communities. These principles and priorities were reinforced at the Foothill-De Anza Community College District Board of Trustees meeting on October 5, 2020 where the Board passed Resolution 2020-31 Authorizing the Chancellor to Sign the Bay Area Air Quality Management District's Remote Work Pledge.

Prior to COVID-19, the Bay Area was among the top 10 of regions in the US with the worst traffic in the nation, especially during morning and evening commutes. Traffic is highly polluting, very stressful, and a factor in people's decisions about whether to live and work here. Increasing remote work options can help prevent a return to the congestion of our past.

The *Cut the Commute* pledge asks for a minimum commitment of 25% (pre-COVID-19) work from home options for employees. The pledge gives full flexibility to employers to determine the most appropriate manner to implement this increase.

This is a great opportunity for municipalities and public agencies to be leaders in the Bay Area by showing how remote work reduces single occupancy vehicles on our roads and decreases both congestion and air pollution.

Please support becoming a signatory to the Bay Area Air District's Cut the Commute Pledge and agree to present the pledge at your next City Council meeting for approval.

Sincerely,



Lloyd A. Holmes Ph.D.

Cc: Judy C. Miner, Chancellor Foothill-De Anza Community College District
Board of Trustees, Foothill-De Anza Community College District

Fw: Cut the Commute

Gregory, Barbara

Fri 10/16/2020 1:14 PM

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not sure about this one

Thank You,

Barb Gregory



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CATALYZE SV

Vice Mayor Jones & Councilmember Arenas,

Thanks for bringing the idea of the Cut the Commute Pledge to the City of San Jose.

Catalyze SV's commitment to sustainable, equitable & vibrant places for people aligns with the goals of the pledge.

In your 10/7/20 memo to the Rules Committee, you wrote, "In support of Cut the Commute, direct City Manager and Administration to evaluate and update as needed the following: ... 3) Collaboration with community organizations to encourage: a. The increased use of public transit and alternative forms of transportation ..."

We'd love to support your ideas for how to achieve these increases!


As a community organization, can Catalyze SV and our sister organizations be of assistance in any potential collaborations with you and/or the City Manager's office as intimated above?

When Catalyze SV members [evaluate & score development projects](#), the projects our members score the highest encourage the use of public transit & alternative modes of transportation. So we believe there's much the City can do in this arena to achieve the mode shifts necessary to achieve the City's crucial goals.

Let us know how we can support the City. Thanks for your efforts on this idea.

Yours in community,
Alex

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1. Blair Beekman. SJ city council. October 20, 2020. Item 3.9.

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Mon 10/19/2020 11:30 AM

To: Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>;

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Dear San José community and city govt.,

With the telecommuting ideas, of the Cut Commute item.

A reminder, there is a federal push, to install much more, 4g & 5g broadband technology, in local neighborhoods.

There will be much surveillance technology included, as part of this installation. And, as part of new commitments, to the ideas of neighborhood safety, and Vision Zero.

With the many telecommuting ideas & needs, of Cut the Commuter plans,

Another reminder, to please consider, how open public policies, and the future of technology - can work hand in hand.

It is time to reconsider, the 9.11.01 era concepts, that open public policies, somehow limit, technology capability.

And that these ideas, have to work, in mutually exclusive terms.

The inventiveness of technology, along with, organized, responsible guidelines, and open public policies,

This is how, responsibility, better reasoning, and more open democratic practices, can work towards, long-term community harmony, sustainability, and ideas of peace.

It is these good efforts, that can also address, continual war & its shock doctrine practices.

It can be the sharing, of simple, open, democratic practices, and open public policies, that can help relieve the fears, of future technology, and societal planning, at the local, national, and international levels.

Sincerely,
Blair Beekman

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Mon 10/19/2020 11:31 AM

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Dear San Jose community, and city government,

With Cut the Commute ideas, please also try to remember - that good mass transit ideas, have probably helped shape, most of our lives, in some form.

Please consider, it's good causes and practices.

In what should be, the reduction of the Covid-19 virus, in the next year or two - what can be the return of mass transit ?

I hope we are at a time, to begin to more openly discuss, what will be, mass transit choices, for Santa Clara Co., in the next few years.

Sincerely,
Blair Beekman

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