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City of San José City Council

Re: Agenda Item 3.9: Support for the Cut the Commute Pledge

Dear Mayor Liccardo and Councilmembers:

I write in strong support of the City of San José becoming a signatory to the Bay Area Air Quality Management District's Cut the Commute Pledge. COVID-19 has shown us that remote work is a viable option for many government workers and is an effective way to reduce our carbon footprint, improve air quality, reduce traffic congestion, and enhance work/life balance.

The San Mateo County Board of Supervisors passed a resolution on October 6, 2020 calling for businesses in San Mateo County to adopt the Cut the Commute Pledge and extend remote work options for employees following the expiration of the shelter-in-place order prompted by the COVID-19 pandemic. The Board also asked staff to provide a plan for the County of San Mateo to implement the Cut the Commute Pledge across its own workforce.

The COVID-19 pandemic has resulted in tremendous hardships across our region and the world, but one bright spot is that we have learned that telecommuting has many benefits and can be more widely adopted than we previously thought. When the COVID-19 pandemic subsides, we should not return to our old ways where driving in single occupancy vehicles was the preferred commuting mode of far too many workers.

Please join the County of San Mateo in supporting the Cut the Commute pledge.

Thank you for your leadership.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Dave Pine", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Dave Pine
San Mateo County Supervisor, District 1