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Dear community of San Jose, and city govt.,

Thank you, for item d1, on the future of electric vehicles, in San Jose.

5 years ago, there was not regular dialogue, about electric vehicle charging stations, in low income neighborhoods.

These ideas of green sustainability & equity, has now become, a more regular part, of an everyday language & understanding.

So change, toward our better thinking & reasoning, is possible.

I'm interested, in the electric school bus idea, of this memo.

The VTA, has budgeted itself, for a fleet of electric buses, and charging stations, beginning in the second half, of this decade.

And what should be, the beginning, of a transition process, to more green, sustainable choices, for the future of VTA buses.

For as, incredibly important & helpful it is, to have the Eastside community, now a part of the future, of the city of San Jose, Automated Vehicle(AV) program,

And to respect, some things, of what an AV program, can work towards,

It is important to acknowledge, that both of these programs, above, will be used by the VTA, in the future.

To once again offer, it may be, a mostly prepared & established, electric bus program, and its charging stations, that may have to take, a budget precedence - over a more experimental, city of San Jose AV program, by the end, of this next decade.

The city of Berkeley city council, last week, approved, its first, beginning, initial steps - in how, electric vehicles, vehicle parking, and affordable housing, can more actively work together, for the future, of their community.

These are the plans & efforts, in the ideas of green sustainability, good housing practices, tech. innovation, equity, and Vision Zero, towards the ideas, of less fossil fuel use, less overall use of vehicles, and more bicycle/ pedestrian foot traffic, in local Berkeley neighborhoods, by the second half, of the 2020s.

Good luck, in San Jose's efforts, toward the same goals, of less vehicle use, and more bicycle/pedestrian traffic, by the end of this decade.

All of this, is a part of, good, green practices, that have been developing, long before, the current global pandemic.

And that can show the depth, of positive sustainability ideas, in long term social planning.

Sincerely,

Blair Beekman

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