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Memorandum

TO: Honorable Mayor & **FROM:** Toni J. Taber, CMC

City Council City Clerk

SUBJECT: The Public Record **DATE:** September 29, 2021

September 16, 2021 – September 23, 2021

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Letters from Boards, Commissions, and Committees

Letters from the Public

- 1. Letter from Association of Bay Area Governments, dated September 17, 2021, regarding: Notice of Election of the President and Vice President of the Association of Bay Area Governments.
- 2. Letter from Blair Beekman, dated September 17, 2021, regarding: 2. Blair Beekman. Friday. September 17, 2021. _____ SJ City Charter Commission & C.Mgr. letter.
- 3. Letter from Tessa Woodmansee, dated September 20, 2021, regarding: Climate catastrophe from global heating from OUR FOSSIL FUEL USE included in SJ CITY CHARTER.
- 4. Letter from Jagan Bearelly, dated September 21, 2021, regarding: City council meeting on 9/21/21, open forum: safe parking site at 71 Vista Montana.
- 5. Letter from Tom Doherty, dated September 21, 2021, regarding: City council meeting on 9/21/21, open forum: safe parking site at 71 Vista.
- 6. Letter from Srinath, dated September 21, 2021, regarding: City council meeting on 9/21/21: open forum safervparking site at 71 vista Montana.
- 7. Letter from K K, dated September 21, 2021, regarding: "City council meeting on 9/21/21, open forum: safe parking site at 71 Vista Montana".
- 8. Letter from Krishna Panikkasseril, dated September 21, 2021, regarding: open forum city council meeting regarding 71 vista montana.
- 9. Letter from Rajani Palacherla, dated September 21, 2021, regarding: CITY COUNCIL MEETING ON 9/21/21, OPEN FORM: SAFE PARKING SITE AT 71 VISTA MONTANA.
- 10. Letter from Sheena Madan, dated September 21, 2021, regarding: 9/21/21 City Council mtg open forum comments: Safe RV Parking Site at 71 Vista Montana.

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- 11. Letter from Rajani Palacherla, dated September 21, 2021, regarding: CITY COUNCIL MEETING ON 9/21/21, OPEN FORM: SAFE PARKING SITE AT 71 VISTA MONTANA.
- 12. Letter from Angee Yang, dated September 21, 2021, regarding: Fwd: City council meeting on 9/21/21, open forum: safe parking site at 71 Vista Montana.
- 13. Letter from Jagan Bearelly, dated September 22, 2021, regarding: Planning Commission meeting on 9/22/21, open forum: safe parking site at 71 Vista Montana.

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Fw: Notice of Election of the President and Vice President of the Association of Bay Area Governments

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Sent: Friday, September 17, 2021 9:39 AM

Subject: Notice of Election of the President and Vice President of the Association of Bay Area Governments

[External Email]

Clerks of County Board of Supervisors, City and Town Clerks, Supervisors, Mayors, and Councilmembers of ABAG Member Jurisdictions

The Bylaws of the Association of Bay Area Governments (Association) provide for the election of the President and Vice President every two years. With the concurrence of the Executive Board, and in accordance with election procedures adopted by the Board, notice is hereby given that an election of the President and Vice President will take place in 2021.

The Bylaws provide that the President and Vice President shall be elected by secret ballot of supervisors, mayors and councilmembers of jurisdictions belonging to the Association. Per the Association's Legal Counsel, based on the opinion previously rendered by Kenneth Moy, the secret ballot provisions of the Association's Bylaws for electing a President and a Vice President do not violate the Brown Act because the electors neither constitute a "body" nor fall within the Brown Act's definition of a "legislative body."

Pursuant to the Contract for Services between ABAG and the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) dated May 30, 2017 the Executive Director of MTC performs the duties previously performed by the Executive Director of the Association.

Election Calendar

- The offices to be filled are those of the President and Vice President of the Association. The term of office for these positions begins January 1, 2022 and expires December 31, 2023.
- Procedures for the Election of the President and Vice President is attached.
- The period for filing nomination petitions with the Executive Director of MTC begins upon approval of the election calendar and ends at 12:00 p.m. on Friday, October 8, 2021. Nomination petitions must be obtained from the Executive Director of the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) by contacting Fred Castro, ABAG Clerk of the Board, at fcastro@bayareametro.gov or (415) 820-7913. The ABAG Clerk of the Board will be available at the Bay Area Metro Center, 375 Beale Street, San Francisco, California, to receive nomination petitions and nominee affidavits on October 8, 2021.
- Ballots will be mailed to county and city clerks and others having charge of elections by Friday, October 15, 2021.
- Completed ballots must be filed with the Executive Director of MTC no earlier than Monday, October 18, 2021 and no later than 12 p.m. on Monday, November 1, 2021. The ABAG Clerk of the Board will be available at the Bay Area Metro Center, 375 Beale Street, San Francisco, California, to receive voting ballots on November 1, 2021.
- Opening and counting of ballots will be conducted on Wednesday, November 10, 2021, 2:00 p.m., at ABAG's offices.
- Pursuant to the election rules, if no election is to be conducted because there is only one candidate for each office, a certification of election notice is to be mailed to county and city clerks and others having charge of elections by Tuesday, October 12, 2021.

Please direct any questions to the Clerk of the Board at (415) 820 7913.

Fred Castro Clerk of the Board Association of Bay Area Governments fcastro@bayareametro.gov

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ASSOCIATION OF BAY AREA GOVERNMENTS

PROCEDURES FOR ELECTION OF THE PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT

The Executive Board of the Association has adopted procedures for election of the President and Vice President of the Association. These rules are intended to govern the filing of Nomination Petitions, mailing and filing of Voter Ballots, and the canvassing of Voter Ballots. The following procedures have been adopted to govern elections of the Association and shall be liberally construed.

DEFINITIONS

"Voting Member" – any one of the following officers: Supervisor, Mayor, or City or Town Councilmember. Any action of a Voting Member taken under these Procedures (e.g., signing or circulating a petition or voting) shall be valid if the Voting Member held such office at the time of his or her acting, notwithstanding any subsequent change of status.

"Member Jurisdiction" – any one of the counties, cities or towns which are members of the Association of Bay Area Governments.

"Clerk" – the Clerk of County Board of Supervisors, City or Town Clerk, or other officer having charge of elections in a Member Jurisdiction.

"Voter Ballot" – ballot which will contain the names of the nominees for the offices of President and Vice President.

"Identification Envelope" – envelope which will contain the Voter Ballot as marked by the Voting Member, with the Declaration and Certification printed on its face.

"Return Envelope" – envelope which will contain signed and unsigned Identification Envelopes.

"Executive Director" – the Executive Director of the Metropolitan Transportation Commission acting under the Contract for Services (CS) between ABAG and MTC dated May 30, 2017.

"Legal Counsel" – the Office of General Counsel of the Metropolitan Transportation Commission acting as legal counsel of the Association of Bay Area Governments under the CS.

"Clerk of the Board" – the Clerk of the Board of the Association of Bay Area Governments

NOMINATION

Section 1 – Basic Reference – The regulations, procedures and forms set forth in the California Election Laws shall be utilized as a basic reference unless otherwise in conflict with the Bylaws or Procedures and approved by the Legal Counsel of the Association.

Section 2 – Notice of Election – On or before the first day for filing Nomination Petitions, the Executive Director shall mail or email to each Voting Member and Clerk, 1) a Notice of Election and 2) a copy of the approved Procedures. The Notice shall contain a statement of:

- a. The offices to be filled and the term;
- b. The first and last day for filing of Nomination Petitions;
- c. The first and last day for the Executive Director to mail to the Clerks the Voter Ballots;
- d. The last day and time for the Executive Director to receive from the Clerk the Return Envelope containing the individuals Identification Envelopes with the enclosed Voter Ballots; and
- e. The date, time and place for counting Voter Ballots.

Section 3 – Nomination Petition – Nomination Petitions for the offices of President and Vice President shall be substantially in the form set forth in the Elections Code and shall include the verified statement of acceptance. Nomination Petition forms shall be furnished only by the Executive Director.

Section 4 – Signature of Voting Members – Not less than fifteen nor more than twenty Voting Members shall sign the Petition. No Voting Member may sign more than one Petition for the same office, and in the event he or she does so, his or her signature shall count only on the first Petition filed which contains his or her signature.

Section 5 – Nomination for Office – Nominations shall close on the last day for filing of Nomination Petitions. If, at the close of nominations, only one candidate has been nominated for the office of President or for the office of Vice President, then such sole nominee is declared hereby to be elected to such office.

Section 6 – Circulation of Petition – Any Voting Member may circulate a Nomination Petition. The circulator must sign a Certificate of Circulator on the

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Nomination Petition. The signature to each Petition shall be on the same form, and each signer shall add the date of his or her signing, his or her official title, and his or her member county, city or town. Successive signers may not use ditto marks.

Section 7 – Mailing of Ballots – The Executive Director, within the dates prescribed in the Notice of Election, shall mail to each Clerk one Voter Ballot and Identification Envelope for each Voting Member of his or her county, city or town and one Return Envelope to return the documents to the Executive Director.

Section 8 – Voting of Ballots – Upon receipt of the items referred to in Section 7, the Clerk shall arrange to hand the Voter Ballot to each Voting Member.

Each Voting Member shall mark his or her Ballot in the presence of the Clerk but in a manner that the Clerk does not see how it is being marked. Each Voting Member shall place his or her marked Ballot in the Identification Envelope, seal the Identification Envelope, sign the Declaration printed on the face of the Identification Envelope and hand it sealed to the Clerk before whom the Ballot is marked. The Clerk shall complete the Certification on the face of the Identification Envelope.

The Clerk shall deposit the signed Identification Envelopes in a safe place in his or her office, to be kept by him or her until it is necessary to file the signed and unsigned Identification Envelopes with the Executive Director in accordance with the final date and time for such filing prescribed in the Notice of Election.

Section 9 – Filing of Ballots – The Clerk shall place each signed Identification Envelope which contains a Voter Ballot from a Voting Member in the Return Envelope. The Clerk shall mail to the Executive Director the Return Envelope with enclosures, by the final date and time for such filing prescribed in the Notice of Election.

No Voter Ballot shall be accepted for count by the Counting Board unless received within the time specified in the notice of Election and unless the Declaration by the Voting Member and Certification of the Clerk have been completed.

COUNTING AND CANVASSING OF THE VOTER BALLOTS

Section 10 – Custody of Return Envelopes – The Executive Director shall have custody of all Return Envelopes after they are received from the Clerks and until the date and time for counting of Voter Ballots.

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Section 11 – Counting of Voter Ballots – The Executive Director shall commence to count the voter ballots on the date, at the time and in the place specified in the Notice of Election. The Executive Director may appoint a Counting Board to assist him in counting the Voter Ballots. No person who is a Voting Member shall be eligible to be appointed to the Counting Board. The Counting Board shall consist of not less than two and not more than four persons. The Executive Director shall determine the form of tally sheets and shall determine necessary and required procedures to assure an accurate counting of the Voter Ballots.

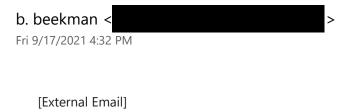
Section 12 – Canvassing Board – A Canvassing Board shall be appointed by the President, subject to Executive Board confirmation, consisting of three persons who shall be voting members other than candidates for President and Vice President. A majority of this Board shall be present at all times during the counting of Voter Ballots and shall pass upon challenges of Voter Ballots, and all questions relating to the signing and certification of Identification Envelopes and the marking of Voter Ballots. The Canvassing Board further shall receive from the Executive Director the Voter Ballot tally results after completion of count by the Executive Director, and shall thereupon post the results and certify the count to the Executive Board.

Section 13 – Public Attendance – The public shall be permitted to be in attendance during the counting and canvassing of the Voter Ballots, subject only to reasonable restrictions issued by the Executive Director to prevent interference with such counting and canvassing.

Section 14 – Declaration of Election – Legal Counsel or Clerk of the Board shall declare elected the persons having received the highest number of votes given for the offices of President and Vice President, submit a written declaration to the President and the Executive Director, and report the results to the Executive Board at its next regular meeting. In the event of a tie, selection will be by drawing of lots.

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2. Blair Beekman. Friday. Septembe	er 17, 2021	SJ City Charter	Commission 8	& C.Mgr.
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Dear si city govt, community, & advocacy,

To work on better letter writing, and in what, I failed to mention, during public comment, at yesterday's Psfss meeting -

The recent letter, from City Mgr. Jennifer Maguire, should be seen, as a way, to better negotiate & realign, previous concepts & practices of re-imagine, for the city charter commission.

And not, as an end, to reimagine concepts, altogether, for the future of the city charter commission.

The next few weeks, can be an important time to negotiate how the city charter commission process, can better study & coordinate, with other city govt. depts., committees, commissions, and local sj neighborhood communities.

As I feel, we are all making the efforts, at this time, for re-imagine, equity, open democracy, green sustainability, and like-minded connections, to this area's, indigineous beginnings - to be recognizable & understandable, within the future, of the sj city charter.

sincerely, blair beekman

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Dear city clerk, charter chair Frederick 'Fred' Ferrer,

I was very disappointed that the issue of climate crisis was not fully addressed by the charter commissioners on September 13th meeting with the urgency it deserves and the people demand and a letter from another citizen (our city manager) re: policing took over the discussion of the people's agenda subcommittee.

So please let that precedent continue and let this letter from the public focus the charter committees attention on this citizen's demands.

The third leg of the charter that addresses accountability must address our climate crisis and include it in our charter as soon as possible.

Please address this issue ASAP and in depth and let the community know when the issue of climate crisis will be addressed by the commission to urgently include this critical issue in our charter and our steps to avoid climate catastrophe by reducing our greenhouse gases—CO2 emissions and fossil fuel use to zero ASAP.

Warm regards, Tessa woodmansee President, garden alameda village association

On Sun, Sep 12, 2021 at 6:33 PM tessa woodmansee < > wrote: Here are MORE articles and videos to educate the SJ council, the public and the charter review commissioners on OUR CLIMATE AND ECOLOGICAL CRISIS.

1). Over 200 health journals call on world leaders to address 'catastrophic harm to health' from climate change: Wealthy nations must do much more, much faster -- ScienceDaily

2). EDITORIAL

FROM: THE NEW ENGLAND JOURNAL OF MEDICINE

Call for Emergency Action to Limit Global Temperature Increases, Restore Biodiversity,

and Protect Health

List of authors.

Lukoye Atwoli, Abdullah H. Baqui, Thomas Benfield, Raffaella Bosurgi, et al.

<u>SEPTEMBER, 5, 2021</u>

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3). U.N. Secretary-General Antonio Guterres issued a dire warning that the world is moving in the wrong direction and faces "a pivotal moment" where continuing business as usual could lead to a breakdown of global order and a future of perpetual crisis. Changing course could signal a breakthrough to a greener and safer future, he said.

The U.N. chief said the world's nations and people must reverse today's dangerous trends and choose "the breakthrough scenario."

The world is under "enormous stress" on almost every front, he said, and the COVID-19 pandemic was a wake-up call demonstrating the failure of nations to come together and take joint decisions to help all people in the face of a global lifethreatening emergency.

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4). Even small increases in warming are consequential, and the impacts of climate change are already visible
today in phenomena like melting ice caps, rising sea levels, and more destructive extreme weather. But the flip
side is that all efforts to mitigate climate change are meaningful, even if the world overshoots its targets. All the
warming that's avoided will save lives and property and will enhance human welfare. There may be a point of
no return, but there is no point at which our actions don't matter.

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5). What's the worst that could happen?

These five climate scenarios show us what the future of the planet could look like.

How bad could climate change get?

Humans have already warmed the planet by at least 1 degree Celsius by burning fossil fuels that spew heat-trapping gases into the sky. The oceans are rising, and deadly disasters like wildfires, heat waves, and flooding are becoming more destructive. Almost every part of the world is experiencing the effects of climate change.

That much is "unequivocal," according to the latest report from the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), an international team of scientists convened by the United Nations.

What's far less certain is just how bleak the future of our planet will be.

This critical question reaches beyond physical sciences into economics, sociology, and even psychology. Humans still have the power to slow the climate crisis — though with each day that goes by without sweeping societal changes to slash emissions, the outlook grows more grim.

The first installment of the **IPCC's sixth assessment report**, which focuses on the physical science behind climate change, considers five scenarios that game out how humanity will respond, or not, to the specter of warming. They reveal that some of the more extreme projections of the past are less likely to come to fruition. But every scenario in the report also overshoots one of the targets of the 2015 Paris climate agreement. A best-case scenario now requires drastically more climate action than the world has achieved to date, and the window for action is closing.

However, "Scenarios are not predictions," the report says. "Instead, they provide a 'what-if' investigation of the implications of various developments and actions."

Here is the best scenario in the latest report:

1) SSP1-1.9 — This scenario has been described as "taking the green road." It's the most ambitious and hardest-to-achieve storyline. It envisions a gradual but concerted shift toward clean energy, with few political barriers in adapting to and mitigating climate change. This entails a rapid drawdown of fossil fuels, widespread deployment of clean energy, increasing energy efficiency, and lower resource demands. By the middle of the century, humanity will zero out its contributions to climate change.

This scenario also assumes inclusive global development that lifts all countries. It imagines improvements in education and health that would help stabilize population growth, with the total declining slightly to 7 billion people. To create this future, humans would likely need to achieve a global philosophical shift away from the pursuit of economic growth and toward improvements in human well-being.

While every scenario in the new IPCC report will likely overshoot the 1.5°C target, under SSP1-1.9, global average temperatures would eventually decline below this level by 2100. It's also worth noting that 1.5°C of warming is no picnic; that's still warmer than the world is today, leading to effects like increasing the frequency and intensity of heat waves and extreme rainfall

In short, these scenarios show how scientists are grappling with the capriciousness of human behavior. What happens if more countries are taken over by nationalists? Or if clean technology makes a radical leap forward? Or if countries and corporations actually start to buckle down and throttle emissions? Our planet has many possible futures that depend on human decisions. These visions of tomorrow emphasize that we have profoundly and irreversibly changed the world, but also that much of the potential warming is still in our hands.

6). Overlapping disasters expose harsh climate reality: the U.S. is not ready

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NEW YORK — In Louisiana and Mississippi, nearly 1 million people are without electricity and drinking water after a hurricane obliterated power lines. In California, wildfire menaces Lake Tahoe, forcing tens of thousands to flee. In Tennessee, flash floods killed at least 20; hundreds more perished in a heat wave in the Northwest. And in New York City, 7 inches of rain fell in just hours Wednesday, drowning people in their basements.

The disasters cascading across the country this summer have exposed a harsh reality: The United States is not ready for the extreme weather that is now becoming frequent as a result of our warming planet.

"These events tell us we're not prepared," said Alice Hill, who oversaw planning for climate risks on the National Security Council during the Obama administration. "We have built our cities, our communities, to a climate that no longer exists."

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In remarks Thursday, President Joe Biden acknowledged the challenge ahead.



"And to the country, the past few days of Hurricane Ida and the wildfires in the West and the unprecedented flash floods in New York and New Jersey is yet another reminder that these extreme storms — and the climate crisis — are here," said Biden, who noted that a \$1 trillion infrastructure bill pending in Congress includes some money to gird communities against disasters. "We need to do — be better prepared. We need to act."

The country faces two separate but interlaced problems, according to climate and resilience experts.

First, governments have not spent enough time and money to brace for these climate shocks, which have long been predicted: everything from maintaining and fortifying electrical lines and stormwater systems to

clearing forests of undergrowth in order to reduce the ferocity of wildfires.

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"We're feeling all the effects of that deferred maintenance," said Kristina Dahl, a senior climate scientist at the Union of Concerned Scientists.

But there's a second, more sobering lesson: There are limits to how much the country, and the world, can adapt. And if nations don't do more to cut greenhouse gas emissions that are driving climate change, they may soon run up against the outer edges of resilience.

"If we already can't cope with where we are, then there's little hope that it's going to improve in a warming climate," Dahl said.

The country's vulnerability in the face of extreme weather was punctuated by the downpour that flooded the country's largest city. New York City has invested billions of dollars in storm protection since Hurricane Sandy in 2012 — investments that seemed to do little to blunt the impact of the deluge Wednesday night.



Rain poured down in furious torrents, turning the subway system into a kind of flume ride. Central Park recorded

7.19 inches of rain, nearly double the previous record set in 1927 for the same date, according to the National Weather Service, which issued the city's first-ever flash flood emergency alert.

Before the storm, city and state officials activated preparation plans. They cleared drains, they erected flood barriers in the subway and other sensitive areas, and they warned the public.

Then the rainfall dumped more water, and at a faster rate, than what the city had factored into its new stormwater maps as an "extreme" flood event.

'No one is listening to us'

The pattern of damage reflects the relationship between climate exposure and racial inequity: The storm's impacts were worse in low-income communities of color, which, because of historic inequalities, are more prone to flooding, receive less maintenance from city services and frequently experience lax housing code enforcement.

Most of those killed in New York City drowned when floodwaters rushed into their basement apartments. Many such apartments do not meet safety requirements but have proliferated as affordable housing for the working poor and for immigrants living in the city illegally, many of whom may fear complaining to authorities about safety violations.

In one case, Tara Ramskriet, 43, and her son Nick, 22, drowned when water filled their basement apartment in the Hollis section of Queens so quickly that family members could not pull them out against the flow, and a wall collapsed, trapping them inside.

Neighbors were outraged, saying it took fatalities to bring city inspectors to the scene.

"This happens all the time," said Jennifer Mooklal, 33, who lives across the street from the Ramskriets. "Even if it's just rain, our basement gets flooded. We've been

dealing with this problem for years and have been asking the city — but no one is listening to us."

Damage from extreme weather, and the threats to human life it brings, will only increase as the planet warms. For every 1.8 degrees Fahrenheit of global warming, the atmosphere holds about 7% more moisture, scientists have found. That means much heavier rainfall when storms do occur.

Across the continental United States, the heaviest downpours have become more frequent and severe, according to the federal government's National Climate Assessment. The Northeast has seen 50% more rainfall during the heaviest storms compared with the first half of the 20th century.

Plodding along

Other countries have heeded the warnings of climate scientists — and acted.

In the Netherlands, where much of the country lies below sea level, the government strengthened flood design standards and in 2007 created a program called Room for the River, which in essence authorized the wholesale redesign and rebuilding of dozens of vulnerable watersheds around cities like Amsterdam and Rotterdam. The goal was to prepare for the sort of one-in-10,000-year floods that Dutch scientists were warning might become more frequent.

In that country, government water boards have the ultimate authority over land use. If they determine an area is needed for flood protection, its residents must move.

Specific taxes are dedicated to water management. There is no National Flood Insurance Program for residents in flood zones in the Netherlands because, the Dutch argue, the government's job is to protect people from floods, not help homeowners rebuild in areas vulnerable to damage.

Among other things, Room for the River created dozens of new parks, enhancing underserved neighborhoods, resettling populations living in flood zones into new homes out of harm's way, and girding the nation's economy in the process.

But here in the U.S., efforts to protect American cities from damage by severe storms and rising seas have been plodding.

There are many reasons, including government reluctance to impose on private property, a legacy of racial and economic injustice, and a system of governance and regulation that simply moves far slower than the hastening pace of climate change.

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It's a Dying Planet

Our Civilisation is Boiling Alive in the Fumes of its Own Waste

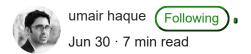




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It was my lovely doctor wife who leaned over to me and said: "Did you know scores of people in Canada are <u>dead because of the heat?</u> Near Vancouver?" Suffering a severe case of brain fog thanks to being in a pandemic for a year and counting now, I was tuned out. "Hmm," I replied, absently. And then I woke up, suddenly hearing the words. "Wait, *what*?"

Canada's not exactly a place you associate with "people dead from the heat." And yet it's a grim tale of what's to come.

This isn't a heatwave. It's a dying planet.

Much of the Pacific Northwest is trapped under what climate scientists are calling a "heat dome." It stretches up and down the coast. Temperatures have rocketed off the charts. It was 115 degrees in Portland, Oregon. That's hotter than *Cairo*, Egypt, or *Karachi*, Pakistan.

This is a region of the world that should be temperate and cool — not boiling hot. But it's trapped under a "heat dome," which is a huge region of high pressure, that creates an effect literally akin to a pressure cooker. Yesterday's

normal temperatures are giving way to "heat domes" — something much more catastrophic, as the planet warms beyond all recognition, in ways profound hostile to us. Why do I say "dangerous"? Well, what is life under extreme heat like? The day before, I'd read an article about the hottest place on earth, which is Jacobabad, in Pakistan. It claims that title because average temperatures go beyond 52°C. Remember, the heat dome in the Pacific Northwest has already pushed temperatures there almost within striking distance of that the 115 Fahrenheit is 46 degrees Celsius. Portland and Seattle reached temperatures that are approaching the hottest city on earth. That's "climate change," or far more accurately put, global warming. We are beginning to be boiled alive.

"heat waves" — a few days of higher than

If you think that's an exaggeration, consider life in Jacobabad. People don't leave the house much when it's that

hot. They stay inside, trying to stay cool however they can. Business, commerce, trade, social events — all these things come to a halt. What does that sound like to you? It sounds a lot like *lockdown*. If you want to understand what the world will look like a few years or decades hence, the last year is — grimly — a very good guide. Extreme heat is a lot like pandemic lockdown, because these are both catastrophes that are on the verge of being unsurvivable.

Jacobabad broils for months. Portland and Vancouver and Seattle's heat dome will go away. But that's a distinction without much of a difference. Because chances are the heat dome will be back next year, for longer. And so too the year after that. This is what living on a planet that's heating rapidly *is*. What happens when Jacobabad gets even hotter? What happens as the Pacific Northwest experiences heat domes for longer, more frequently?

For that, you need to understand the notion of "wet bulb temperature." It accounts for heat stress to living things. When you cover a thermometer with a wet cloth, you record the temperature at which sweat cools the body with evaporation. Here's how climate scientist Simon Lewis puts it. "Humans cannot survive prolonged exposure to a wet-bulb temperature beyond 35°C because there is no way to cool our bodies. Not even in the shade, and not even with unlimited water.

Did you get that? Beyond 95 degrees
Fahrenheit — which is what 35°C is — at
100% humidity, you're *dead*. Fast. Bang. You
can't cool yourself. You go into organ failure,
and literally boil alive from the inside, as your
proteins denature (you can think my doctor
wife for that lovely description.)

Now, that wet bulb temperature has only been reached in a few places, for a few hours — so far. But we are now experiencing dramatic, massive warming as a globe. Warming which only,

frankly, extremists and idiots can go on denying. You only have to think about how much hotter summer's gotten wherever you are to literally feel how much our planet's heating. We're going to cross that line. Nobody can say for sure when. But what we can say is that we're heading towards it at light speed, faster than anyone thinks. Portland and Vancouver being as hot as the hottest places on earth? As we cross the wet-bulb threshold of about

As we cross the wet-bulb threshold of about 35°C, places simply become *unlivable*. Lewis says "something truly terrifying is emerging: the creation of unliveable heat."

What happens as we cross that line? Well, you might think: I'll just run my AC harder! Bzzt, wrong. ACs need lower humidity to work well, and the more humid conditions get, the harder they need to work. Meanwhile, the harder you work your AC, the more the power grid, stressed by demand, unable to cope, will crash regularly — just as it does in Jacobabad, or it did in Portland and Vancouver.

We don't have a technology that's going to allow us to live comfortably on a boiling planet. I know that you might think we do, because, like me, you're used to the luxury of air conditioned bliss. The truth is that technology only works in a profoundly narrow range of environmental conditions, maybe from 50 to 100 Fahrenheit, with relatively low humidity. We aren't going to be able to air-condition our way out of being boiled alive.

Instead, entire regions of the planet will simply become, as Lewis

says, unlivable. Some place will suffer regular heat domes. Some, like Jacobabad, will just be too hot, period, year round. And some will have a drier heat that produces megafires, over and over again. There a lot of ways — too many — that you get to "unlivable."

Those places are also going to be *a lot more* numerous than we think. All those air conditioned glass towers in Miami? Good luck with that as the planet warms. All those steel and glass luxury skyscrapers in Manhattan? Have fun with a power grid that needs more juice than the entire East Coast can supply.

What happens as a place becomes unlivable? Massive levels of disruption

do. People have already fled Jacobabad. As "human capital flight" ensues, disruptions happens on three levels. The place people are fleeing from gets poorer and more unstable. The place they're fleeing to usually doesn't want them there, especially if they're coming with nothing.

And they will be coming with nothing, all these climate refugees and migrants, because, well, most of us have just one real asset, if we're lucky, and that's our homes. But if you have to leave a place because it's gotten too hot to live there... nobody's buying your home. It's worthless. Congratulations, now you're something like a war refugee — fleeing with the clothes on your back, and the money you can take with you.

As societies face these kinds of obstacles, they tend to destabilize. Let's talk about another effect of extreme heat and warming for a moment — the megadrought the American West faces. Right about now, most of us are pretending that it isn't a big deal. That's because there are still a few meagre resources left to tap. But once what's left of the water's gone, it's gone. For good. How are cities like Las Vegas and Los Angeles going to survive? The classic pattern goes like this: the rural hinterlands suffer the effects of drought and famine first, and then it creeps inwards, towards richer, more developed urban centres. Right about now, the West's mega drought is felt in California's once-lush farming valleys. But as it spreads east and west, like a cancer, as it's sure to do — what then?

Then...bang. Catastrophe. There's another whole category of refugees you might never have considered. Not people fleeing from extreme heat, but people fleeing for fresh water. What do we even call these new categories of migrants and refugees? We don't even have names for them — and yet these changes are already upon us. And that's the point.

We are now living on a dying planet. It's not dying in an ultimate and final sense — probably not, anyways, although there's <u>still</u> <u>some chance</u> we end up with a cycle of runaway warming so severe we end up like Venus. We're living on a dying planet in the sense that it's heating up incredibly fast, faster

than it has for hundreds of millions of years, quite possibly the fastest it's ever heated up. And as the planet continues warming, faster and faster, living things are going to die. Lots of lots of them. Trillions upon trillions of them. Trees, insects, animals, fish. Rivers, oceans, skies, if you think of those as living things, too. And *us*.

What's certain not to survive is this way of life. We can't use the technologies we have now to fight the Existential Threats already on our doorstep. You can't air condition way out of a boiling planet. We can't use the cultural mores, values, norms, and institutions we have now to fight them, either — materialism, greed, selfishness, carelessness, indifference, and so on. Where does that leave us? You probably already suspect my answer. This isn't a heatwave — it's a dying planet. Our civilisation is now beginning to collapse. When Portland and Seattle are almost as hot as Jacobabad — the hottest place on earth — which itself is becoming so that that soon it will literally be unsurvivable...then, my friends, we are a civilisation that has literally cooked itself alive. In the combustion and fumes of its own addiction to exploitation, stuff, toys, hate, rage, all the ways we try to escape from our own demons of loneliness, despair, ignorance, and powerlessness.

We're living on a dying planet. I guess

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Please know that when it comes to the safety of our families, none of us will stop protesting until this fire hazard is removed from our neighborhood.

We expect to see the city is serving the residents and their safety requirements. It's your job to do this right and not our job to come and protest!!

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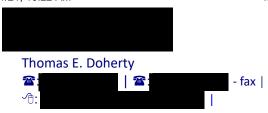
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The city continues to be opaque about the enforcement of code of conduct. It is still not clear who are the residents. The Councilmember is not communicating on this topic which is causing security concerns in our neighborhood.

Thank you for including this topic in today's agenda.

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All my best,

Sent from my iPhone

Fw: open forum city council meeting regarding 71 vista montana

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Tue 9/21/2021 9:58 AM

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From: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov> Sent: Tuesday, September 21, 2021 9:52 AM To: Agendadesk < Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

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From: k panikka < Sent: Tuesday, September 21, 2021 9:30 AM To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>

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This supposedly safe parking site is turning out to be like the encampment at Apple site at Component St.

There is poor oversight and security.

Wanted to bring this to the attention of the city council. Please take action NOW to avoid DANGER to residents

Safety: We have video of a person come out of this site and run a red light. This is not a regular red-light run because someone mis-calculated the timing. The guy was stopped at the red light, and started after the red-light came on! A gross violation of safety in a dense neighborhood with lot of kids.

Trash: Residents also noticed that the site is turning out to be like the Apple encampment at Component St. Residents saw trash piled on top of the RVs, and trash strewn on the black-top! The same truck that ran the red light seems to be hauling trash and collecting trash on the floor.

Oversight: The trash collection is against the code of conduct that council member Mr. Cohen promised the residents. Why is the security not enforcing the code of conduct. The oversight seems to be obviously lacking

Breaking given promises: Mr. Cohen had promised that "only people from the original Apple site will be at this site". This is NOT the case. Residents talked to a person in the site who is not from the original Apple site. Again bad oversight and breaking promises

No number to call to report issues: Residents were given a FAQ by the city which said that residents will be given a number to call to report issues. This number has not yet come forth!

NOT ONLY HAS THIS MESS BEEN CREATED IN A MESS, IT IS BEING CONTINUED TO BE RUN AS A MESS!

PLEASE FIX THESE ISSUES ASAP

Krishna Panikkasseril



FW: CITY COUNCIL MEETING ON 9/21/21, OPEN FORM: SAFE PARKING SITE AT 71 VISTA **MONTANA**

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From: rajani palacherla < Sent: Tuesday, September 21, 2021 10:00 AM

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Trash has started showing up. Residents saw trash being bagged and kept on RVs. We can also see trash on the black top strewn around. The truck that ran the red light seems to be hauling trash and leaving it on the black top. It is a fire hazard. We have had more encampment fires recently and it is a real concern. Trash leading to fire hazard is one of the reasons most encampments have been closed. Why did the city approve this site here in the middle of a busy neighborhood next to a park when there is a serious fire risk with the encampments. We have pictures of the trash on the RVs.

There is at least one person staying at the Safe Parking Site mentioned to one of the residents that he is not from the Apple Encampment Site. This does not match David Cohen's promise.

We do not have a number of email to use to report these issues.

How does city identify the people that have been allotted to the Safe parking site? Do they have pictures or SSN or any sort of ID to identify that they have been allotted?

How do city prevent their family and friends staying over in their own car?

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--Rajani(Resident of San Jose Renaissance)

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As predicted, we are already seeing an uptick in crimes and bad behavior from when the Safe RV Parking site was announced. When we e-mail the safe parking address, they respond that unless we have hard evidence that it was program participants who were committing the crimes, there's nothing they can do.

From our perspective, we do not care about this distinction, only that there is an uptick in crime once this site was introduced!

We're not monitoring the program participants all the time and haven't even been told who is going in and out of the site, although we already know these promises from the city were broken:

- Implication that this is an "RV site" -- site includes several cars, including one with broken
- windows
- Trash would be collected and contained -- there are around 10 bags of trash on top of one of the
- **RVs**
- People would be living there -- most people are living off-site and using it as a landfill or to
- store cars

- There would be amenities -- this includes two portapotties

- Only people from the Apple encampment would be there -- there is someone there from the Coleman
- encampment

- The RVs are functional -- several actually had to be towed in

You can see why we have lost even more trust in the city! Please fix this by closing this site!

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Morning! San Jose city clerk,

We are residents of the nearby neighborhood to this subject safe parking lot, and still live in an anxious and worried mood ever since this decision/project executed. May we know what their backgrounds are for all these "new neighborhoods"? Some of our neighbors did propose good recommendations to you for alternative sites as better arrangements for these un-housed members. Renting from those big high tech companies for their unused land would be a better option, ex: vacant land near highway 101 + trimble. Commercial areas are definitely better than residential neighborhoods. Please confirm this 71 Vista Montana parking lot won't be continuously used to accommodate the similar 'temporary' homeless RV parking site over and over again. By the way, since these RVs moved in, may we know how many times the SJ policy team got time to cruise this neighborhood?

Regards, YC & CF

Fw: Planning Commission meeting on 9/22/21, open forum: safe parking site at 71 Vista Montana

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We expect to see the city is serving the residents and their safety requirements. It's your job to do this right and not our job to come and protest!!

Regards, Jagan Bearelly California Impressions