

Fw: 6.1 21-2415 Nov 8 Special Session - Climate Smart San José and Carbon Neutral Resolution

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Support Letter for Carbon Neutral Resolution Special Session Nov 8 2021.pdf;

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Hello,

Please see our **letter of support, attached**, for San Jose's proposed Carbon Neutral by 2030 Resolution, going to City Council for a special session on November 8, 2021.

The organizations in support:

Natural Resources Defense Council

350 Silicon Valley

GRID Alternatives, Bay Area

Carbon Free Mountain View

TransForm

Menlo Spark

Silicon Valley Youth Climate Action

Carbon Free Silicon Valley

Greenbelt Alliance

Climate Reality: Silicon Valley

Acterra: Action for a Healthy Planet

Latinos United for a New America (LUNA)

Redwood Energy
Silicon Valley Bike Coalition
San Jose Community Energy Advocates

We urge San José City Councilmembers to pass this resolution as a critical next step to ensure its communities are climate-safe and resilient.

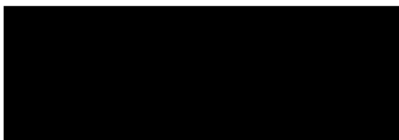
Sincerely,

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NATURAL RESOURCES DEFENSE COUNCIL



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November 4, 2021

City Councilmembers
San Jose City Council
200 E. Santa Clara St.
San Jose, CA 95113

Re: Support for the Carbon Neutral by 2030 Resolution

Dear City Councilmembers:

We, the undersigned organizations, support the passage of the San José Carbon Neutral by 2030 Resolution; an ambitious goal that will mark the future of San José's commitment to reducing greenhouse gas emissions. San José residents are already suffering from the impacts of the climate crisis, where just over the past year communities have been hit by unhealthy smoke and air pollution from fires, extreme drought, and, being a bayside city, living with the continued threat of dramatic sea level rise. Residents need bold action *now*.

Your approval of this resolution will reinforce San José's reputation as a U.S. leader on climate action.

San José has proven its position as a national climate leader, through its climate action plan, climate emergency resolution, bike plans, building decarbonization plan, and much more. As the nation's tenth largest city, these actions are important and exemplary to cities across the country that can learn from and replicate these ambitious policies. San José City Council must pass the Carbon Neutral resolution to continue to take the necessary steps to achieving a climate-forward future.

Working towards carbon neutrality by 2030 -- that is, cutting emissions to zero -- will especially benefit overburdened San José residents, if implemented strategically. Tackling climate change is a racial justice issue; San José's Black, brown and Asian American communities are disproportionately suffering the effects of climate change. These impacts include increased asthma rates, spending larger percentages of their income on energy, and more exposure to extreme heat and air pollution. Through close partnership and co-creation with communities--especially communities of color and those most impacted by climate inequities--as well as local and national organizations, San José can act on climate through an equity lens to become a safer, more affordable, and healthier place to live for all.

Two key components:

Freight: In approving this resolution, the City will take a significant step toward tackling the biggest sources of emissions, such as transportation and buildings, while reaffirming its commitment to protect its most disadvantaged communities. It should specifically identify the need to cut road freight emissions. By focusing on freight emissions in particular, the City will take a significant step in reducing not only climate impacts but in reducing the many other environmental harms that are concentrated in historically disadvantaged communities.

Existing buildings: And while San José has made significant progress on ensuring new construction is built to be energy efficient and all-electric, the resolution's goals will demand that the City focus attention and resources toward decarbonizing existing buildings. The City is currently preparing to co-create policy and programmatic recommendations with members of the community in the forthcoming San José Building Electrification Plan. San José's creation and your adoption of the Building Electrification Plan will be critical to ensuring that San José's approach to making buildings carbon neutral is thoughtful and equitable.

This resolution will require committing resources to achieve carbon neutrality. San José now has the opportunity to take advantage of new funding in the 2021-2022 California state budget to reach its climate goals, such as \$15 billion in climate funding that includes \$3.9 billion to speed up the transition to electric vehicles -- a significant down payment on San José's carbon-free future.

The time to act on climate is now. We urge San José City Councilmembers to pass this resolution as a critical next step to ensure its communities are climate-safe and resilient.

Sincerely,

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Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC)

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Fw: Comment letter from Ken Alex, Project Climate at UC Berkeley for San Jose City Council Study Session regarding Climate Smart San Jose on 11-8-21

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 3 attachments (346 KB)

Credits flow chart - final.pptx.pdf; CRCP Backgrounder - 10.5.2021 (1).pdf; Climate Smart SJ comment letter.docx;

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From: Ken Alex [REDACTED]

Sent: Friday, November 5, 2021 11:10 AM

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Subject: Comment letter from Ken Alex, Project Climate at UC Berkeley for San Jose City Council Study Session regarding Climate Smart San Jose on 11-8-21

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Dear City Clerk

Please find attached a comment letter, along with two attachments, for the San Jose City Council Study Session regarding Climate Smart San Jose on 11-8-21.

It is docket number 6.1 21-2415

Thank you!

Ken Alex

Director, Project Climate

UC Berkeley Center for Law, Energy, & Environment

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November 5, 2021

Council Members
City of San Jose
Special Meeting, Nov. 8, Climate Smart San José

Re: Item 6.1, Letter from Ken Alex, UC Berkeley Center for Law, Energy & Environment for San Jose City Council Study Session regarding Climate Smart San José on 11-8-21: Comment

Honorable Members of the City Council and Staff:

Many thanks for the chance to provide comments on item 6.1 Climate Smart San José and Carbon Neutral Resolution. I am working with Terry Watt, Louise Bedsworth, Garlynn Woodsong, and Ed Pinero of EcoMetrics on a climate resilience credits program to support conservation actions in Coyote Valley. These are our joint comments. We have attached a description of that program to these comments.

Six years ago, nearly every country signed the Paris Agreement, which committed them to reducing greenhouse gas emissions. However, greenhouse gas emissions and climate disruption have continued nearly unabated. This year, emissions reached historic levels, despite a brief decline last year at the start of the pandemic. At COP26 in Scotland this week, countries are struggling to get the world back on track.

The City of San José, meanwhile, is taking bold steps to address climate change. In 2019, the City declared a Climate Emergency, laying the foundation for even bolder climate action. The City of San José is committed to meet the decarbonization goals established by the Paris Agreement. Now, at the November 8 Study Session, the City is considering a resolution to adopt a net zero emission goal for 2030. The City clearly recognizes the important role that land conservation and stewardship play in meeting its climate goals and has resolved to protect 30 percent of its land by 2030. The City's commitment to compact development, coupled with the protection and restoration of the Coyote Valley, is a leading model of climate smart, integrated land use.

The preservation, restoration, and enhancement of natural and working lands play a critical role in meeting climate change goals, both by reducing travel emissions associated with sprawl development patterns, and through the removal and storage of carbon. These activities also result in broad co-benefits, including improvements in water quality, flood protection,

recreational opportunities, economic development, and food production. The Coyote Valley presents a tremendous resource for the City of San Jose to realize its climate change and resilience goals, while also securing significant local benefits.

By 2030, early analysis indicates that restoration of the Coyote Valley could sequester up to 14% of the annual CO2 emissions of the City of San José as of 2019. The sequestration potential of restoration activities in the Coyote Valley grows over time to the point that by the year 2150, the Coyote Valley could sequester more than 5 times the City's total annual emissions. Coyote Valley is a tremendous resource for the City to realize its goals, providing an opportunity for the City to engage in preservation, restoration, and regeneration of the Valley to deliver broad co-benefits for existing and future generations, including:

- Flood mitigation
- Water quality enhancement
- Groundwater recharge
- Recreation opportunities
- Habitat restoration
- Biodiversity
- Sustainable local food production
- Economic development through small farms, regeneration and restoration activities, and rural tourism

We are working on a Climate Resilience Credits Program as an implementation mechanism that allows these broader benefits to be captured and to generate revenue for conservation, restoration, and regenerative activities.

We commend the City on their consideration of this resolution, and the ambition and commitment to climate action that it represents. We further commend the City's consideration of the General Plan amendments on November 16 that aligns City land use policy with conservation and climate priorities. Coyote Valley is important to this outcome.

As world leaders meet in Scotland with differing levels of urgency, San José can take concrete action to continue its leadership in California, the US, and the world. Coyote Valley is an essential part of the City's bold vision.

Sincerely,

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Ken Alex
Director, Project Climate
UC Berkeley Center for Law, Energy, & Environment

Attachments:

- 1) Backgrounder
- 2) Flow chart

About CLEE: The Center for Law, Energy & the Environment works with government, business, and the nonprofit sector to help solve urgent problems that require innovative and often interdisciplinary approaches. Drawing on the combined expertise of faculty, staff, and students across UC Berkeley, CLEE translates empirical findings into smart public policy solutions that better our environmental and energy governance systems.

About Project Climate: Project Climate is focused on moving promising climate solutions more quickly to policy and scale. Because each climate solution faces its own set of barriers and hurdles to large scale adoption, each solution requires its own action plan. Project Climate will move forward on as many climate solutions as time and funding allow.

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Climate Resilience Credits Program

An Innovative Program for Land Conservation and Climate Action

Climate Leadership and Commitment

The City of San José and Santa Clara County are climate leaders and have each taken bold steps to address climate change. In 2019, both the City and the County declared a Climate Emergency, laying the foundation for even bolder climate action. Santa Clara County is embarking on a Climate Roadmap 2030 to identify emission reduction opportunities and the City of San José is committed to meet the decarbonization goals established by the Paris Agreement.

Both the City and County recognize the important role that land conservation and stewardship play in meeting their climate commitments. The City has committed to protecting 30% of its land by 2030. The City's commitment to compact development coupled with the protection and restoration of the Coyote Valley is a leading model of climate smart, integrated land use.

The City and County both included the exploration of a credits program in recent planning actions (the General Plan Amendments in the City, and the Coyote Valley Climate Overlay in the County). An expert team retained by the Peninsula Open Space Trust has identified an approach to design and pilot a **Climate Resilience Credits Program** in the Coyote Valley. With the establishment of this program, the City and County have the opportunity to demonstrate a pathbreaking model for land conservation and restoration as a key strategy to meet sustainability and climate goals.

Why a Climate Resilience Credits Program?

A Climate Resilience Credits program provides an opportunity to capture the broad and meaningful benefits associated with land conservation, restoration, and enhancement at a landscape scale, including environmental, economic, and social benefits.

Credits generated by the program can be purchased for California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) mitigation and to meet City, County, or business goals for sustainability and social benefits. While CEQA requires mitigation of significant environmental impacts at the project level, a project-by-project approach is not well-suited to meeting the City and County's more ambitious sustainability and resilience goals. The Climate Resilience Credits Program creates an incentive to achieve these broader benefits by establishing a way to capture them through robust valuation of composite benefits generated by conservation, restoration and enhancement of the area.

Issuance of CEQA mitigation credits and Climate Resilience Credits have significant potential to generate revenue to:

- Complete the conservation vision for the Coyote Valley and surrounding areas, including conservation through acquisition and by landowners who wish to remain in Coyote Valley;
- Restore the landscape for biodiversity, habitat connectivity, and cultural resource protection;
- For enhancements including nature-based infrastructure to improve water quality and reduce downstream flooding and transitions to regenerative, climate-friendly agricultural practices; and

Revenue will also support ongoing management and monitoring of the landscape.

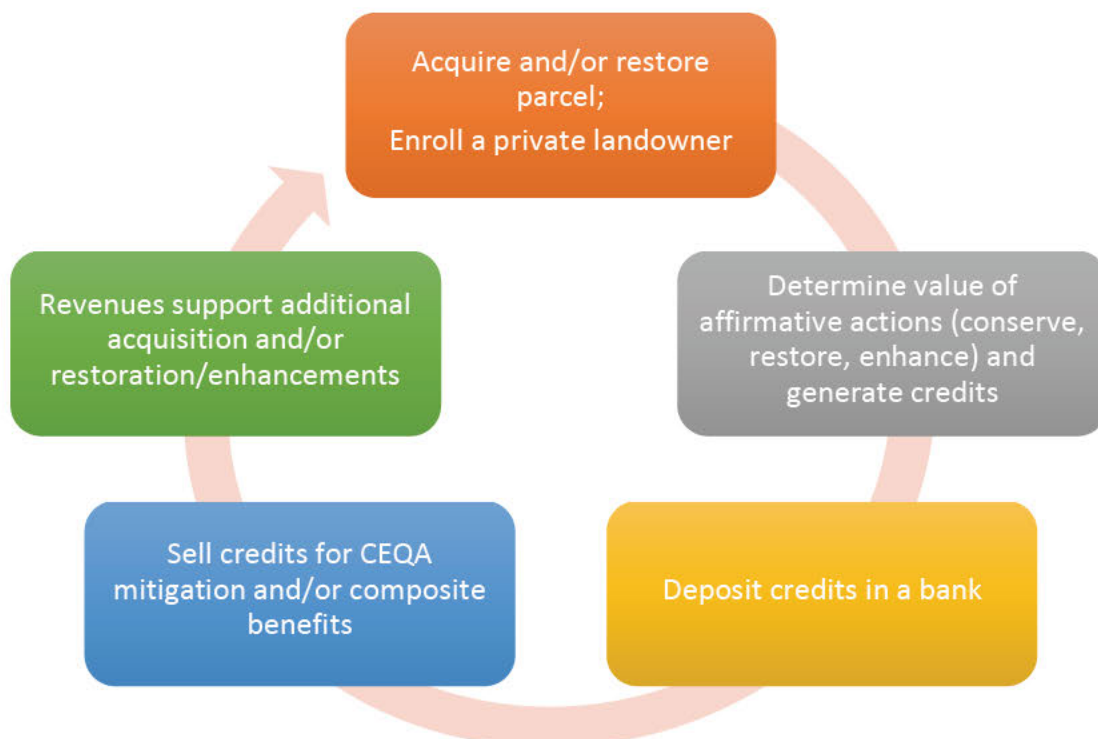
Since 2017, the City, County, and its partners have undertaken a series of actions that provide the foundation for a Climate Resilience Credits Program. This includes strategic land acquisitions in the Coyote Valley and key planning actions to prioritize infill development and land conservation. These actions make the Coyote Valley a strong pilot geography for a credits program. The Climate Resilience Credits Program can be scaled to include a broader geography(ies) based on the successes and learnings of a pilot in the Coyote Valley. The credits program may also be well suited for funding and implementation of San Jose's Community Forest Plan.

How Would a Credits Program Work?

A Credits program requires three elements, all of which are available in the Coyote Valley:

1. **A project:** Multiple projects are possible that may generate positive benefits, given recent strategic land acquisitions in the Coyote Valley and surrounds.
2. **A credible methodology:** The EcoMetrics valuation process captures the full value of benefits associated with land preservation and restoration through a robust, stakeholder-driven valuation process backed by on the ground data, monitoring, and third-party verification. This methodology applies for both CEQA mitigation and Climate Resilience Credits.
3. **A marketplace to buy and sell credits:** A Credit Bank will be established to set rules to assure the quality of the credits, transparency, and integrity of the market.

At a high-level, the Credits Program follows these steps:



As an example, a landowner could restore an oak woodland, creating numerous environmental benefits. These benefits can be valued individually or collectively using the EcoMetrics platform. These credits could then be purchased and the revenues can then be reinvested for further acquisition and/or restoration.

Is There a Market for Climate Resilience Credits?

There is a strong and growing market for local CEQA mitigation credits and, increasingly, a demand for credits toward meeting broader sustainability goals. For example, Climate Action 100+ includes over 600 investors and over 160 companies who have committed to take necessary action to address climate change. Indeed, a recent assessment of Microsoft's climate offsets program found that, *"...without rapid growth in supply, the world might run out of high-quality options to compensate for remaining emissions, even after drastic reductions."*¹

In addition, the City's and County's own ambitious climate and sustainability goals contribute to a strong and growing local market for credits like these.

Next Steps

Upcoming City Council and Board of Supervisor planning decisions provide a unique opportunity to advance a Climate Resilience Credits Program, which can be advanced through the following actions.

City Planning Commission and City Council: Include in the General Plan Amendments an implementation action as follows:

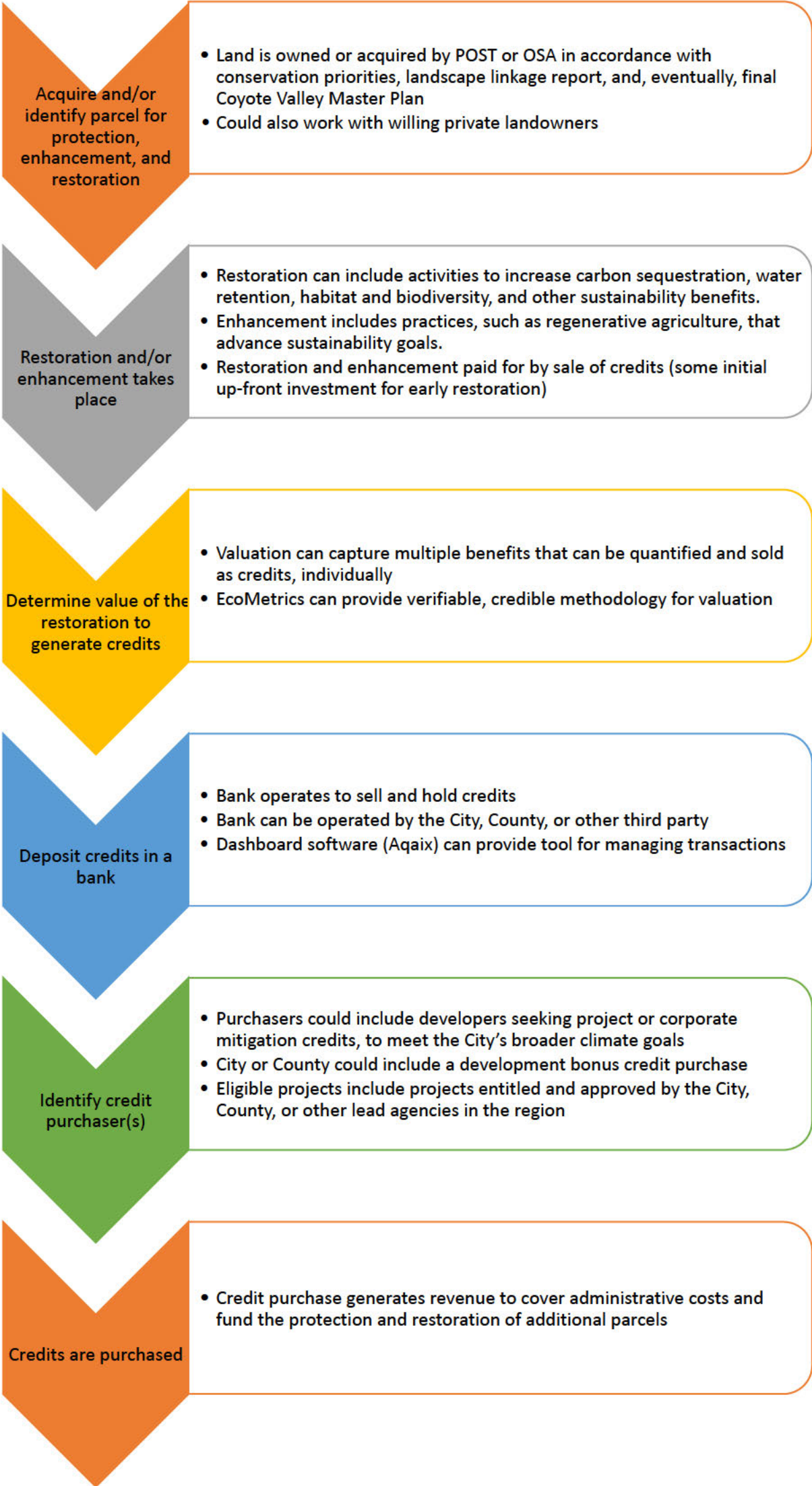
Recommended Action: *Support design of the Climate Resilience Credits Program, including development of a valuation platform, stakeholder outreach, and identification and implementation of pilot projects*

County Planning Commission and County Board of Supervisors: Include as an incentive in the Coyote Valley Climate Overlay a Climate Resilience Credits Program

Recommended Action: *In approving the Climate Overlay, direct staff to work collaboratively with the City, Santa Clara Valley Open Space Authority, and experts to design and implement a Climate Resilience Credits Program.*

¹ Joppa, I; A Luers, E Willmott, SJ Friedman, SP Hamburg, and R Broze 2021. Microsoft's million-tonne CO₂-removal purchase – lessons for net zero. *Nature* 597(7878): 629-632.

How can the Climate Resilience Credits Program establish a sustainable model for land conservation and restoration in the Coyote Valley that also achieves City and County goals for achieving carbon neutrality and building climate resilience?



Fw: Joint comment letter re: Support for the Carbon Neutral San José by 2030 Resolution

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November 5, 2021

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Dear Mayor Liccardo and San Jose City Council,

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Sincerely,

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YOUTH CLIMATE ACTION**

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RE: Support the Carbon Neutral San José by 2030 Resolution

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Since this resolution accelerates the Climate Smart San José Plan, which will be updated in FY 2022-2023, we would like to start the conversation now about what the future of climate action could look like in the City. Please consider our following suggestions:

Ensure Ecological Resilience

We hope that San José enhances ecological resilience within the Natural and Working Lands section of the Climate Smart plan. San José should protect and restore its natural ecosystems while also expanding the urban forest. This is necessary to remediate the dearth of tree canopy

in some regions of the city, which exacerbates the urban heat island effect. San José should also incorporate and strengthen its Bird-Safe and Dark Sky standards, as these will protect nature and reduce energy use from inefficient windows and lighting. In addition to the core values of social justice and equity, we hope that the updated Climate Smart Plan evaluates its climate measures with regards to their benefits or impacts on biodiversity. Environmental justice requires the protection of both humans and wildlife.

In addition to the Climate Smart Update process, we hope that San José protects its natural ecosystems for their own sake and for the co-benefits to San José residents that are mentioned in the resolution. We hope that San José protects Coyote Valley in its ongoing General Plan Update. The area of North Coyote Valley should have its land use designations changed to meet this goal. The Industrial Park Designation areas that have been purchased by the City, POST and OSA should be changed to Open Space, Parklands and Habitat with the remaining areas changed to Agriculture, as recommended in the October 22 Staff memo to the Envision San José 2040 4-Year Review Task Force (see attachment “10.22.2020 SJ Memo”).

Accelerate Timeline to Address Gas Fuel Cells

We urge Council to accelerate the timeline of the City’s analysis on the emissions impacts from distributed energy resources such as gas fuel cells, particularly since the City is now accelerating its own GHG targets. Bringing this analysis back to the Council no later than March 30th, 2022, which will give the City time to take action to address this high GHG-emitting infrastructure.

Clarify that there will be no Carbon Offsets

We appreciate that carbon offsets are not mentioned as a pathway to reaching carbon neutrality, and that San José is looking at real-world emissions reductions from fuel use from “1) buildings, transport and industry, 2) Use of grid-supplied energy, and 3) treatment of waste generated within the city boundary”. We hope the city clarifies this stance by explicitly stating that purchasing carbon offsets will not be a part of the carbon neutrality by 2030 solution. This could be accomplished through Council direction to staff.

Strengthen EV Pre-wiring

We hope that San José will commit to strengthening its EV charging requirements for new construction of multi-family buildings. Specifically, we recommend that the City strengthen its reach code to require that every new apartment or condo unit with parking have access to EV-ready charging. This is essential to accelerating an equitable transition to electrified transportation for all of San José’s residents, not just those in single-family homes.

Continue to Explore Emissions Reductions From Buildings

We fully support the City’s efforts to explore policy solutions that would decarbonize San José’s building sector. We are optimistic about the Building Electrification Plan currently underway, and

when the Plan returns to the Council, we hope San José takes the opportunity to become a leader on the equitable electrification of existing buildings.

Staffing Resources

We expect that the City of San José will allocate sufficient personnel resources towards ecosystem protection and climate action.

Proceed by Centering Equity and Community Outreach

We are glad to see that Equity is a central point in the resolution, and we support the City in this framework. We hope the City continues to ramp up its public outreach efforts to ensure that all of San José's communities are educated about and involved in shaping the Climate Smart update.

We hope the City Council swiftly adopts the carbon neutrality by 2030 resolution and proceeds with an aggressive, equitable and ecologically beneficial framework for its 2022-2023 Climate Smart update.

Sincerely,



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**SANTA CLARA COUNTY
MEDICAL ASSOCIATION**

Date: October 2, 2021

To: Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors

From: Santa Clara County Medical Association

Re: Agenda Item #12 - Establishing a Santa Clara County Sustainability Commission- referral to Administration and County Counsel for options for consideration

The Santa Clara County Medical Association is aware of and concerned with the current and future threats of climate change. This will impact our patients in many ways including increased respiratory illnesses, vector borne diseases, extreme weather events, and larger wildfires that will escalate the demand for emergency services that, in turn, will overwhelm our medical system, not to mention our food and water security.

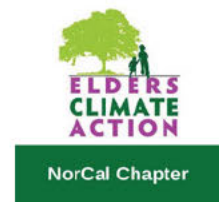
We understand the connection of global warming to a host of human activities that add further toxicity to our environment. Mitigating climate change necessitates incorporating regenerative farming into our agricultural practices, changing air and transportation practices, altering manufacturing processes, and planting carbon dioxide capturing trees and plants, all of these leading to a cleaner and more sustainable environment. Indeed, there are many arenas in which we can reduce fossil fuel energy and water consumption. Considerations of justice make addressing climate change particularly important for those among us living in disadvantaged socioeconomic neighborhoods.

The Santa Clara County Medical Association is pleased and eager to support the establishment of a Santa Clara County Sustainability Commission. This is an important and vital step for local government and the community to work together to find and enact educational opportunities and practical solutions to mitigate the climbing trajectory of harm from greenhouse gas emissions.

We thank you for your continued environmental leadership.

Sincerely,

Cindy Russell, MD
President
Santa Clara County Medical Association



October 1, 2021

President Wasserman and Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors
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RE: Support for Establishing a Santa Clara County Sustainability Commission

Dear Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors,

As devastating wildfires have swept across California, fueled by a climate-driven drought, extreme heat and high winds, the need for action on climate change has never been more urgent. In response to the County's [declaration of a climate emergency](#)¹, Silicon Valley Youth Climate Action (SVYCA) and the undersigned urge the County Board of Supervisors to support Supervisor Lee's referral and to establish a Santa Clara County Sustainability Commission.

Silicon Valley Youth Climate Action has been advocating for the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors to invest in outreach and education efforts around combating climate change

Taking a look at our neighboring counties and their Office of Sustainability budgets listed in the comparative chart below, we can see that Santa Clara County is **not investing sufficient resources** behind these efforts.

<u>San Francisco</u>	<u>San Mateo</u>	<u>Santa Clara</u>
Pop 875K <small>(2019 estimate)</small>	Pop 767K <small>(2019 estimate)</small>	Pop 1927K <small>(2019 estimate)</small>
97 Environmental FTE <small>(2021 Rec Salary)</small>	28 Sustainability FTE <small>(2021 Rec Budget)</small>	6 Sustainability FTE <small>(2021 Rec Budget)</small>
\$22.309M <small>(2021 Rec Budget)</small>	\$36.329M <small>(2021 Rec Budget)</small>	\$1.256M <small>(2021 Rec Budget)</small>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Partner w/ key takeholder• Env Education Program<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Virtual Presentations for K-12 students• Ambitious recycling & composting programs in schools & businesses	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Partnership with SMCOE for climate outreach<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ "Solutionary Fair"• Youth Climate Ambassador Program w/hand on project• SMC BPAC for walking/biking monitoring	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Die el Free by 2033 + carbon neutrality by 2045• Silicon Valley 20Climate Change Preparedness Decision Support Tool• Very little climate education to students!

Silicon Valley Youth Climate Action has proposed that the County Board of Supervisors **take the following three actions:** 1) Invest resources and investment in the County Office of Sustainability, including staffing positions 2) Establish a Santa Clara County Sustainability Commission, and 3) Partner with the Santa Clara County Office of Education to support comprehensive Environmental Literacy and Education across our county, including opportunities for students to get involved.

The County of Santa Clara boasts over 75 Boards and Commissions, yet none of these are bodies specifically focused on furthering the County's Sustainability efforts. Even Commissions such as the County's Recycling and Waste Management Commission lack the scope to tackle the variety of climate initiatives needed across many sectors of Santa Clara's community and economy.

As we're continually reminded, unless we take transformative action to cut greenhouse gas emissions, things will only get worse. In response to the latest IPCC Climate Report, UN Secretary-General António Guterres' stated, "The internationally agreed threshold of 1.5°C is perilously close. We are at imminent risk of hitting 1.5°C in the near term. The only way to prevent exceeding this threshold is by urgently stepping up our

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And more than 230 Medical Journals warn that our climate crisis is our [greatest global public health crisis](#).²

The County and Board must work with our County Office of Sustainability and the community to expand upon their existing efforts to combat climate change, transition to clean energy, support public transportation, implement conservative and biodiversity efforts, and support an economic plan to drive green job growth.

To expand upon the collaborative efforts being led by the County Office of Sustainability, the Commission can bring community members and stakeholders together behind comprehensive climate and sustainability initiatives, with the goal of reducing emissions aggressively. We must empower stakeholders and community members to support outreach and education related activities, provide resources and support to help build capacity, and engage youth and students in the process.

We urge the Board to consider engaging students in these sustainability efforts including on this new Sustainability Commission as it is the younger generation that bear the greatest burdens from oncoming climate change and many in this generation are now taking the boldest actions to mitigate this threat.

Lastly, the undersigned believe that environmental justice, economic justice and social justice must all work in conjunction. To this end, a truly “just” environmental transition should provide good jobs with pay, benefits, and working conditions that meet our local community's standards and reduce harmful health impacts on the county's workers and residents, especially on vulnerable populations such as children and seniors.

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By committing to carbon neutrality by 2030—and then allocating the resources necessary to achieve it—you will provide an important model of climate leadership for other cities.

Thank you for protecting the health and safety of current and future generations.

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- Allocate more personnel resources to update and implement the Climate Smart plan;
- Center equity so those most impacted by the climate crisis help guide the solutions.

By committing to carbon neutrality by 2030—and then allocating the resources necessary to achieve it—you will provide an important model of climate leadership for other cities.

Thank you for protecting the health and safety of current and future generations.

Lawrence Garwin
Palo Alto, California

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Fw: Support Carbon Neutral San Jose by 2030 (11/8/21 Agenda Item 6.1)

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To: Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Jenny Green [REDACTED]**Sent:** Sunday, November 7, 2021 11:39 AM**To:** The Office of Mayor Sam Liccardo <TheOfficeofMayorSamLiccardo@sanjoseca.gov>; District1 <district1@sanjoseca.gov>; District2 <District2@sanjoseca.gov>; District3 <district3@sanjoseca.gov>; District4 <District4@sanjoseca.gov>; District5 <District5@sanjoseca.gov>; District 6 <district6@sanjoseca.gov>; District7 <District7@sanjoseca.gov>; District8 <district8@sanjoseca.gov>; District9 <district9@sanjoseca.gov>; District 10 <District10@sanjoseca.gov>**Cc:** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>; info.ca.norcal@mothersoutfront.org <info.ca.norcal@mothersoutfront.org>**Subject:** Support Carbon Neutral San Jose by 2030 (11/8/21 Agenda Item 6.1)

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Dear Mayor Liccardo, Vice Mayor Jones, and Councilmembers Arenas, Carrasco, Cohen, Davis, Esparza, Foley, Jimenez, Mahan, and Peralez,

As a San Jose resident and as a supporter of Mothers Out Front, I thank you for your climate leadership and urge you to vote in favor of Carbon Neutral San Jose by 2030. As a mother of two children, I'm concerned about their future and their children's future if we don't stop greenhouse gas emissions.

Please pass the resolution and then, most important, take the necessary steps to achieve the goal of carbon neutrality. And **please clarify that the carbon neutrality goal will be achieved through real-world greenhouse gas reductions, not carbon offsets.**

Thank you for acting now to protect our children and their descendants.

Jenny Green
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Fw: Vote Yes on the Carbon Neutral SJby 2030 resolution.

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To: Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

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San Jose Government Leaders,

I am deeply concerned about protecting current and future generations from the looming climate catastrophe, as part of the collapse of the planet's life support systems we now face.

Adopting the resolution is the easy part; the hard part will be achieving its ambitious targets. To ensure they are reached, it will be important to

- Allocate more personnel resources to update and implement the Climate Smart plan;
- Center equity so those most impacted by the climate crisis help guide the solutions.

By committing to carbon neutrality by 2030—and then

- Creating a plan with SMART annual objectives whose logic will clearly lead us to the outcomes needed by 2030
- Allocating the resources necessary to achieve it
- Engaging leaders across all sectors of the community as co-owners of plans and progress, boosting accountability and access to creative ideas, added resources, and strategies,

Thru this you will provide an inspiring and appropriate model of climate leadership for other cities and countries across the world.

As I helped get San Jose connected with the UN, which catalyzed the Climate Smart project, I offer my support in creating the project describe above. Please call me.

Thank you for protecting the health and safety of current and future generations.

With my best wishes for the health and well-being of you and your global human family,
Bruce

Bruce Preville



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From: annie belt <[REDACTED]>**Sent:** Sunday, November 7, 2021 2:37 PM**To:** The Office of Mayor Sam Liccardo <TheOfficeofMayorSamLiccardo@sanjoseca.gov>; District1 <district1@sanjoseca.gov>; District2 <District2@sanjoseca.gov>; District3 <district3@sanjoseca.gov>; District4 <District4@sanjoseca.gov>; District5 <District5@sanjoseca.gov>; District 6 <district6@sanjoseca.gov>; District7 <District7@sanjoseca.gov>; District8 <district8@sanjoseca.gov>; District9 <district9@sanjoseca.gov>; District 10 <District10@sanjoseca.gov>**Cc:** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>; info.ca.norcal@mothersoutfront.org <info.ca.norcal@mothersoutfront.org>**Subject:** Support Carbon Neutral San José by 2030 (11/8/21 Agenda Item 6.1)

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Dear Mayor Liccardo, Vice Mayor Jones, and Councilmembers Jimenez, Peralez, Cohen, Carrasco, Davis, Esparza, Arenas, Foley, and Mahan,

As a San José resident and supporter of Mothers Out Front, I thank you for your climate leadership and urge you to vote in favor of Carbon Neutral San José by 2030. As the largest city in California, San Jose needs take a strong stand and courageously lead our state by going carbon neutral in nine years. Do it for yourselves and your loved ones, do it for our younger generations who will have to live with our mistakes and weaknesses, do it for all of us, and do it for the planet!

Adopting the resolution is the easy part; the hard part will be achieving its ambitious targets. To ensure they are reached, it will be important to:

- Enhance ecological resilience by protecting Coyote Valley and expanding tree canopy;
- Accelerate the timeline to study the impact of gas-powered fuel cells in San José;
- Clarify that the carbon neutrality goal will not be achieved through carbon offsets but rather from real-world emissions reductions;
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- Secure funding for the equitable electrification of existing buildings;
- Allocate more personnel resources to update and implement the Climate Smart plan;
- Center equity so those most impacted by the climate crisis help guide the solutions.

By committing to carbon neutrality by 2030—and then allocating the resources necessary to achieve it—you will provide an important model of climate leadership for other cities.

Thank you for protecting the health and safety of current and future generations.

Annie Belt
San Jose 95126

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Fw: Support "Carbon Neutral San José by 2030" Resolution (11/8/21 Agenda Item 6.1)

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From: Deborah Garvey · [REDACTED]**Sent:** Sunday, November 7, 2021 2:51 PM**To:** The Office of Mayor Sam Liccardo <TheOfficeofMayorSamLiccardo@sanjoseca.gov>; District1 <district1@sanjoseca.gov>; District2 <District2@sanjoseca.gov>; District3 <district3@sanjoseca.gov>; District4 <District4@sanjoseca.gov>; District5 <District5@sanjoseca.gov>; District 6 <district6@sanjoseca.gov>; District7 <District7@sanjoseca.gov>; District8 <district8@sanjoseca.gov>; District9 <district9@sanjoseca.gov>; District 10 <District10@sanjoseca.gov>**Cc:** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>**Subject:** Support "Carbon Neutral San José by 2030" Resolution (11/8/21 Agenda Item 6.1)[REDACTED]
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Dear Mayor Liccardo, Vice Mayor Jones, and Councilmembers Davis, Peralez, Jimenez, Cohen, Carrasco, Esparza, Arenas, Foley, and Mahan,

As a 23-year San José resident and three-year supporter of Mothers Out Front, I thank you for your leadership in creating San José Clean Energy, protecting portions of the Coyote Valley, and most recently, expanding electrification in new construction. I now urge you to take a bolder step to truly address the climate crisis head on: Vote in favor of the "Carbon Neutral San José by 2030" resolution at tomorrow's City Council meeting.

Adopting the resolution commits our city to ambitious action to reduce climate-destabilizing greenhouse-gas pollution, and to do so in a way that prioritizes equity and local engagement across our city's diverse communities.

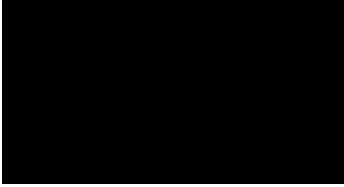
Adopting the resolution is the easy part. The hard part will be achieving its ambitious targets. To ensure they are reached, we will have to take action to:

- Enhance climate resilience by protecting Coyote Valley and expanding our city's tree canopy;
- Accelerate the timeline to study the impact of gas-powered fuel cells in San José;
- Clarify that our carbon neutrality goal will not be achieved through carbon "offsets," but rather through actual reductions in greenhouse-gas emissions;
- Increase access to residential EV charging for residents of apartments and condos;
- Secure funding for the equitable electrification of existing buildings;
- Allocate more time of City personnel to update and implement the Climate Smart plan; AND
- Center equity in our plans and actions, so that those most impacted by the climate crisis help craft and implement solutions.

By committing to carbon neutrality by 2030—and then allocating the financial and human resources necessary to achieve it—our City will provide a model of climate leadership for other cities.

Thank you for taking real action to protect the health of our current residents and to preserve a livable planet for future generations.

Deborah L. Garvey, PhD



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From: Serena Zhao · [REDACTED]**Sent:** Sunday, November 7, 2021 3:11 PM**To:** The Office of Mayor Sam Liccardo <TheOfficeofMayorSamLiccardo@sanjoseca.gov>; District1 <district1@sanjoseca.gov>; District2 <District2@sanjoseca.gov>; District3 <district3@sanjoseca.gov>; District4 <District4@sanjoseca.gov>; District5 <District5@sanjoseca.gov>; District 6 <district6@sanjoseca.gov>; District7 <District7@sanjoseca.gov>; District8 <district8@sanjoseca.gov>; District9 <district9@sanjoseca.gov>; District 10 <District10@sanjoseca.gov>**Cc:** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>; Susan with Mothers Out Front Silicon Valley <info.ca.norcal@mothersoutfront.org>**Subject:** Support Carbon Neutral San José by 2030 (11/8/21 Agenda Item 6.1)

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Dear Mayor Liccardo, Vice Mayor Jones, and Councilmembers Jimenez, Peralez, Cohen, Carrasco, Davis, Esparza, Arenas, Foley, and Mahan,

As a San José resident, supporter of Mothers Out Front, and member of Carbon Free Silicon Valley, I thank you for your climate leadership and urge you to vote in favor of Carbon Neutral San José by 2030. The Climate Crisis is the most pressing issue facing us today and will have ramifications in all aspects in the struggle for a better world for all - from jobs to clean air and water to social justice.

Adopting the resolution is the easy part; the hard part will be achieving its ambitious targets. To ensure they are reached, it will be important to:

- Enhance ecological resilience by protecting Coyote Valley and expanding tree canopy;
- Accelerate the timeline to study the impact of gas-powered fuel cells in San José;
- Clarify that the carbon neutrality goal will not be achieved through carbon offsets but rather from real-world emissions reductions;
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- Secure funding for the equitable electrification of existing buildings;
- Allocate more personnel resources to update and implement the Climate Smart plan;
- Center equity so those most impacted by the climate crisis help guide the solutions.

By committing to carbon neutrality by 2030—and then allocating the resources necessary to achieve it—you will provide an important model of climate leadership for other cities.

Thank you for protecting the health and safety of current and future generations.

Serena Zhao

San Jose, 95131

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Dear Mayor and City Council:

Please commit to carbon neutrality by 2030 and allocate the resources necessary to achieve it. In doing so you will protect the health and safety of current and future generations and provide an important model of climate leadership for other cities.

Sincerely,

Michael Kutilek
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I laud San Jose in taking this bold step to be C40 Carbon Neutral by 2030. Accomplishing this goal will be an important milestone in addressing Climate Change. San Jose's success will contribute to the ability of other cities to take similar bold steps.

Many initiatives are listed in the meeting documents to accomplish to Carbon Neutral. This is a great start. What is needed to fulfill the promise is plans with actions, metrics, and timelines. Intermediate milestones and metrics are key to ensuring the work remains on track.

Resources need to be in place to accomplish the goals. Without sufficient resources, any plan will not be accomplished. The existential threat of Climate Change makes sufficient resources critical. Please ensure these bold initiatives have the resources to accomplish these goals. If one is not meeting objectives, a method to get back on track is needed.

Thanks for listening and driving the Carbon Neutral by 2030 initiative forward

Bruce Naegel

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Dear Mayor Liccardo, Vice Mayor Jones, and Councilmembers Jimenez, Peralez, Cohen, Carrasco, Davis, Esparza, Arenas, Foley, and Mahan,

As a San José resident and supporter of Mothers Out Front, I thank you for your climate leadership and urge you to vote in favor of Carbon Neutral San José by 2030.

It is almost unbelievable that you would not vote in favor of carbon neutrality by 2030.

Yes, there are jobs and businesses to consider.

But, by not acting with speed and planning, those jobs and businesses will be overwhelmed.

We all have a responsibility to take action. Your action by passing this Agenda item is a step in the right direction.

Further delay only courts disaster. I think you know that.

Adopting the resolution is the easy part; the hard part will be achieving its ambitious targets.

To ensure they are reached, it will be important to:

- Enhance ecological resilience by protecting Coyote Valley and expanding tree canopy;
- Accelerate the timeline to study the impact of gas-powered fuel cells in San José;
- **Clarify that the carbon neutrality goal will not be achieved through carbon offsets but rather from real-world emissions reductions;**
- **Boost access to at-home EV charging for residents of apartments and condos;**
- **Secure funding for the equitable electrification of existing buildings;**
- Allocate more personnel resources to update and implement the Climate Smart plan;

- By committing on neutrality by 2030—and then allocating the resources necessary to achieve it
- you will provide an important model of climate leadership for other cities.

Thank you for protecting the health and safety of current and future generations.

Trudy Bagdon

San Jose, 95128

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Fw: Support Carbon Neutral San José by 2030 (11/8/21 Agenda Item 6.1) & Tour Invitation

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From: Sven Thesen [REDACTED]

Sent: Sunday, November 7, 2021 9:37 PM

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Dear Mayor Liccardo, Vice Mayor Jones, and Councilmembers Jimenez, Peralez, Cohen, Carrasco, Davis, Esparza, Arenas, Foley, and Mahan,

As a Silicon Valley resident and supporter of Mothers Out Front, I thank you for your climate leadership and urge you to vote in favor of Carbon Neutral San José by 2030. If you are concerned over the functionality of a heat pump or the effectiveness of an induction stove, you are more than welcome to tour our all electric, net zero energy home, just email me.

To be honest, adopting the resolution is the easy part; the hard part will be achieving its ambitious targets. To ensure they are reached, it will be important to:

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- Center equity so those most impacted by the climate crisis help guide the solutions.

By committing to carbon neutrality by 2030—and then allocating the resources necessary to achieve it—you will provide an important model of climate leadership for other cities.

Thank you for protecting the health and safety of current and future generations
Sven Thesen

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Sven Thesen, 
EV Consultant & Founder, ProjectGreenHome.org and BeniSolSolar.com; Wonder Junkie

How California Is Keeping Electric Vehicles Out Of Reach For Apartment-Dwellers

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From: Constance Roberts <[REDACTED]>**Sent:** Monday, November 8, 2021 7:41 AM**To:** The Office of Mayor Sam Liccardo <TheOfficeofMayorSamLiccardo@sanjoseca.gov>; District1 <district1@sanjoseca.gov>; District2 <District2@sanjoseca.gov>; District3 <district3@sanjoseca.gov>; District4 <District4@sanjoseca.gov>; District5 <District5@sanjoseca.gov>; District 6 <district6@sanjoseca.gov>; District7 <District7@sanjoseca.gov>; District8 <district8@sanjoseca.gov>; District9 <district9@sanjoseca.gov>; District 10 <District10@sanjoseca.gov>; City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>; info.ca.norcal@mothersoutfront.org <info.ca.norcal@mothersoutfront.org>**Subject:** Fwd: upport Carbon Neutral San José by 2030 (11/8/21 Agenda Item 6.1)

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info.ca.norcal@mothersoutfront.org**Subject:** Support Carbon Neutral San José by 2030 (11/8/21 Agenda Item 6.1)

Dear Mayor Liccardo, Vice Mayor Jones, and Councilmembers Jimenez, Peralez, Cohen, Carrasco, Davis, Esparza, Arenas, Foley, and Mahan,

As a Silicon Valley resident and supporter of Mothers Out Front, I thank you for your climate leadership and urge you to vote in favor of C 40 Carbon Neutral San José by 2030. Accomplishing this goal will be an important milestone in addressing Climate Change. San Jose's success will contribute to the ability of other cities to take similar bold steps.

We need these bold steps backed up by committing resources to move to carbon neutral.

Adopting the resolution is the easy part; the hard part will be achieving its ambitious targets. To ensure they are reached, it will be important to:

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By committing to carbon neutrality by 2030—and then allocating the resources necessary to achieve it—you will provide an important model of climate leadership for other cities. Intermediate milestones will also be needed.

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Thank you for protecting the health and safety of current and future generations.

Constance Roberts

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November 5, 2021

The Honorable Mayor and City Council
City of San Jose
200 East Santa Clara Street
San Jose, CA 95113

Dear Mayor Liccardo and Honorable City Councilmembers:

On behalf of Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E), I'm writing to applaud the City of San Jose for its bold climate ambition and aspiration to achieve carbon neutrality by 2030. We also support the city's view that clean energy should be affordable for and inclusive of all economic backgrounds.

Today, we are experiencing the impacts of climate change—here locally and around the globe—and it's critical that we all work together to thwart climate change. We look forward to partnering with the City on its carbon neutrality plans and collaborating on approaches to ensure an affordable and equitable transition to a more sustainable future.


At PG&E, we're working every day to shrink our company's carbon footprint and adapt our gas and electric systems to changing climate conditions. We're also a ready and willing partner—eager to help enable the customers and communities we serve to achieve their climate and clean energy goals. This includes delivering some of the nation's cleanest energy and offering a broad portfolio of options to help customers save energy, reduce their carbon footprint, and accelerate the transition to electric transportation.

PG&E also recognizes the value of building electrification as an important tool in meeting California's climate goals, and we have begun to incentivize low-carbon solutions in the building sector. We applaud the City of San Jose for taking similar steps to meet California's aggressive climate goals. In 2019, we were pleased to lend our support for the City of San Jose's efforts to promote all-electric new construction, and since that time, we have offered letters of support for all-electric new construction codes or ordinances to dozens of cities and counties.

However, electrification of existing buildings does not come without its own unique set of challenges. As Energy and Environmental Economics, Inc (E3) highlights in their report, *The Challenge of Retail Gas in California's Low-Carbon Future*, "unsustainable increases in gas rates and customer energy bills could be seen after 2030, negatively affecting customers who are least able to switch away from gas, including renters and low-income residents." It is because of these potential impacts to our most vulnerable customers that PG&E supports a comprehensive and targeted approach to building decarbonization.

PG&E looks forward to continuing to partner with the City of San Jose to accomplish its carbon neutrality goal, which will allow us to prepare for the future and continue providing the best service possible to customers. PG&E remains ready to engage with our customers, local government, businesses, and community members to meet their needs safely, reliably, affordably, and with clean energy.

Sincerely,


Carla Peterman