



City of San Mateo
City Council Meeting

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PUBLIC COMMENT

From: [Alex Yu](#)
To: [Clerk](#)
Subject: Support for new reach codes
Date: Sunday, January 12, 2025 4:20:27 PM

Dear San Mateo City Council,

I am writing to express my support for the proposed Reach Codes, proposed as item #13 in the [agenda](#). As a member of Citizens' Climate Lobby, I care deeply about the climate crisis, and the proposed codes which promote electrification & improved energy efficiency will help cut carbon emissions from new buildings and improve indoor air quality for residents, a step in the right direction for our future.

Sincerely,
Alex Yu

From: [Gary Trott 2](#)
To: [Clerk](#)
Cc: ["Trott Gary"](#)
Subject: Support for Reach Code, Item 13
Date: Monday, January 13, 2025 11:24:13 AM

Dear City Council,

Thank you for your leadership in stopping the march of the climate crisis. I write to you today in support of Item 13 on the January 13 City Council agenda, Reach Codes for New Construction.

I look forward to the coming year when the Council will be considering Reach Codes for the next building code cycle. Please count on me to support everything you can do to decarbonize our buildings.

I am especially interested in what the city will be doing in reducing general carbon emissions from all San Mateo City sources and NOx from combustion sources.

Thank you

Dr. Gary Trott
Resident of San Mateo

From: [Libby Traubman](#)
To: [Clerk](#)
Subject: Reach Codes for new construction
Date: Saturday, January 11, 2025 1:19:09 PM

Dear City Council,

Thank you for your leadership in addressing the climate crisis. I write to you today in support of Item 13 on the January 13 City Council agenda, Reach Codes for New Construction. Any small step is actually a big step as it demonstrates understanding how serious the climate crisis is. Just look at LA!

I look forward to the Council considering Reach Codes for the next building code cycle. Please count on me to support everything you can do to decarbonize our buildings.

Thank you,

Libby Traubman
Elders Action Network

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***** One Earth One Humanity One Future *****

From: [Teri Whitehair](#)
To: [Clerk](#)
Subject: Reach Codes for New Construction
Date: Saturday, January 11, 2025 9:07:35 AM

Dear City Council:

I urge you to adopt the Reach Codes for New Construction which is item #13 on the agenda for this Monday.

When this item first came to Council in October, 2024 for first review, we recommended against its adoption. Since that time we have talked to Council Members, Staff, and the City's consultants. We thank you for addressing our concerns.

Thank you.

Teri Whitehair
San Mateo Climate Action Team

From: [Mike Swire](#)
To: [Clerk](#)
Subject: #13 - Reach Codes
Date: Monday, January 13, 2025 9:49:13 AM

Dear SM City Council,

I urge the City Council to support the strong reach codes proposed in Item #13 at tonight's meeting. The proposal creates a clear transition to new Reach Codes that we should see in the next year. As you are aware, these codes are important in reducing carbon emissions from new buildings and improving indoor air quality for residents.

Thank you for your work in fighting climate change and improving public health,

Sincerely,

Mike Swire



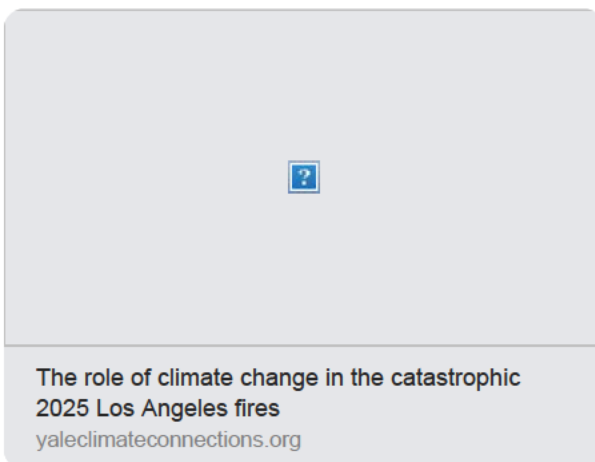
From: [Elaine Salinger](#)
To: [Clerk](#)
Cc: [Robert Whitehair](#)
Subject: The importance of phasing out methane
Date: Sunday, January 12, 2025 7:08:41 PM
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Hello Honorable City Council Members and Mayor,

I speak for the 1400+ Citizens Climate Lobby members in San Mateo County and the 200+ members who live in the City of San Mateo.

I strongly encourage you to vote on new building codes that would encourage new construction to be fully electric – eliminating fossil fuels and creating cleaner, healthier buildings for our community.

Thank you. And let's hope we do not experience the fires that LA is struggling with. In case you do not understand the connection between the LA fires and heat trapping pollution:



Elaine Salinger, Group Leader
San Mateo County Chapter



From: [Rick Moody](#)
To: [Clerk](#)
Subject: I'm writing to encourage approval of Reach Codes in San Mateo
Date: Sunday, January 12, 2025 7:52:32 PM

I am writing to let you know that I completely support your progressive thinking about climate change. Approval Reach Codes is the best example of this point:

Reach Code reform is important for the San Mateo City Council in this leadership. Improvement in Reach Codes will cut carbon emissions from new buildings and thereby improve indoor air quality for residents in our City.

My wife Elizabeth Moody and I, Harry R. Moody, completely support this policy be the City Council. I have previously testified in person at City Council hearings but I cannot come the evening of January 13, 2025, which is why I am writing to you now. I trust you will share this message with all memebbers of the San Mateo City Council.

Councilmembers, Please act on Reach Codes today!

Harry R. Moody, Apt. 117



From: [Joel McKinnon](#)
To: [Clerk](#)
Subject: Please vote to approve reach codes: Item #13
Date: Sunday, January 12, 2025 3:00:41 PM

Dear city council members,

Please vote to continue the fight against climate change by approving reach codes to mandate that new construction be fully electric.

Thank you.

Joel McKinnon, CPWA
New Worlds Inclusive Design (<https://new-worlds.org>)
[REDACTED]
Montara, CA, USA

From: [Ricki McGlashan](#)
To: [Clerk](#)
Subject: Supporting Reach Codes
Date: Saturday, January 11, 2025 8:38:45 AM

Dear City Council,

Thanks for focusing long term on the issue of buildings and climate change. I write to you today in support of Item 13 on the January 13 City Council agenda, Reach Codes for New Construction.

It's a long process I know—and a never ending one. But the stakes are high so it's extremely important. You all have shown leadership and perseverance.

Thank you,

Ricki and Doug McGlashan

From: [Michelle Hudson](#)
To: [Clerk](#)
Cc: [Robert Whitehair](#)
Subject: Support Reach Codes, Item 13
Date: Saturday, January 11, 2025 12:45:30 PM

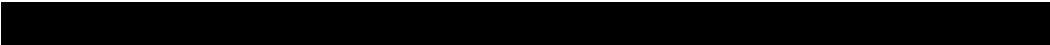
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We look forward to the coming year when the Council will be considering Reach Codes for the next building code cycle. Please count on us to support everything you can do to decarbonize our buildings.

Thank you,

Michelle Hudson & Robert Whitehair



From: [L. Eberhart](#)
To: [Clerk](#)
Subject: I Support Reach Codes, Item 13
Date: Saturday, January 11, 2025 8:47:56 AM

Dear City Council,

Thank you for your leadership in stopping the march of the climate crisis. I write to you today in support of Item 13 on the January 13 City Council agenda, Reach Codes for New Construction.

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Thank you

Leane Eberhart
Architect
San Mateo resident

From: [Wendy Chou](#)
To: [Clerk](#)
Subject: comment on Agenda Item 13 (reach codes), Jan 13 meeting
Date: Monday, January 13, 2025 11:36:07 AM

Dear City Council,

I'm writing today in response to the item on the Jan 13 council agenda: "Reach Codes for New Construction," which I strongly support.

New buildings offer a critically important opportunity to take action by encouraging the adoption of all-electric appliances. By doing so we can help avoid decades of dangerous GHG emissions produced by burning fossil fuels in buildings for heating, cooling, and cooking.

I am in full support of the many steps needed in the process of building decarbonization, which will get us on the right path to addressing the exacerbating effects of climate change on the health, livelihoods, and property of our San Mateo community. Some of the other steps that should be considered in this coming year include decarbonizing existing buildings and improving indoor air quality for residents and workers.

Thank you for your long-standing leadership on climate action.

Sincerely,
Wendy Chou

resident of San Mateo
staff member, Acterra: Action for a Healthy Planet

Wendy Chou (she/her)
Coalition and Project Senior Manager



Acterra staff use [self-identified pronouns](#) to support workplace inclusion for everyone.

I respectfully acknowledge that my work takes place on the ancestral and unceded land of the of the Ramaytush Ohlone. [Whose land are you on?](#)

We practice [Slow Fridays](#). Messages received on Fridays may have a delayed response.


From: [Belinda Chlouber](#)
To: [Clerk](#)
Subject: Reach Codes
Date: Sunday, January 12, 2025 9:44:17 PM

To Whom this may concern;

I fully support all efforts toward creating a cleaner greener future. We transitioned to all electric in our home and are extremely happy. I just wish I could do more. For example have a small wind turbine to help power our home and a battery backup!

Please work to cut carbon emissions from new buildings and improve the air quality whenever possible. I know this is hard, and sometimes, thankless work but necessary to ensure a viable future. Thank you for all you do. Please keep working on this through Reach Codes.

All the best,

Belinda Chlouber

San Mateo, CA

Sent from my iPad

Chantal Eaton

From: Sue Blockstein [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, January 13, 2025 2:27 PM
To: Clerk
Subject: I Support Reach Codes, Item 13

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Thank you
Sue Blockstein

From: [Rick Ballard](#)
To: [Clerk; City Council \(San Mateo\)](#)
Subject: Supporting Agenda item 13, updating reach codes
Date: Monday, January 13, 2025 12:13:29 PM

Dear City Council,

I appreciate the city's work in adjusting local policy to confront our climate crisis.

I am writing in support of Item 13 on the January 13 City Council agenda, Reach Codes for New Construction. While the ninth court decision barring cities from regulating gas is very disappointing, the proposed adjustment for us to use an Energy Performance Reach Code approach is a good path forward.

The decarbonization of our buildings is critical to meeting climate goals. I look forward to the city's continued work and leadership in the coming years, and strongly support this work.

Thank you,
- Rick Ballard
San Mateo resident