

From: L. Eberhart < >

Sent: Monday, March 28, 2022 9:54 AM

To: City Council (San Mateo) <CityCouncil@cityofsanmateo.org>; Clerk <clerk@cityofsanmateo.org>

Subject: Decarbonize the City of San Mateo

Dear Mayor Bonilla, Deputy Mayor Papan, Council Member Goethals, Council Member Lee, Council Member Rodriguez and City Staff,

It is my understanding that at your upcoming April 4th City Council meeting, the Consent Calendar will include a proposed action item to formally adopt City objectives for FY2022-23. I have two requests:

1. I respectfully request that the City Council **pull the City objectives item from the consent calendar**. At least one of the proposed objectives – decarbonization – is so significant that additional discussion is necessary.

2. I respectfully call upon the City Council to approve the proposed objective to “**Establish policies to decarbonize existing buildings and infrastructure. Eliminate methane gas use by 2030.**”

Decarbonization of existing buildings and infrastructure requires extensive, focused public outreach to community groups, residents, and businesses of San Mateo. An informed decision that includes workable electrification actions will be strong and enduring. I therefore request that significant, additional staff time, budget resources and Council interest be devoted to extensive public outreach to all community members.

I believe that many San Mateo residents and businesses are ready to make the switch from fossil fuel use to all-electric. However, residents and business owners wanting to make the switch may have difficulty understanding the relevant challenges and solutions. That is why I believe that it is necessary for City staff to support the following roadmap for success in this transition:

- **Educate** residents and businesses about electrification – including health impacts from no action, and **EASY TO FOLLOW** alternatives for new appliances and equipment.
- **Assess** existing buildings’ energy usage and electrification capabilities, **make the existing building envelopes tighter to lessen the energy required to run and then prepare** for the switch to all-electric.
- **Find funding** mechanisms to pay for all-electric, such as rebates, on bill financing, grants, and other workable funding solutions. **Especially for Landlords who may need carrots and clear info in order to act.**
- **Avoid stranded assets** – anything not electric now will become obsolete very quickly. At least 2,000 gas water heaters fail every year in San Mateo. Replacing even one water heater or one gas furnace with another gas unit extends climate-change-causing Carbon Dioxide, Methane and Nitrous Oxide emissions for 12-15 years. The world does not have that much time
- **Develop a strong workforce** – electrification will need many trained workers and savvy contractors.

Thank you for your consideration of the above requests, and for your tremendous leadership in developing local solutions to the climate crisis.

Sincerely,

Leane Eberhart, Architect and resident of San Mateo

From: Vida Hayashigatani <

Sent: Monday, March 28, 2022 11:44 PM

To: City Council (San Mateo) <CityCouncil@cityofsanmateo.org>; Clerk <clerk@cityofsanmateo.org>

Subject: April 4th City Council meeting - Requests

Dear Mayor Bonilla, Deputy Mayor Papan, Council Member Goethals, Council Member Lee, Council Member Rodriguez and City Staff,

As a member of the Climate Reality Project - San Mateo Policy Action Squad and the San Mateo Climate Action Team, I've been informed that at the upcoming April 4th City Council meeting, the Consent Calendar will include a proposed action item to formally adopt City objectives for FY2022-23.

As a 40-year+ resident of San Mateo, I have the following requests for you:

1. I respectfully request that the City Council **pull the City objectives item from the consent calendar**. At least one of the proposed objectives – decarbonization – is so significant that additional discussion is necessary.
2. I respectfully call upon the City Council to approve the proposed objective to **“Establish policies to decarbonize existing buildings and infrastructure. Eliminate methane gas use by 2030.”**

Decarbonization of existing buildings and infrastructure requires extensive, focused public outreach to community groups, residents, and businesses of San Mateo. An informed decision that includes workable electrification actions will be strong and enduring. I therefore request that significant, additional staff time, budget resources and Council interest be devoted to extensive public outreach to all community members.

I believe that many San Mateo residents and businesses are ready to make the switch from fossil fuel use to all-electric. However, residents and business owners wanting to make the switch may have difficulty understanding the relevant challenges and solutions. That is why I believe that it is necessary for City staff to support the following roadmap for success in this transition:

- **Educate** residents and businesses about electrification – including health impacts from no action, and alternatives for new appliances and equipment.
- **Assess** existing buildings' energy usage and electrification capabilities, to be prepared for the switch to all-electric.
- **Find funding** mechanisms to pay for all-electric, such as rebates, on bill financing, grants, and other workable funding solutions.
- **Avoid stranded assets** – anything not electric now will become obsolete very quickly. At least 2,000 gas water heaters fail every year in San Mateo. Replacing even one water heater or one gas furnace with another gas unit extends climate-change-causing Carbon Dioxide, Methane and Nitrous Oxide emissions for 12-15 years. The world does not have that much time
- **Develop a strong workforce** – electrification will need many trained workers and savvy contractors.

Thank you for your consideration of the above requests, and for your tremendous leadership in developing local solutions to the climate crisis.

Sincerely,
Vida Hayashigatani, Resident of San Mateo

From: Michelle Hudson < >

Sent: Tuesday, March 29, 2022 8:51 PM

To: City Council (San Mateo) <CityCouncil@cityofsanmateo.org>; Clerk <clerk@cityofsanmateo.org>

Subject: Please Support the Building Decarbonization Objective

Dear Mayor Bonilla, Deputy Mayor Papan, Council Member Goethals, Council Member Lee, Council Member Rodriguez, and City Staff,

Thank you for your strong leadership in enacting local solutions to the climate crisis. San Mateo has adopted solid Climate Action Plans, Reach Codes, and many other policies and programs in the fight against climate change. I wish that we could just leave it at that - thanking you for your past hard work and visionary climate action - and that everything would be okay. But, unfortunately, we have a rapidly closing window in which we can still avert the worst impacts of climate change that we know are coming for us, our children, our health, and our economic security.

As a busy working mom of two school aged kids, for years, I had exactly zero time to do anything about climate change. But, my climate anxiety grew as my children, both of whom have asthma, suffered as wildfires increased in number and severity. So, this past year, I finally decided to turn from worry to action. I began with self-education, and I learned that buildings account for 27% of greenhouse gas emissions in California, and a whopping 42% in the City of San Mateo (according to the City's Climate Action Plan). Along with this, I learned the very good news that cities are in a great position to do something about these greenhouse gas emissions.

Then, I really came off the sidelines. Together with other climate-concerned San Mateans, I co-founded the San Mateo Climate Action Team. You have heard from us at City Council meetings since the City Council goal setting meeting on 1/29/22. We haven't been around for long, but our numbers are steadily growing. I believe this will just continue, as so many San Mateans, like me, are exchanging their hopelessness for hope and optimism for bold, local solutions to the climate crisis.

This brings me to the following requests of this City Council and City staff. In anticipation of the upcoming April 4 City Council Meeting, along with the other members of the San Mateo Climate Action Team, I respectfully urge this City Council to:

1. Approve Mayor Bonilla's proposed objective to "Establish policies to decarbonize existing buildings and infrastructure. Eliminate methane gas use by 2030."

2. Devote significant, additional staff time, budget resources and Council interest to extensive public outreach to all community members to support decarbonization policies.

3. Support the following roadmap for success in the transition from gas infrastructure to electric:

- **Educate** residents and businesses about electrification – including health impacts from no action, and alternatives for new appliances and equipment.
- **Assess** existing buildings' energy usage and electrification capabilities, to be prepared for the switch to all-electric.
- **Find funding** mechanisms to pay for all-electric, such as rebates, on bill financing, grants, and other workable funding solutions.

- **Avoid stranded assets** – anything not electric now will become obsolete very quickly. At least 2,000 gas water heaters fail every year in San Mateo. Replacing even one water heater or one gas furnace with another gas unit extends climate-change-causing Carbon Dioxide, Methane and Nitrous Oxide emissions for 12-15 years. The world does not have that much time
- **Develop a strong workforce** – electrification will need many trained workers and savvy contractors.

I am sorry to ask yet more of this City that has already done so much to develop local solutions to the climate crisis. But unfortunately, further climate action and leadership is imperative to protect the health and economic security of this community and its future generations. I therefore urge you to approve the above decarbonization objective, outreach efforts, and roadmap for success.

Thank you,
Michelle Hudson, Resident of San Mateo

From: Sheryl Johnson < >

Sent: Wednesday, March 30, 2022 4:41 PM

To: City Council (San Mateo) <CityCouncil@cityofsanmateo.org>; Clerk <clerk@cityofsanmateo.org>

Subject: Decarbonization Objective for City of San Mateo

Dear San Mateo City Council,

I am writing on behalf of the Congregational Church of San Mateo in San Mateo, California. In recent years, our congregation, under the leadership of our Energy and Environmental Justice Ministry, has prioritized taking bold climate action and educating our community on the climate crisis as an integral expression of our faith.

We recognize that the City of San Mateo has also been a leader in local actions to fight climate change, being among the first in our county to adopt strong climate action plans. We applaud the City Council for its strong, courageous leadership in tackling the climate crisis.

We have become aware that the final City Council objectives for fiscal year 2022-2023 will be voted on at the April 4, 2022 City Council meeting. We understand that this is an important process wherein funds and staff time are allocated to issues of significant interest to the City Council.

As a community that prioritizes bold climate action, we fully support Mayor Bonilla's proposed objective on the draft list of objectives for FY 2022-2023 to: "Establish policies to decarbonize existing buildings and infrastructure. Eliminate methane gas use by 2030." We respectfully request that the City Council adopt this important objective and that sufficient City Staff and City Council time and resources be devoted to studying options for its implementation.

The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), leading thinkers, writers, scientists, and a growing number of ordinary people, have realized that significant changes are necessary to the way we construct, manage and provide energy to buildings, as buildings account for a significant percentage of global greenhouse gas emissions. In California, for example, the operation and maintenance of commercial and residential buildings accounts for 27% of our nation's total greenhouse gas emissions; in the City of San Mateo, that number is 42%.

The good news is that we still have time and the ability to take action to avoid the worst consequences of climate change. As our City Council, you have a tremendous opportunity right now to take meaningful action by adopting and studying Mayor Bonilla's proposed objective to decarbonize our buildings and eliminate methane gas use. We respectfully urge you to do so.

Sincerely,

Julie Lenden, Moderator, Congregational Church of San Mateo

Warren Long, Chairperson, Energy and Environmental Justice Ministry, Congregational Church of San Mateo

Revs. Penny Nixon, Jorge Bautista, and Sheryl Johnson, Ministers, Congregational Church of San Mateo

--

Rev. Sheryl Johnson

Associate Minister

Pronouns: she/her/hers

From: Marty Jordan <>
Sent: Monday, March 28, 2022 9:00 AM
To: City Council (San Mateo) <CityCouncil@cityofsanmateo.org>
Cc: Clerk <clerk@cityofsanmateo.org>
Subject: comments regarding April 4 city council meeting
Importance: High

Dear Mayor Bonilla, Deputy Mayor Papan, Council Member Goethals, Council Member Lee, Council Member Rodriguez and City Staff,

It is my understanding that at your upcoming April 4th City Council meeting, the Consent Calendar will include a proposed action item to formally adopt City objectives for FY2022-23. I have two requests:

1. I respectfully request that the City Council **pull the City objectives item from the consent calendar**. At least one of the proposed objectives – decarbonization – is so significant that additional discussion is necessary.
2. I respectfully call upon the City Council to approve the proposed objective to “**Establish policies to decarbonize existing buildings and infrastructure. Eliminate methane gas use by 2030.**”

Decarbonization of existing buildings and infrastructure requires extensive, focused public outreach to community groups, residents, and businesses of San Mateo. An informed decision that includes workable electrification actions will be strong and enduring. I therefore request that significant, additional staff time, budget resources and Council interest be devoted to extensive public outreach to all community members.

I believe that many San Mateo residents and businesses are ready to make the switch from fossil fuel use to all-electric. However, residents and business owners wanting to make the switch may have difficulty understanding the relevant challenges and solutions. That is why I believe that it is necessary for City staff to support the following roadmap for success in this transition:

- **Educate** residents and businesses about electrification – including health impacts from no action, and alternatives for new appliances and equipment.
- **Assess** existing buildings' energy usage and electrification capabilities, to be prepared for the switch to all-electric.
- **Find funding** mechanisms to pay for all-electric, such as rebates, on bill financing, grants, and other workable funding solutions.
- **Avoid stranded assets** – anything not electric now will become obsolete very quickly. At least 2,000 gas water heaters fail every year in San Mateo. Replacing even one water heater or one gas furnace with another gas unit extends climate-change-causing Carbon Dioxide, Methane and Nitrous Oxide emissions for 12-15 years. The world does not have that much time
- **Develop a strong workforce** – electrification will need many trained workers and savvy contractors.

Thank you for your consideration of the above requests, and for your tremendous leadership in developing local solutions to the climate crisis.

Sincerely,
Marty Jordan - Resident of San Mateo

From: CHRIS KETNER < >

Sent: Sunday, March 27, 2022 3:45 PM

To: Clerk <clerk@cityofsanmateo.org>

Subject: Consent Calendar

Dear Mayor Bonilla, Deputy Mayor Papan, Council Member Goethals, Council Member Lee, Council Member Rodriguez and City Staff,

It is my understanding that at your upcoming April 4th City Council meeting, the Consent Calendar will include a proposed action item to formally adopt City objectives for FY2022-23. I have two requests:

1. I respectfully request that the City Council **pull the City objectives item from the consent calendar**. At least one of the proposed objectives – decarbonization – is so significant that additional discussion is necessary.
2. I respectfully call upon the City Council to approve the proposed objective to **“Establish policies to decarbonize existing buildings and infrastructure. Eliminate methane gas use by 2030.”**

iPhone typing dispensation please!

Regards,

Chris Ketner

From: Michelle Mandel <>

Sent: Tuesday, March 29, 2022 12:31 PM

To: City Council (San Mateo) <CityCouncil@cityofsanmateo.org>; Clerk <clerk@cityofsanmateo.org>

Subject: Approve Policies to Decarbonize - Letter in Support

Dear Mayor Bonilla, Deputy Mayor Papan, Council Member Goethals, Council Member Lee, Council Member Rodriguez and City Staff,

It is my understanding that at your upcoming April 4th City Council meeting, the Consent Calendar will include a proposed action item to formally adopt City objectives for FY2022-23. I have two requests:

1. I respectfully request that the City Council **pull the City objectives item from the consent calendar**. At least one of the proposed objectives – decarbonization – is so significant that additional discussion is necessary.
2. I respectfully call upon the City Council to approve the proposed objective to “**Establish policies to decarbonize existing buildings and infrastructure. Eliminate methane gas use by 2030.**”

Decarbonization of existing buildings and infrastructure requires extensive, focused public outreach to community groups, residents, and businesses of San Mateo. An informed decision that includes workable electrification actions will be strong and enduring. I therefore request that significant, additional staff time, budget resources and Council interest be devoted to extensive public outreach to all community members.

I believe that many San Mateo residents and businesses are ready to make the switch from fossil fuel use to all-electric. However, residents and business owners wanting to make the switch may have difficulty understanding the relevant challenges and solutions. That is why I believe that it is necessary for City staff to support the following roadmap for success in this transition:

- **Educate** residents and businesses about electrification – including health impacts from no action, and alternatives for new appliances and equipment.
- **Assess** existing buildings’ energy usage and electrification capabilities, to be prepared for the switch to all-electric.
- **Find funding** mechanisms to pay for all-electric, such as rebates, on bill financing, grants, and other workable funding solutions.
- **Avoid stranded assets** – anything not electric now will become obsolete very quickly. At least 2,000 gas water heaters fail every year in San Mateo. Replacing even one water heater or one gas furnace with another gas unit extends climate-change-causing Carbon Dioxide, Methane and Nitrous Oxide emissions for 12-15 years. The world does not have that much time
- **Develop a strong workforce** – electrification will need many trained workers and savvy contractors.

Thank you for your consideration of the above requests, and for your tremendous leadership in developing local solutions to the climate crisis.

Sincerely,

Michelle Mandel & Simon Reading, Residents of San Mateo

From: Elaine Salinger <>

Sent: Sunday, March 27, 2022 3:38 PM

To: City Council (San Mateo) <CityCouncil@cityofsanmateo.org>; Clerk <clerk@cityofsanmateo.org>

Subject: Establish policies to decarbonize San Mateo

Dear Mayor Bonilla, Deputy Mayor Papan, Council Member Goethals, Council Member Lee, Council Member Rodriguez and City Staff,

It is my understanding that at your upcoming April 4th City Council meeting, the Consent Calendar will include a proposed action item to formally adopt City objectives for FY2022-23. I have two requests:

1. I respectfully request that the City Council **pull the City objectives item from the consent calendar**. At least one of the proposed objectives – decarbonization – is so significant that additional discussion is necessary.

2. I respectfully call upon the City Council to approve the proposed objective to **“Establish policies to decarbonize existing buildings and infrastructure. Eliminate methane gas use by 2030.”**

Decarbonization of existing buildings and infrastructure requires extensive, focused public outreach to community groups, residents, and businesses of San Mateo. An informed decision that includes workable electrification actions will be strong and enduring. I therefore request that significant, additional staff time, budget resources and Council interest be devoted to extensive public outreach to all community members.

I believe that many San Mateo residents and businesses are ready to make the switch from fossil fuel use to all-electric. However, residents and business owners wanting to make the switch may have difficulty understanding the relevant challenges and solutions. That is why I believe that it is necessary for City staff to support the following roadmap for success in this transition:

- **Educate** residents and businesses about electrification – including health impacts from no action, and alternatives for new appliances and equipment.
- **Assess** existing buildings' energy usage and electrification capabilities, to be prepared for the switch to all-electric.
- **Find funding** mechanisms to pay for all-electric, such as rebates, on bill financing, grants, and other workable funding solutions.
- **Avoid stranded assets** – anything not electric now will become obsolete very quickly. At least 2,000 gas water heaters fail every year in San Mateo. Replacing even one water heater or one gas furnace with another gas unit extends climate-change-causing Carbon Dioxide, Methane and Nitrous Oxide emissions for 12-15 years. The world does not have that much time
- **Develop a strong workforce** – electrification will need many trained workers and savvy contractors.

Thank you for your consideration of the above requests, and for your tremendous leadership in developing local solutions to the climate crisis.

Sincerely,

Elaine Salinger, Group Co-Leader and Resident of San Mateo
San Mateo County Chapter
650-533-3539



From: Nancy Schneider < >
Sent: Tuesday, March 29, 2022 6:53 PM
To: Clerk <clerk@cityofsanmateo.org>
Subject: Decarbonization Objective for City of San Mateo

Dear San Mateo City Council,

I am writing on behalf of the Peninsula Temple Beth El congregation in San Mateo, California, a congregation of 800 plus families. In recent years, our congregation, under the leadership of our Rodfei Tzedek social justice team, has prioritized taking bold climate action and educating our community on the climate crisis. This comports with the Jewish value of "Tikkun Olam," or repairing the earthly world in which we live.

We recognize that the City of San Mateo has also been a leader in local actions to fight climate change, being among the first in our county to adopt strong climate action plans. We applaud the City Council for its strong, courageous leadership in tackling the climate crisis.

We have become aware that the final City Council objectives for fiscal year 2022-2023 will be voted on at the April 4, 2022 City Council meeting. We understand that this is an important process wherein funds and staff time are allocated to issues of significant interest to the City Council.

As a Jewish community that prioritizes bold climate action, we fully support Mayor Bonilla's proposed objective on the draft list of objectives for FY 2022-2023 to: "Establish policies to decarbonize existing buildings and infrastructure. Eliminate methane gas use by 2030." We respectfully request that the City Council adopt this important objective, and that sufficient City Staff and City Council time and resources be devoted to studying options for its implementation.

The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), leading thinkers, writers, most scientists and a growing number of ordinary people, have realized that significant changes are necessary in the way we construct, manage and provide energy to buildings, as buildings account for a significant percentage of global greenhouse gas emissions. In California, for example, the operation and maintenance of commercial and residential buildings accounts for 27% of our nation's total greenhouse gas emissions; in the City of San Mateo, that number is 42%.

The good news is that we still have time and ability to repair the world. As our City Council, you have a tremendous opportunity right now to take meaningful action by adopting and studying Mayor Bonilla's proposed objective to decarbonize our buildings and eliminate methane gas use. We respectfully urge you to do so.

Thank you,

Rabbi Darryl Crystal, Interim Senior Rabbi

Rabbi Lisa Kingston, Associate Rabbi, Incoming Senior Rabbi

Roger Feigelson, President, Board of Trustees

Marla Becker, Nancy Bott, Marcus Oettinger, Jessica Rosenberg, and Rebecca

Schwartz, Leadership Team for Rodfei Tzedek, PTBE Social Justice Team

Nancy Schneider, Resident of San Mateo, Leadership Team for Rodfei Tzedek

From: Michelle Hudson <>

Sent: Wednesday, March 30, 2022 10:39 AM

To: City Council (San Mateo) <CityCouncil@cityofsanmateo.org>; Clerk <clerk@cityofsanmateo.org>

Cc: Robert Whitehair <robertwhitehair2@gmail.com>

Subject: Sign-On Letter for Decarbonization Objective - Presented by the San Mateo Climate Action Team

Dear City Council,

The San Mateo Climate Action Team presents to you the following sign-on letter, signed by 120 organizations, San Mateo residents, and other community members, all united in their desire for bold, local solutions to the climate crisis.

In Partnership,
Robert Whitehair and Michelle Hudson,
Co-Leaders of the San Mateo Climate Action Team

* * * * *

Dear Mayor Bonilla, Deputy Mayor Papan, Council Member Lee, Council Member Goethals, and Council Member Rodriguez,

We call upon the City Council to formally adopt the following draft objective for FY2022-23:

1. Establish policies to decarbonize existing buildings and infrastructure. Eliminate methane gas by 2030.

To fully understand all the implications of decarbonization policies, the undersigned believe that extensive, focused public outreach to community groups, residents and businesses of San Mateo is essential. An informed decision will be strong and enduring. Therefore, we request that:

2. Significant, additional staff time, budget resources and Council interest be devoted in the coming year to extensive public outreach regarding decarbonization, to all community members.

Signed By:

Elaine Salinger, Co-Leader, Citizens Climate Lobby, San Mateo County Chapter
Christine Kohl-Zaugg, Executive Director, Sustainable San Mateo County
Jennifer Thompson, Executive Director, Sustainable Silicon Valley
Diane Bailey, Menlo Spark, and Fossil Free Buildings Silicon Valley
Jin Soo Kim, Bay Area Youth Climate Action Team
Peri Plantenberg, Student Leader of Silicon Valley Youth Climate Action
Lauren Weston, Executive Director of Acterra: Action for a Healthy Planet
Robert M. Gould, MD, President, San Francisco Bay Physicians for Social Responsibility
Kathleen Goforth, Climate Reality Bay Area San Mateo County Policy Action
Cheryl Weiden, Board Member, 350 Silicon Valley
Jenny Green on behalf of Mothers Out Front Silicon Valley
Susan Butler-Graham, on behalf of Mothers Out Front Silicon Valley
Raayan Mohtashemi, Move San Mateo
Carlos Davidson, Pacifica Climate Committee

Tom Kabat, Menlo Park Environmental Quality Commissioner
Kristel Wickham, Sunnyvale Sustainability Commission Chair
Nancy Schneider, Resident of the City of San Mateo, Leader of Rodfei Tzedek Social Justice Committee of Peninsula Temple Beth El Congregation
John McKenna, Member organizing team "Code Red for Humanity: What Municipalities Can Do"
Robert Whitehair, Resident of the City of San Mateo, Co-Leader, San Mateo Climate Action Team
Michelle Hudson, Resident of the City of San Mateo, Co-Leader, San Mateo Climate Action Team
Alan Mattlage, Resident of the City of San Mateo
Mary Rose LeBaron, Resident of the City of San Mateo
Dale Shintani, Resident of the City of San Mateo
Joel Scott, Resident of the City of San Mateo
Wendy Chou, Resident of the City of San Mateo
Carol Mason, Resident of the City of San Mateo
Marty Jordan, Resident of the City of San Mateo
Joan Donovan, Resident of the City of San Mateo
Petra Siltan, Resident of the City of San Mateo
Leane Eberhart, Resident of the City of San Mateo
Marialena Malejan-Roussere, Resident of the City of San Mateo
Maureen K. Olson, Resident of the City of San Mateo
Amita Jain, Resident of the City of San Mateo
Joshua Wing, Resident of the City of San Mateo
Elise Wing, Resident of the City of San Mateo
Jonathan Wing, Resident of the City of San Mateo
Linda Ann Rarden, Resident of the City of San Mateo
David Prager, Resident of the City of San Mateo
James Higbie, Resident of the City of San Mateo
Michelle Mandel, Resident of the City of San Mateo
Vida Hayashigatani, Resident of the City of San Mateo
Kate Hayashigatani, Resident of the City of San Mateo
Lindsay Hayashigatani, Resident of the City of San Mateo
Claire Shintani, Resident of the City of San Mateo
Barbara Ruck Pavicic, Resident of the City of San Mateo
Eshal Naeem, Resident of the City of San Mateo
Mandy Yu, Resident of the City of San Mateo
Lana Levison, Resident of the City of San Mateo
Demetra Stamm, Resident of the City of San Mateo
Peter J. Paffrath, Resident of the City of San Mateo
Teri Whitehair, Resident of the City of San Mateo
Douglas McGlashan, Resident of the City of San Mateo
Guillermo D Cockrum, Resident of the City of San Mateo
Kelly Petersen, Resident of the City of San Mateo
Karen Kreidler, Resident of the City of San Mateo
Val Farrelly, Resident of the City of San Mateo
Belinda Chlouber, Resident of the City of San Mateo
Ralph King, Resident of the City of San Mateo
Niar Thorpe, Resident of the City of San Mateo
Libby Traubman, Resident of the City of San Mateo
Vivienne Scott, Resident of the City of San Mateo
Megan Strain, Resident of the City of San Mateo
Randi S Hutchinson, Resident of the City of San Mateo
Adam Loraine, Resident of the City of San Mateo
Jeremy Sonpar, Resident of the City of San Mateo

Ted McKinnon, Resident of the City of San Mateo
Maggie Bobbin, Resident of the City of San Mateo
Liam O'Sullivan, Resident of the City of San Mateo
Adam Nugent, Resident of the City of San Mateo
Mina Bressler, Resident of the City of San Mateo
Robert Seeburger, Resident of the City of San Mateo
Susan Blockstein, Resident of the City of San Mateo
Dr. Darren Don, Resident of the City of San Mateo
Kristie Eglsaer, Resident of the City of San Mateo
Carol Steinfeld, Resident of the City of San Mateo
Teresa Rose, Resident of the City of San Mateo
Norma Formanek, Resident of the City of San Mateo
Dorothy A. Kogl, Resident of the City of San Mateo
Charlene G. Hogan, Resident of the City of San Mateo
Dr. Gary Trott, Resident of Unincorporated San Mateo
Joanne Trott
Chris W. Ketner
Jonathan Carter, MD
Veronica D. Fern
Kathy Battat
Mitchell C. Williams
Jeffrey Perrone
Róisín McElarney
Bruce Naegel
Debbie Mytels
Vivek Patkar
Barbara Fukumoto
Peter Scherer
Ann Harvey
Janice Cecil
Jean Tepperman
Sheila Tarbet
Kim Harvey
Donna Davies
David F. Gassman
Patricia H. Seffens
Megan Shumway
Jeffrey Mann, MD
David Kong
Maria Pinto
Linda Hutchins-Knowles
Marti Roach
Vivian Kong
Bret Andersen
Catharina Clark
Amanda Bancroft
Gary White
Judy C Kwee
Leah Redwood
Cecilia Lunaparra
Victoria Lin
Knox Kelly
Carl van Reis
Jo Crescent

From: Libby Traubman <>

Sent: Monday, March 28, 2022 2:09 PM

To: City Council (San Mateo) <CityCouncil@cityofsanmateo.org>; Clerk <clerk@cityofsanmateo.org>

Subject: local action for climate crisis

Dear Mayor Bonilla, Deputy Mayor Papan, Council Member Goethals, Council Member Lee, Council Member Rodriguez and City Staff,

It is my understanding that at your upcoming April 4th City Council meeting, the Consent Calendar will include a proposed action item to formally adopt City objectives for FY2022-23. I have two requests:

1 I respectfully request that the City Council pull the City objectives item from the consent calendar. At least one of the proposed objectives – decarbonization – is so significant that additional discussion is necessary.

2. I respectfully call upon the City Council to approve the proposed objective to Establish policies to decarbonize existing buildings and infrastructure. Eliminate methane gas use by 2030.

Decarbonization of existing buildings and infrastructure requires extensive, focused public outreach to community groups, residents, and businesses of San Mateo. An informed decision that includes workable electrification actions will be strong and enduring. I therefore request that significant, additional staff time, budget resources and Council interest be devoted to extensive public outreach to all community members.

I believe that many San Mateo residents and businesses are ready to make the switch from fossil fuel use to all-electric. However, residents and business owners wanting to make the switch may have difficulty understanding the relevant challenges and solutions. That is why I believe that it is necessary for City staff to support the following road map for success in this transition:

Educate residents and businesses about electrification – including health impacts from no action, and alternatives for new appliances and equipment.

Assess existing buildings' energy usage and electrification capabilities, to be prepared for the switch to all-electric.

Find funding mechanisms to pay for all-electric, such as rebates, on bill financing, grants, and other workable funding solutions.

Avoid stranded assets – anything not electric now will become obsolete very quickly. At least 2,000 gas water heaters fail every year in San Mateo. Replacing even one water heater or one gas furnace with another gas unit extends climate-change-causing Carbon Dioxide, Methane and Nitrous Oxide emissions for 12-15 years. The world does not have that much time.

Develop a strong work force – electrification will need many trained workers and savvy contractors.

Thank you for giving this your serious attention,

Libby Traubman

From: Gary Trott 2 <gary_trott@comcast.net>

Sent: Tuesday, March 29, 2022 9:34 AM

To: Clerk <clerk@cityofsanmateo.org>; City Council (San Mateo) <CityCouncil@cityofsanmateo.org>

Cc: gary_trott@comcast.net

Subject: City Council Meeting 4-April

Dear Mayor Bonilla, Deputy Mayor Papan, Council Member Goethals, Council Member Lee, Council Member Rodriguez and City Staff,

Re: Upcoming 4-April San Mateo City council meeting.

I respectfully call upon the City Council to approve the proposed objective to “**Establish policies to decarbonize existing buildings and infrastructure. Eliminate methane gas use by 2030.**”

Above all, it will take strong leadership at the city council level to help insure all individuals and all business in San Mateo are engaged in the effort to mitigate climate change. Consider, it took all of us, collectively, to arrive at this point were fossil emissions are affecting the global climate. Hence, the level of climate impact will be determined by what collective mitigation efforts are achieved over the next several years.

It will be a lot of very hard work. If we passively wait for others via reach codes etc, the work to mitigate climate change will not get done in the needed time frame.

Decarbonization of existing buildings and infrastructure requires extensive, focused public outreach to community groups, residents, and businesses of San Mateo. An informed decision that includes workable electrification actions will be strong and enduring. I therefore request that significant, additional staff time, budget resources and Council interest be devoted to extensive public outreach to all community members.

I believe that many San Mateo residents and businesses are ready to make the switch from fossil fuel use to all-electric. However, residents and business owners wanting to make the switch may have difficulty understanding the relevant challenges and solutions. That is why I believe that it is necessary for City staff to support the following roadmap for success in this transition:

- **Educate** residents and businesses about electrification – including health impacts from no action, and alternatives for new appliances and equipment.
- **Assess** existing buildings’ energy usage and electrification capabilities, to be prepared for the switch to all-electric.
- **Find funding** mechanisms to pay for all-electric, such as rebates, on bill financing, grants, and other workable funding solutions.
- **Avoid stranded assets** – anything not electric now will become obsolete very quickly. At least 2,000 gas water heaters fail every year in San Mateo. Replacing even one water heater or one gas furnace with another gas unit extends climate-change-causing Carbon Dioxide, Methane and Nitrous Oxide emissions for 12-15 years. The world does not have that much time
- **Develop a strong workforce** – electrification will need many trained workers and savvy contractors.

Thank you for your consideration of the above requests, and for your tremendous leadership in developing local solutions to the climate crisis.

Sincerely, Dr. Gary Trott, Resident of San Mateo

From: Robert Whitehair < >

Sent: Tuesday, March 29, 2022 8:02 PM

To: Clerk <clerk@cityofsanmateo.org>

Subject: For the Council: Decarbonization of Buildings and Infrastructure on City Council Agenda April 4, 2022

Dear Mayor Bonilla, City of San Mateo Council Members and City Staff,

Thank you for your strong leadership in developing local solutions to the climate crisis. I am most impressed by your dedicated hard working staff. I want them and you to succeed in completing direct, local action. The world is out of time.

San Mateo is my home. You all know that my wife and I raised two sons here, and both are proud graduates of Aragon High School. Teri and I have been active community volunteers, Teri as founder of the Borel Middle School Cultural Fair and active in PTA. I was a Little League coach at Trinta Park for 12 years, and in the last 5 years have been very active in housing and climate crisis issues specifically on Reach Codes and as Vice Chair of Sustainable San Mateo County.

Together with other climate-concerned San Mateans, a very strong San Mateo Climate Action Team is being built for a San Mateo climate crisis response. All of us are deeply concerned that more needs to be done.

Please approve Mayor Bonilla's proposed objective to "Establish policies to decarbonize existing buildings and infrastructure. Eliminate methane gas use by 2030."

Decarbonization of existing buildings and infrastructure requires extensive, focused public outreach to community groups, residents, and businesses of San Mateo. An informed decision that includes workable electrification actions will be strong and enduring.

I therefore request that significant, additional staff time, budget resources and Council interest be devoted to extensive public outreach to all community members.

Sincerely,

Robert Whitehair
San Mateo

From: Darren Don <>

Sent: Monday, March 28, 2022 7:45 PM

To: City Council (San Mateo) <CityCouncil@cityofsanmateo.org>; Clerk <clerk@cityofsanmateo.org>

Subject: 4/4 City Council meeting

Dear Mayor Bonilla, Deputy Mayor Papan, Council Member Goethals, Council Member Lee, Council Member Rodriguez and City Staff,

It is my understanding that at your upcoming April 4th City Council meeting, the Consent Calendar will include a proposed action item to formally adopt City objectives for FY2022-23. I have two requests:

1. I respectfully request that the City Council **pull the City objectives item from the consent calendar**. At least one of the proposed objectives – decarbonization – is so significant that additional discussion is necessary.

2. I respectfully call upon the City Council to approve the proposed objective to “**Establish policies to decarbonize existing buildings and infrastructure. Eliminate methane gas use by 2030.**”

Decarbonization of existing buildings and infrastructure requires extensive, focused public outreach to community groups, residents, and businesses of San Mateo. An informed decision that includes workable electrification actions will be strong and enduring. I therefore request that significant, additional staff time, budget resources and Council interest be devoted to extensive public outreach to all community members.

I believe that many San Mateo residents and businesses are ready to make the switch from fossil fuel use to all-electric. However, residents and business owners wanting to make the switch may have difficulty understanding the relevant challenges and solutions. That is why I believe that it is necessary for City staff to support the following roadmap for success in this transition:

- **Educate** residents and businesses about electrification – including health impacts from no action, and alternatives for new appliances and equipment.
- **Assess** existing buildings' energy usage and electrification capabilities, to be prepared for the switch to all-electric.
- **Find funding** mechanisms to pay for all-electric, such as rebates, on bill financing, grants, and other workable funding solutions.
- **Avoid stranded assets** – anything not electric now will become obsolete very quickly. At least 2,000 gas water heaters fail every year in San Mateo. Replacing even one water heater or one gas furnace with another gas unit extends climate-change-causing Carbon Dioxide, Methane and Nitrous Oxide emissions for 12-15 years. The world does not have that much time
- **Develop a strong workforce** – electrification will need many trained workers and savvy contractors.

Thank you for your consideration of the above requests, and for your tremendous leadership in developing local solutions to the climate crisis.

Sincerely, Darren Don, Resident of San Mateo

From: Mary Rose LeBaron < >

Sent: Sunday, March 27, 2022 2:41 PM

To: City Council (San Mateo) <CityCouncil@cityofsanmateo.org>; Clerk <clerk@cityofsanmateo.org>

Subject: Item on consent calendar

Dear Mayor Bonilla, Deputy Mayor Papan, Council Member Goethals, Council Member Lee, Council Member Rodriguez and City Staff,

It is my understanding that at your upcoming April 4th City Council meeting, the Consent Calendar will include a proposed action item to formally adopt City objectives for FY2022-23. I have two requests:

1. I respectfully request that the City Council **pull the City objectives item from the consent calendar**. At least one of the proposed objectives – decarbonization – is so significant that additional discussion is necessary.
2. I respectfully call upon the City Council to approve the proposed objective to “**Establish policies to decarbonize existing buildings and infrastructure. Eliminate methane gas use by 2030.**”

Decarbonization of existing buildings and infrastructure requires extensive, focused public outreach to community groups, residents, and businesses of San Mateo. An informed decision that includes workable electrification actions will be strong and enduring. I therefore request that significant, additional staff time, budget resources and Council interest be devoted to extensive public outreach to all community members.

I believe that many San Mateo residents and businesses are ready to make the switch from fossil fuel use to all-electric. However, residents and business owners wanting to make the switch may have difficulty understanding the relevant challenges and solutions. That is why I believe that it is necessary for City staff to support the following roadmap for success in this transition:

- **Educate** residents and businesses about electrification – including health impacts from no action, and alternatives for new appliances and equipment.
- **Assess** existing buildings' energy usage and electrification capabilities, to be prepared for the switch to all-electric.
- **Find funding** mechanisms to pay for all-electric, such as rebates, on bill financing, grants, and other workable funding solutions.
- **Avoid stranded assets** – anything not electric now will become obsolete very quickly. At least 2,000 gas water heaters fail every year in San Mateo. Replacing even one water heater or one gas furnace with another gas unit extends climate-change-causing Carbon Dioxide, Methane and Nitrous Oxide emissions for 12-15 years. The world does not have that much time
- **Develop a strong workforce** – electrification will need many trained workers and savvy contractors.

Thank you for your consideration of the above requests, and for your tremendous leadership in developing local solutions to the climate crisis.

Sincerely,

Mary Rose LeBaron, Resident of San Mateo

From: Nancy Schneider < >

Sent: Monday, March 28, 2022 4:08 PM

To: City Council (San Mateo) <CityCouncil@cityofsanmateo.org>; Clerk <clerk@cityofsanmateo.org>

Subject: Decarbonization Objective 2022

Dear Mayor Bonilla, Deputy Mayor Papan, Council Member Goethals, Council Member Lee, Council Member Rodriguez and City Staff,

It is my understanding that at your upcoming April 4th City Council meeting, the Consent Calendar will include a proposed action item to formally adopt City objectives for FY2022-23. I have two requests:

1. I respectfully request that the City Council **pull the City objectives item from the consent calendar**. At least one of the proposed objectives – decarbonization – is so significant that additional discussion is necessary.
2. I respectfully call upon the City Council to approve the proposed objective to “**Establish policies to decarbonize existing buildings and infrastructure. Eliminate methane gas use by 2030.**”

Decarbonization of existing buildings and infrastructure requires extensive, focused public outreach to community groups, residents, and businesses of San Mateo. An informed decision that includes workable electrification actions will be strong and enduring. I therefore request that significant, additional staff time, budget resources and Council interest be devoted to extensive public outreach to all community members.

I believe that many San Mateo residents and businesses are ready to make the switch from fossil fuel use to all-electric. However, residents and business owners wanting to make the switch may have difficulty understanding the relevant challenges and solutions. That is why I believe that it is necessary for City staff to support the following roadmap for success in this transition:

- **Educate** residents and businesses about electrification – including health impacts from no action, and alternatives for new appliances and equipment.
- **Assess** existing buildings' energy usage and electrification capabilities, to be prepared for the switch to all-electric.
- **Find funding** mechanisms to pay for all-electric, such as rebates, on bill financing, grants, and other workable funding solutions.
- **Avoid stranded assets** – anything not electric now will become obsolete very quickly. At least 2,000 gas water heaters fail every year in San Mateo. Replacing even one water heater or one gas furnace with another gas unit extends climate-change-causing Carbon Dioxide, Methane and Nitrous Oxide emissions for 12-15 years. The world does not have that much time
- **Develop a strong workforce** – electrification will need many trained workers and savvy contractors.

Thank you for your consideration of the above requests, and for your tremendous leadership in developing local solutions to the climate crisis.

Sincerely,
Nancy Schneider, Resident of San Mateo