



From: [Luther Izmirian](#)
To: [Andrea Chow](#)
Subject: Re: Reach Codes
Date: Friday, September 30, 2022 4:16:56 PM

Please include in comments. I have not been contacted for comment by Mr. Goethals. Sure seems the best course of action would be to reduce demand by encouraging sealing of homes, insulation etc. When heat pumps are then added, smaller capacities will be needed reducing power needs etc.

Reach Codes seem like the most costly method to achieve a very small result to global warming. We need to find more effective, less costly methods.
Electric cost will climb due to supply/demand as we have seen on recent utility bills.
Requiring the use of the most costly fuel to achieve such a small benefit doesn't make sense.

The system I just quoted utilizing a 99% efficient furnace with a variable capacity 5 ton A/C unit was also quoted with a option to use a heat pump with same features that was an additional \$4,896.00 dollars. These are real world numbers.

Luther Izmirian



From: [Luther Izmirian](#)
To: [Andrea Chow](#)
Subject: Fwd: Reach Codes
Date: Friday, September 16, 2022 11:35:45 AM

Here is an email I sent to Councilman Goethals. You should also check with your own building dept. for comment. I look forward to your call to discuss this issue.

Luther Izmirian

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Luther Izmirian [REDACTED]
Subject: Reach Codes
Date: September 15, 2022 at 5:30:13 PM PDT
To: jgoethals@cityofsanmateo.org

Read your opinion piece in Mondays Daily Journal. We are designers and installers of high efficiency HVAC systems including heat pumps systems. We are located in downtown SM now for just shy of 100 years. No one has inquired of us the wisdom of the proposed Reach Codes, nor the industry groups.

Most older homes will need hybrid systems utilizing gas heat to meet the heating demands of the less insulated older housing stock, using a heat pump for the first stage of heating. Most homes electrical service is not adequate for this need, and unsure if utility can provide the needed power Reach Codes will demand, not to mention charging of electric cars.

Further, you should check with your own building department about ability to locate outdoor equipment, sound levels allowed, and your fee schedule for permits. Hard to imagine why a furnace or water heater replacement permit should cost \$550.00, and with Heat pump with submittal drawings etc, \$750.00. Total cost is over \$1,100.00. So much cost to discourage acceptance, much caused by the city.

I am free to discuss if you wish. Please slow down your rush to electrify. Typical gas furnace we install is either 96% or 99% efficient. Smaller gas furnace size with high efficiency creates less carbon than the replacement Reach Codes will accomplish.

Thanks you.

Luther Izmirian

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From: [Shayna Blum](#)
To: [City Council \(San Mateo\)](#); [Drew Corbett](#)
Subject: Climate Action in San Mateo County
Date: Thursday, September 22, 2022 6:16:35 PM

Dear Mayor Bonilla, Members of City Council and City Manager Corbett,

Thank you for taking up Reach Codes for existing buildings in 2022 at your recent Study Session on September 19, 2022. It was wonderful to hear so much support from you on the concept of an Electrification Ordinance phasing out methane gas use in homes. I am also heartened by the overwhelming support that other community members have expressed as we have gone door to door and engaged residents throughout San Mateo.

Although there is no shortage of support for this key electrification policy and the model ordinance has already been so well-studied and discussed, I'm very disappointed to learn that staff are calling for more time to consider action, and that City Council is deferring to Staff recommended delays.

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It is not too late. We urge you to reconsider. For the sake of our community, our families, and especially our youth, please take critically needed action by bringing a full electrification ordinance forward for consideration by City Council **this year**.

Sincerely,

Shayna Blum

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Student at Burlingame High

From: [Nancy Schneider](#)
To: [Drew Corbett](#); [City Council \(San Mateo\)](#)
Subject: Decarbonization in San Mateo
Date: Thursday, September 22, 2022 10:29:24 AM

Dear Mayor Bonilla, Members of City Council and City Manager Corbett,

Thank you for taking up Reach Codes for existing buildings in 2022 at your recent Study Session on Monday, September 19, 2022. It was wonderful to hear so much support from all of you on the concept of an Electrification Ordinance phasing out methane gas use in homes and other buildings.

Although there is no shortage of support for this key electrification policy and the model ordinance has already been so well-studied and discussed, I'm very disappointed to learn that staff are calling for more time to consider action, and that City Council is deferring to the Staff recommended delay for additional study.

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It is not too late. **We urge you to reconsider.** For the sake of our community, our families, and especially our youth, please take critically needed action by bringing a full electrification ordinance forward for consideration by the City Council **this year**.

Sincerely,

Nancy Schneider
San Mateo homeowner

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Nancy Schneider

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Mobile: [REDACTED]

From: [Michelle Mandel](#)
To: [City Council \(San Mateo\)](#); [Drew Corbett](#)
Subject: Electrification of Buildings/Reach Codes
Date: Thursday, September 22, 2022 9:12:42 AM

Dear Mayor Bonilla, Members of City Council and City Manager Corbett,

Thank you for taking up Reach Codes for existing buildings in 2022 at your recent Study Session on September 19, 2022. I attended and spoke at the meeting on September 19th. It was wonderful to hear so much support from you on the concept of an Electrification Ordinance phasing out methane gas use in homes. I am also heartened by the overwhelming support that other community members have expressed as we have gone door to door and engaged residents throughout San Mateo.

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Sincerely,

Michelle Mandel 

From: [Ricki McGlashan](#)
To: [City Council \(San Mateo\)](#); [Drew Corbett](#)
Subject: Electrification Ordinance
Date: Thursday, September 22, 2022 11:15:17 AM

Dear Mayor Bonilla, Members of City Council and City Manager Corbett,

I was happy to see so much community support for an Electrification Ordinance phasing out methane gas use in homes in 2022 at your recent Study Session. But I'm very disappointed to learn that staff are calling for more time to consider action, and that City Council is deferring to Staff.

The calls by the teenagers on Monday night were especially powerful. You could hear the urgency and fear in their voices. It is not too late. We urge you to reconsider. For the sake of our community, our families, and especially our youth, please take critically needed action by bringing a full electrification ordinance forward for consideration by City Council **this year**.

Doug and Ricki McGlashan

From: [Libby Traubman](#)
To: [City Council \(San Mateo\)](#); [Drew Corbett](#)
Subject: Electrify Everything follow up
Date: Thursday, September 22, 2022 11:56:35 AM

Dear Mayor Bonilla, Members of The City Council, City Manager Corbett, Assistant City Manager Kleinbaum, and Sustainability Analyst Chow,

On behalf of everyone at The San Mateo Climate Action Team, thank you for taking up Reach Codes for existing buildings at your recent Study Session.

It was wonderful to hear so much support from Council and staff about an Electrification Ordinance phasing out methane gas use in existing homes and businesses.

I was encouraged by the overwhelming support that residents and businesses expressed when we went door to door in my neighborhood in District 1. EVERYONE we talked to is deeply concerned about the planet. EVERYONE was encouraged to learn how they can take personal action.

I am 81 years old and have owned a home in San Mateo for more than 45 years. I have been taking steps to electrify my home and am helping others do the same. Not everyone understands the huge need to act now, so leaders need to educate and take brave steps to respond to the signs of the time. I am requesting leadership from all 5 Council Members. Residents and businesses can be well served by existing building electrification measures that are adopted NOW.

In the building of the proposed Hillsdale Mall, it will be critical to make it all electric, environmentally sound materials (no plastic), shops that support basic needs rather than those that encourage consumerism thus using resources the living system simply cannot supply. In other words, it will model and encourage choosing a regenerative life style. A focus on nature and gathering in community settings will go a long way in helping Life to continue. More is not better. Meaning and purpose are what make life worth living.

Because there is so much support for this key electrification policy and the model ordinance has already been so well-studied and discussed, I was very disappointed to see the City Council and staff call for more time to consider action, and that the Council majority and staff seem to be working together for that delay.

Over 430 members of the public including many students have been calling for urgent action on climate in San Mateo, and specifically in support of the existing building electrification ordinance going forward this year (*please see the [Petition for San Mateo Climate Action](#)*). Delaying the existing building electrification ordinance to next year is a serious and unacceptable disservice to our community and especially our youth.

It is not too late. We urge you to reconsider. For the sake of our community, our families, and especially our youth, please take critically needed action by bringing a full electrification ordinance forward at the next City Council meeting, for consideration by this City Council **this fall**. San Mateo has always been a model of doing the right thing and now more than ever, we are being called to be strong for the good of ALL.

Sincerely,

Libby Traubman, Elders Action Network (elders working for the grandchildren)

From: [Cockrum, Guillermo](#)
To: [City Council \(San Mateo\)](#)
Subject: Electrify San Mateo!
Date: Friday, September 23, 2022 6:53:02 AM

Dear Mayor Bonilla, Members of the City Council, and City Manager Corbett,

Thank you for taking up Reach Codes for existing buildings in 2022 at your recent Study Session on **September 19, 2022**. It was beautiful to hear so much support from you on the concept of an Electrification Ordinance phasing out methane gas use in homes. The overwhelming support also heartens me that other community members have expressed as we have gone door to door and engaged residents throughout San Mateo.

Although there is no shortage of support for this crucial electrification policy and the model ordinance has already been so well-studied and discussed, I'm very disappointed to learn that Staff is calling for more time to consider action. That City Council is deferring to Staff recommended delays.

Over 430 members, including many students, have been calling for urgent action on climate in San Mateo, specifically in support of the electrification ordinance from now on this year (*please see the [Petition for San Mateo Climate Action](#)*). Delaying the electrification ordinance to next year as Staff requested is a severe and unacceptable disservice to our community, especially our youth.

It is not too late. We urge you to reconsider. For the sake of our community, our families, and especially our youth, please take critically needed action by bringing a complete electrification ordinance forward for consideration by City Council **this year**.

Thanks, and all the best,

Guillermo D. Cockrum

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Office hours: Flexible by appointment.

From: [Linh Dan](#)
To: [City Council \(San Mateo\)](#); [Drew Corbett](#)
Subject: Follow up: Reach Codes for Existing Buildings
Date: Thursday, September 22, 2022 9:03:02 AM

Dear Mayor Bonilla, Members of City Council and City Manager Corbett,

Thank you for discussing Reach Codes for Existing Buildings at your recent Study Session on September 19, 2022. It was wonderful to hear so much support from you on the concept of an Electrification Ordinance phasing out methane gas use in homes. Though a growing number of cities are requiring that new construction be all electric, existing building stock still forms the majority of our buildings - and letting the gas appliances in those buildings continue through their life cycle and letting those gas appliances be replaced with gas appliances will keep exacerbating the devastation from climate change that we are already experiencing.

There is ample community support for this key electrification policy, and the model ordinance has already been so well-studied and discussed. For these reasons, I am very disappointed to learn that staff are calling for more time to consider action, and that City Council is deferring to Staff recommended delays. This is no time for delay - this is a time for leadership.

I am a resident of nearby Menlo Park, and I have been urging the Menlo Park City Council - and I do the same of the City of San Mateo - to take leadership and set an example for the rest of the state, and country.

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Sincerely,

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From: [Patrice Olds](#)
To: [Andrea Chow](#)
Subject: FW: Reach Codes - Electrification Ordinance
Date: Tuesday, September 27, 2022 4:07:07 PM

From: Donna Davies <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, September 27, 2022 4:06 PM
To: City Council (San Mateo) <CityCouncil@cityofsanmateo.org>; Drew Corbett <dcorbett@cityofsanmateo.org>
Subject: Reach Codes - Electrification Ordinance

Dear Mayor Bonilla, Members of City Council and City Manager Corbett,

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Although there is no shortage of support for this key electrification policy and the model ordinance has already been so well-studied and discussed, I'm very disappointed to learn that staff are calling for more time to consider action, and that City Council is deferring to Staff recommended delays.

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Sincerely,

Donna Davies

From: [Patrice Olds](#)
To: [Martin McTaggart](#); [Erin Fellers](#); [Andrea Chow](#)
Subject: FW: Would it be possible to distribut thes comments before tonight's meeting? Thank you.
Date: Monday, September 19, 2022 8:01:17 PM

From: LAURENCE KINSELLA <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, September 19, 2022 5:17 PM
To: Rick Bonilla <RBonilla@cityofsanmateo.org>; Diane Papan <dpapan@cityofsanmateo.org>
Cc: Joe Goethals <jgoethals@cityofsanmateo.org>; City Council (San Mateo) <CityCouncil@cityofsanmateo.org>; Amourence Lee <alee@cityofsanmateo.org>; Eric Rodriguez <erodriguez@cityofsanmateo.org>
Subject: Would it be possible to distribut thes comments before tonight's meeting? Thank you.

EXISTING HOMES GO ALL ELECTRIC...are you serious? Who's going to pay for it because I can't...what is hapenning to the City of San Mateo?

You have unelected sustainability commissioners running the show...this is outrageous...what are you thinking...are you that removed from the general public to even entertain such a disastrous proposition.

WE DON'T HAVE ENOUGH ELECTRICITY AVAILABLE TO SUPPORT ELECTRIC CAR mandates!!! WHERE IS ALL THIS ELECTRICITY GOING TO COME FROM?? Coal? and the batteries that would be needed to store enough energy to use on a home 24/7? Where are the batteries and the costs of producing them going to be hidden? Seriously, has anyone done any research, as to how we are going to generate enough electricity to support these many "green" proposals? It clearly doesn't pencil. There's enough comprehensive studies done now to show that solar costs are far more damaging and negative than the zealots are will to admit.

I seriously don't believe what has have become of the council and the damage you are all in the process of doing to the City of San Mateo.

OVERRIDE SINGLE FAMILY HOUSING ZONING...YOU WILL SOON DESTROY THIS CITY...Isn't the density increases that have been approved for MARKET RATE HOUSING enough for you?

This will only increase the cost of housing because it's a golden opportunity for investors, who care about nothing but the almighty buck.
So existing homeowners will get another financial bonus with this up-zoning. Zoning is now meaningless and better yet redefined for the predatory Weiner crowd.
Has anyone proven how this will lead to affordable housing in reality??? No it won't...even if you doubled the amount of homes in the Bay Area the price will remain out of reach for so many of our fellow citizens.

PUSH your friendly developers to do real affordable in some kind of decent number and I will support you 100%.

Don't just pander to them as a ticket to the board or some other higher office.

REIMAGINE THE BOHANNON CORP. as doing a large number of affordable units if they want all of the approvals they have coming before you.

You can always ask for more affordable...asking doesn't hurt you and may, in such a great market lead Bohannon to be willing to 'pay' more for those hugely profitable approvals.

I've seen it happen many times. I've been part of those kind of negotiations.

Sincerely Yours,

Laurence Kinsella



From: [Claire Shintani](#)
To: [City Council \(San Mateo\)](#); [Drew Corbett](#)
Subject: In Support of Electrification Ordinance this Fall
Date: Wednesday, September 21, 2022 11:42:38 PM

Dear Mayor Bonilla, Members of City Council and City Manager Corbett,

As a member of the youth who will have to bear the burdens that come with our dependence on fossil fuels, I'd like to thank you for taking up Reach Codes for existing buildings in 2022 at your recent Study Session on September 19, 2022. It was wonderful to hear so much support from you on the concept of an Electrification Ordinance phasing out methane gas use in homes. I am also heartened by the overwhelming support that other community members have expressed as we have gone door to door and engaged residents throughout San Mateo.

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Sincerely,

Claire Shintani

From: [Rick Moody](#)
To: [City Council \(San Mateo\)](#)
Subject: Make Reach Code apply to existing buildings
Date: Saturday, September 24, 2022 8:20:50 PM

Dear Mayor Bonilla, Members of City Council and City Manager CorbettL

I understand the City Council is going to delay revising ordinances that would govern the Reach Code for existing buildings. It's great to put in place a revision for the regulations that expire on Dec. 31, 2022. But applying the law only to new buildings leaves out 95% of the buildings in San Mateo.

Can't we do better than that?

San Mateo has the potential to be a leader in curbing greenhouse gas emissions by starting close to home: in fact, in the home.

My gas-fired heater will break down before long: our apartment in the condo where we live is 40 years old. Soon we certainly will replace it with an electric heater. I won't pay more for the electric heater than I would to replace the gas heater. Where's the burden on that?

What's wrong with asking others to do what we're already planning to do?

Delaying the Reach Code revision simply postpones the time to act.

Why can't the City Council do what needs to be done?

Sincerely,

Harry R. Moody,

, San Mateo, CA

From: [Mary Rose LeBaron](#)
To: [City Council \(San Mateo\)](#); [Drew Corbett](#)
Subject: Need Electrification Ordinance- Please don't delay!
Date: Thursday, September 22, 2022 4:11:44 PM

Dear Mayor Bonilla, Members of City Council and City Manager Corbett,

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Sincerely,

Mary Rose LeBaron

From: [Robert Whitehair](#)
To: [City Council \(San Mateo\)](#); [Clerk](#); [Drew Corbett](#); [Kathy Kleinbaum](#); [Andrea Chow](#)
Cc: [Sustainability & Infrastructure Commission](#); [Michelle Hudson](#)
Subject: Not too late to change course on electrifying existing buildings.
Date: Thursday, September 22, 2022 10:08:25 AM

Dear Mayor Bonilla, Members of The City Council, City Manager Corbett, Assistant City Manager Kleinbaum, and Sustainability Analyst Chow

On behalf of everyone at The San Mateo Climate Action Team, thank you for taking up Reach Codes for existing buildings at your recent Study Session.

It was wonderful to hear so much support from Council and staff about an Electrification Ordinance phasing out methane gas use in existing homes and businesses.

I was encouraged by the overwhelming support that residents and businesses expressed when we went door to door in my neighborhood in District 1. EVERYONE we talked to is deeply concerned about the planet. EVERYONE was encouraged to learn how they can take personal action.

I am 75 years old and have owned a home in San Mateo for 40 of those. You know that I have fully electrified my home and that I am helping others do the same. In conversations with so many people, I have learned that about one third of San Mateans need a little push or financial help to electrify, one third will support you without a push but the financial help makes it easier, and there is another one third who will fight electrification at every step.

It is to the first two thirds that I am directing my time. It is for those San Mateans that I am requesting leadership from all 5 Council Members. Residents and businesses can be well served by existing building electrification measures that are adopted NOW.

Because there is so much support for this key electrification policy and the model ordinance has already been so well-studied and discussed, I was very disappointed to see the City Council and staff call for more time to consider action, and that the Council majority and staff seem to be working together for that delay.

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Sincerely,

Robert Whitehair, Co Leader San Mateo Climate Action Team, and activist in Elders Action Network

From: [Bruce Naegel](#)
To: [City Council \(San Mateo\)](#); [Drew Corbett](#)
Subject: Pass the strong electrification code
Date: Tuesday, September 27, 2022 9:18:10 AM

CityCouncil@cityofsanmateo.org; dcorbett@cityofsanmateo.org

Dear Mayor Bonilla, Members of City Council and City Manager Corbett,

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Sincerely,

Bruce Naegel

From: [Elaine Salinger](#)
To: [Drew Corbett](#); [City Council \(San Mateo\)](#)
Subject: Please adopt the Full Reach Codes
Date: Wednesday, September 21, 2022 11:32:46 PM

Dear Mayor Bonilla, Members of City Council and City Manager Corbett,


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It is not too late. I represent 200 CCL members who live in the city of San Mateo and i urge you to reconsider. For the sake of our community, our families, and especially our youth, please take critically needed action by bringing a full electrification ordinance forward for consideration by City Council **this year**. Please be the leaders we need you to be. Please.

Sincerely,

Elaine Salinger, Group Co-Leader
San Mateo County Chapter




From: [Marty Jordan](#)
To: [Drew Corbett](#); [City Council \(San Mateo\)](#)
Subject: please pass reach codes this year!!!
Date: Thursday, September 22, 2022 3:59:38 PM

Dear Mayor Bonilla, Members of City Council and City Manager Corbett,

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Sincerely,

Marty Jordan

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From: [Noelle Gross](#)
To: [Drew Corbett](#); [City Council \(San Mateo\)](#)
Subject: Please reconsider
Date: Thursday, September 22, 2022 5:22:21 PM

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Sincerely,
Noelle

From: [Mark Hoffberg](#)
To: [City Council \(San Mateo\)](#); [Drew Corbett](#)
Subject: Please support electrification ordinance now, this year
Date: Thursday, September 22, 2022 1:08:05 PM

Dear Mayor Bonilla, Members of City Council and City Manager Corbett,

Thank you for taking up Reach Codes for existing buildings in 2022 at your recent Study Session on September 19, 2022. It was wonderful to hear so much support from you on the concept of an Electrification Ordinance phasing out methane gas use in homes. I am also heartened by the overwhelming support that other community members have expressed as we have gone door to door and engaged residents throughout San Mateo.

Although there is no shortage of support for this key electrification policy and the model ordinance has already been so well-studied and discussed, I'm very disappointed to learn that staff are calling for more time to consider action, and that City Council is deferring to Staff recommended delays.

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It is not too late. We urge you to reconsider. For the sake of our community, our families, and especially our youth, please take critically needed action by bringing a full electrification ordinance forward for consideration by City Council **this year**.

Sincerely,

Mark Hoffberg
Retired Physicist

From: [Megan Strain](#)
To: [City Council \(San Mateo\)](#); [Drew Corbett](#)
Subject: Reach Codes and Electrification Ordinance in San Mateo
Date: Friday, September 23, 2022 1:25:47 PM

Dear Mayor Bonilla, Members of City Council and City Manager Corbett,

Thank you for taking up Reach Codes for existing buildings in 2022 at your recent Study Session on September 19, 2022. It was wonderful to hear so much support from you on the concept of an Electrification Ordinance phasing out methane gas use in homes. I am also heartened by the overwhelming support that other community members have expressed as we have gone door to door and engaged residents throughout San Mateo.

Although there is no shortage of support for this key electrification policy and the model ordinance has already been so well-studied and discussed, I must say that I am disappointed to learn that staff are calling for more time to consider action, and that City Council is deferring to Staff recommended delays.

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Sincerely,

Megan Strain

San Mateo resident

From: [James Higbie](#)
To: [City Council \(San Mateo\)](#); [Drew Corbett](#)
Subject: Reach Codes for Fall 2022
Date: Thursday, September 22, 2022 8:51:36 PM

Dear Mayor Bonilla, Members of City Council, and City Manager Corbett,

Thank you for taking up Reach Codes for existing buildings in 2022 at your recent Study Session on September 19, 2022. It was wonderful to hear so much support from you on the concept of an Electrification Ordinance that would phase out methane gas use in homes. I am also heartened by the overwhelming support that other community members have expressed as we have gone door to door and engaged residents throughout San Mateo.

I'm disappointed to learn that despite the fact that the model ordinance has already been well studied and discussed staff are calling for more time to consider action, and that City Council is deferring to Staff on recommended delays.

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It is not too late. We urge you to reconsider. For the sake of our community, our families, and especially our youth, please take critically needed action by bringing a full electrification ordinance forward for consideration by City Council **this year**.

Sincerely,

James

From: [Gary Trott 2](#)
To: [City Council \(San Mateo\)](#); [Drew Corbett](#)
Cc: [REDACTED]; ["Gary Trott 2"](#)
Subject: Reach Codes Now and The Future Health of San Mateo City
Date: Friday, September 23, 2022 9:09:02 AM

Dear Mayor Bonilla, Members of City Council and City Manager Corbett,

Thank you for taking up Reach Codes for existing buildings in 2022 at your recent Study Session on September 19, 2022. It was wonderful to hear so much support from you on the concept of an Electrification Ordinance phasing out methane gas use in homes. I am also heartened by the overwhelming support that other community members have expressed as we have gone door to door and engaged residents throughout San Mateo.

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➔ Given the IPCC has indicated there is only seven years' worth of emissions before climate change is irreversible, the question is; How long will it take for City of San Mateo to make a significant reduction in Green House Gas emissions from **existing** buildings? There was no information provided by staff on how long any Reach Code plan of action will take to implement with respect to reduction of GHG. Therefore, knowing that there will be impediments to implementation, the staff should reconsider the implementation plan timeline and bring forward a full electrification ordinance. The costs of the changing environment and medical costs of smoke and pollution far outweigh the installation conversion costs (which can be reduced with rebates) ←

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Sincerely,

Dr. Gary Trott

From: [Joan Vaughan](#)
To: [City Council \(San Mateo\)](#); [Drew Corbett](#)
Subject: Reach Codes
Date: Thursday, September 22, 2022 1:31:43 PM

Dear Mayor Bonilla, Members of City Council and City Manager Corbett,

Thank you for taking up Reach Codes for existing buildings in 2022 at your recent Study Session on September 19, 2022. It was wonderful to hear so much support from you on the concept of an Electrification Ordinance phasing out methane gas use in homes. I am also heartened by the overwhelming support that other community members have expressed as we have gone door to door and engaged residents throughout San Mateo.

Although there is no shortage of support for this key electrification policy and the model ordinance has already been so well-studied and discussed, I'm very disappointed to learn that staff are calling for more time to consider action, and that City Council is deferring to Staff recommended delays.

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Sincerely,

JoAn Vaughan
San Mateo resident

From: [Wendy Chou](#)
To: [City Council \(San Mateo\)](#); [Drew Corbett](#)
Subject: Reach codes: our future in your hands
Date: Thursday, September 22, 2022 6:07:38 AM

Dear Mayor Bonilla, Members of City Council and City Manager Corbett,

Thank you for taking up Reach Codes for existing buildings in 2022 at your Study Session on September 19, 2022. It was wonderful to hear so much support from you on the concept of an Electrification Ordinance phasing out methane gas use in homes. I am also heartened by the overwhelming support that other community members have expressed as we have gone door to door and engaged residents and business people throughout San Mateo.

Although there is no shortage of support for this key electrification policy and the model ordinance has already been so well-studied and discussed, I'm very disappointed to learn that staff are calling for more time to consider action, and that City Council is deferring to Staff recommended delays.

I worry about climate change a lot -- so much -- having a 10-year-old son and being deeply concerned about his future. A full model reach code for existing buildings would put San Mateo on the map as a leading city that prioritizes clean energy like wind, solar, and storage. Putting off the ordinance shockingly ignores the way physics and mother nature operate on our quickly warming planet.

Delaying the electrification ordinance to next year as Staff requested is a serious and unacceptable disservice to our community and especially our youth who have the biggest burdens to bear -- worse storms, fires, droughts, and myriad disasters than we can even imagine here in 2022.

It is not too late. We urge you to reconsider. For the sake of our community, our families, and especially our youth, please take critically needed action by bringing a full electrification ordinance forward for consideration by City Council this year.

Sincerely,
Wendy Chou

San Mateo resident and volunteer member of the San Mateo Climate Action Team

From: [Rick Moody](#)
To: [City Council \(San Mateo\)](#)
Subject: Reconsider your Vote on Reach Codes
Date: Thursday, September 22, 2022 8:08:01 AM

Dear Mayor Bonilla, Members of City Council and City Manager CorbettL

I testified on Monday night before the City Council and I spoke in favor of extending the Reach Codes for existing buildings.

It was great that you've taken this proposal seriously. The work by staff on it was most impressive.

But now is not the time to delay acting. Well over 400 members of our community have urged you to act, by signing the petition for San Mateo Climate Action, which you've already seen of course.

It is not too late to act. I urge you to reconsider your decision and not to delay.

Sincerely,

Harry R. Moody,

, San Mateo, CA

From: [Michelle Hudson](#)
To: [City Council \(San Mateo\)](#); [Drew Corbett](#)
Cc: [Robert Whitehair](#); [Michelle Hudson](#)
Subject: San Mateo Climate Action Team Position on Outcome of 9/19 City Council Study Session on Reach Codes
Date: Wednesday, September 21, 2022 5:04:30 PM

Dear Mayor Bonilla, Members of City Council and City Manager Corbett,

This letter expresses the official position of the San Mateo Climate Action Team (SMCAT) on the outcome of the September 19, 2022 City Council study session on Reach Codes.

We thank the City Council and Staff of San Mateo for taking up the critical, time-sensitive, well-studied and sufficiently outreached issue of Reach Codes for existing buildings in 2022. We are pleased to hear that most of you support the concept of an Electrification Ordinance phasing out methane gas use in homes. This is in line with the overwhelming support that community members have expressed as we have gone door to door and engaged residents throughout San Mateo. The main issue at stake appears to be timing: Staff asserted that much more time is needed to think about action, while SMCAT and over 430 members of the public including many students call for urgent action as the necessary and responsible choice for the City.

Here is what we understood to be the current status of the Council Members' views on Reach Codes for existing buildings as of the conclusion of the September 19, 2022 City Council meeting on Reach Codes:

Mayor Bonilla and Council Member Lee supported SMCAT's request for the City Council to **adopt in the Fall of 2022**, an ordinance for existing buildings to take effect **January 1, 2025**, as we have outlined in our [Petition for San Mateo Climate Action](#). The ordinance requires that those homeowners and businesses that replace gas-fired equipment, such as water heaters and furnaces, will receive building permits for electric replacements only (*including ample flexibility & exemptions for hardship*).

A majority of City Council Members support the Electrification Ordinance but were pressed by Staff to delay action with additional studies and additional outreach on SMCAT's proposed ordinance for **an extra 3-6 months**. In practical terms, what this means is that the current City Council Members will not be able to vote on such an ordinance, and any such ordinance will need to be considered by the next City Council, three members of which will take office on December 5, 2022, with a fourth likely to take office after a public application and selection process.

The Staff approach to study the issue to oblivion is unnecessary and out of step with our City's climate goals. The Electrification Ordinance is critically necessary, time-sensitive, and sufficiently studied and outreached to be adopted **this Fall 2022**.

SMCAT's requested ordinance is critically necessary (see [Petition for San Mateo Climate Action](#)).

SMCAT's requested ordinance is time-sensitive for the following two reasons:

- 1.

According to the IPCC, we have just **7 years** left to emit greenhouse gas emissions at the current rate before going beyond 1.5 degrees Celsius of warming compared to pre-industrial levels; however, all of the existing gas infrastructure on the planet is currently putting us on the path toward a catastrophic 2 degrees Celsius of warming.

2.

Reach Codes are highly technical, nuanced and poorly understood by the uninitiated. The current City Council members understand them thanks to the great work they have done on Reach Codes since 2019. Moreover, the current City Council members understand the call of climate scientists and advocates for swift action (see point #1, above), even if they do not agree on what to do about such calls for action. However, 4 out of the 5 members of the current City Council will leave office at the end of **2022**. A virtually brand new City Council will lead our City in **2023**. The new Council will be tasked with learning a great deal about a great many policies and procedures right out of the gate, and accordingly, they will be unable to come up the learning curve on the issue of Reach Codes at the pace that is needed by the climate crisis.

SMCAT's requested ordinance has been sufficiently studied:

The model reach code for electrification of existing buildings was prepared by a team that included San Mateo and Santa Clara Counties, Peninsula Clean Energy, Silicon Valley Clean Energy and East Bay Community Energy, as well as staff from many of the cities in the County. The model code was fully vetted and reviewed. Why do we need more time or more consultants, organizations and staff to do more outreach and research? Policy experts have already studied the funding from the [IRA](#).

SMCAT's requested ordinance has undergone a sufficient outreach process:

SMCAT went door to door on a recent weekend, asking residents about the climate. The responses were telling: almost all agree that the climate crisis is real, and that they are looking for leadership to help all San Mateo residents and businesses to take full advantage of the Inflation Reduction Act that offers \$25,000 for every San Mateo family to electrify. Most readily signed our petition.

For the foregoing reasons, we believe that delaying adoption of SMCAT's requested ordinance until 2023 is a disservice to our community and especially our youth, and is a serious and unacceptable delay.

Over 30 community members addressed the City Council at the September 19 Study Session to speak in favor of the City taking urgent action **this year** on existing buildings. Many were youth, who are themselves unable to vote and are thus pleading for their futures with our City's leaders who are in the positions of power. As with the community's pleas at the April and July Sustainability & Infrastructure Commission meetings, and in the Petition for San Mateo Climate Action, now signed by more than 420 climate concerned members of the community, our pleas seem to be supported by City Council yet blocked by city staff from critically needed action on existing building **this year**.

But, it is not too late. We urge you to reconsider. For the sake of our community, our families, and especially our youth, please take critically needed action by adopting SMCAT's requested ordinance **this year**.

Sincerely,
The San Mateo Climate Action Team

From: [Jared Johnson](#)
To: [City Council \(San Mateo\)](#); [Drew Corbett](#)
Cc: [Michelle Hudson](#)
Subject: San Mateo Reach Codes Comment
Date: Friday, September 23, 2022 1:01:17 PM

Dear Mayor Bonilla, Members of City Council and City Manager Corbett,

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Best regards,
JJ

Jared Johnson (he/him/his)

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From: [L. Eberhart](#)
To: [City Council \(San Mateo\)](#)
Subject: Support for Reach Codes in existing buildings
Date: Monday, September 26, 2022 9:02:07 AM

Dear Mayor Bonilla, Members of City Council and City Manager Corbett,

Thank you for taking up Reach Codes for existing buildings in 2022 at your recent Study Session on September 19, 2022. It was wonderful to hear so much support from you on the concept of an Electrification Ordinance phasing out methane gas use in homes. I am also heartened by the overwhelming support that other community members have expressed as we have gone door to door and engaged residents throughout San Mateo.

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Sincerely,

Leane Eberhart,

San Mateo resident and Architect

From: [Debbie Mytels](#)
To: [City Council \(San Mateo\)](#); [Drew Corbett](#)
Subject: Support our youth by setting a date to phase out use of fossil gas
Date: Monday, September 26, 2022 1:39:04 PM

Dear Mayor Rick Bonilla, Members of City Council and City Manager Corbett,

At the City's Study Session on September 19, 2022 you heard the overwhelming support that members of the San Mateo community expressed about an Electrification Ordinance phasing out methane gas use in homes. Those of us working to protect Earth's climate for future generations were also moved by the support we found among residents at door-to-door conversations.

Therefore, it's very disappointing to learn that staff are recommending a further delay before the Council votes on this electrification ordinance.

In particular, I'm concerned about the message this delivers, not only to the 430 members of the public who expressed support for this law, but most particularly I'm concerned about how such **a delay will impact the students who are calling upon you — their community leaders — to take urgent action on climate.** In essence, the Council is denying **how essential climate protection is to the future of our youth.** Do we want to send a message that their future is not important — that we are relegating them to a life of challenges from sea level rise, flooding, drought and crop failures?

Delaying the electrification ordinance to next year as Staff requested is a failure of leadership and a disservice to our community **and especially our youth.**

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Sincerely,

Debbie Mytels

Debbie Mytels


Methane (AKA “natural gas”) leaks occur at places all along its pressurized system - at the wellhead, in transmission and distribution lines and compressors, in supply lines, and in the appliance itself. That is because the MAIN PIPING SYSTEM for methane gas is pressurized up to 1400 pounds per square inch.

Methane/“natural” gas leaks are quite normal and cannot be fixed - that is a problem! Getting rid of methane is the solution. Go ELECTRIC!

From: [Debbie Mytels](#)
To: [City Council \(San Mateo\)](#); [Drew Corbett](#)
Subject: Youth Mental Health Town Hall
Date: Monday, September 26, 2022 2:00:16 PM

Dear San Mateo City Council and City Manager Corbett --

As an addendum to the note I just sent about **the importance of climate protection ordinances**, I encourage you to consider the impact of the climate threat upon today's youth.

This program with mental health experts in San Mateo County may be of interest to you. Our actions will shape the lives of our youth. Are we thinking of their futures?

— Debbie Mytels

Friends,

Those concerned about the recent increase in mental health crises among youth, you may be interested in the virtual Town Hall organized by state senator Josh Becker this Wednesday at noon in honor of mental health awareness month. As you may remember the US Surgeon General issued a public advisory in Dec 2021 concerning the growing mental health crisis among youth. Youth are the future, and many of them are struggling. See below for more information and to register.

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Dear Friends,

I invite you to join me for a virtual Town Hall focused on **adolescent mental health**. I have invited a panel of experts to share how to help adolescents struggling with emerging mental illness get the diagnoses and treatments they need. Additionally, we will discuss how to identify and address common stressors in a young person's life so that they do not escalate into mental health crises.

I have assembled an expert panel for this vitally important discussion: **Hon. Marico Sayoc**, Executive Director of Counseling and Support Services for Youth (CASSY) and Former Mayor of Los Gatos; **Mary Cheryl B. Gloner, MBA, MPH**, Chief Executive Officer of Project Safety Net; **David J. Miklowitz, Ph.D.**, Director of the Max Gray Child and Adolescent Mood Disorders Program at UCLA's Semel Institute; and **Chelsea Bonini**, San Mateo County Board of Education Trustee and San Mateo County Behavioral Health Commissioner.

A Virtual Town Hall

"Mind Matters: Nurturing Mental Wellness in Adolescents"

Wednesday, September 28th

12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.

[Please click here to RSVP.](#)

I also want to acknowledge that September is Suicide Prevention Awareness Month. Suicidal thoughts often are the result of untreated underlying mental illness. If you or a loved one is experiencing a mental health crisis, please seek immediate help: **National Crisis and Suicide Prevention Lifeline: Dial 9-8-8**

Hope to see you on the 28th.

Sincerely,

Josh Becker

State Senator, 13th District

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Andrea Chow](#)
Cc: [Marlene Coffino](#)
Subject: RE: In response to your letter regarding fossil fuel cooking
Date: Friday, October 14, 2022 9:50:34 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
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Hi Andrea,

One more thing – attached is a copy of an ad that ran in the October 2022 Architectural Digest magazine. It's for a Signature Dual Fuel stove. This is becoming a new design preference so the Council needs to take this seriously.

Thank you!
Marlene

Mikki (Marlene) Coffino
[REDACTED]
San Mateo, CA 94402
[REDACTED]

From: Andrea Chow <achow@cityofsanmateo.org>
Sent: Monday, October 10, 2022 11:06 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: In response to your letter regarding fossil fuel cooking

Hello Marlene Coffino,

Thank you for your email. Reach codes for new construction and home renovations were discussed at the [September 19, 2022 City Council Study Session](#). The City Council directed staff to develop ordinances to require all-electric new construction, require enhanced EV infrastructure in new construction, and address electrification during remodels of existing buildings. The reach code ordinances will be brought forward at the October 17, 2022 City Council meeting and I will include your email as public comment for that item. The meeting agenda will be published on the [City's public meeting portal](#) the week before the meeting. Instructions on how to participate are on the City's public meeting portal.

Best,
Andrea

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, October 9, 2022 9:17 AM
To: City Council (San Mateo) <CityCouncil@cityofsanmateo.org>
Cc: Marlene Coffino [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: In response to your letter regarding fossil fuel cooking

My response to Mr. Bonilla.

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, October 9, 2022 9:13 AM
To: 'Rick Bonilla' <RBonilla@cityofsanmateo.org>
Cc: Marlene Coffino [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: In response to your letter regarding fossil fuel cooking

Dear Mr. Bonilla,

I am a strong believer in the negative effects of climate change – I donate to many organizations in the hopes that they can find solutions. So understand my position – I do believe that climate change is real so don't even suggest otherwise – I am offended by your comments highlighted in red below!!! I just am asking that the city council consider a compromise.

My gas stove and furnace both use an electric starter, not a pilot light so gas is not being released in my home unless I turn on the appliance. Only my water heater has a pilot light. Also, ovens are often used for longer periods than cooking on cooktops so using gas for the burners and electric for the ovens for longer cooking makes sense.

I am familiar with induction cooktops – I receive Consumer Reports Magazine which occasionally reports on them. BTW, induction cooktops require specific pot materials, some of which I own but would probably have to replace many others which will be expensive. And the PG&E bill I just received for my townhome is composed of \$181.26 electric and \$22.79 for gas. As a retiree would you have me double or triple my monthly expenses when another compromise solution is available? Look at the debate Palo Alto candidates are having now about this and I believe the issue may also be on their ballot. San Mateo didn't get to have a voice in this through a vote.

Why is it so hard to look for a middle ground solution instead of going to an extreme? I don't understand this at all.

Marlene

Mikki (Marlene) Coffino
[REDACTED]
San Mateo, CA 94402
[REDACTED]

From: Rick Bonilla <RBonilla@cityofsanmateo.org>

Sent: Saturday, October 8, 2022 12:21 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: In response to your letter regarding fossil fuel cooking

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/food/2022/10/04/induction-cooktops-buying-using/>

Dear Ms. Coffino,

Thank you for sharing your thoughts. I noticed that nowhere in your letter do you address the reason why we would be considering going all electric in our homes. That reason is important because climate change is a fact and it's threatening us here, where we live, today and far into the future. It could be that you disagree with scientists on the threat posed by climate change. You may even disagree that climate change exists at all. If that is true then there is **no point in continuing this discussion any further ??????????**. If however you do believe that climate change is a threat then I would urge you to have a look at this four day old Washington Post article regarding cooking with an induction cooktop versus an electric resistance coil cooking system or natural (methane, fossil fuel) gas. The resistance coil is the old kind of electric cooking and there are problems with it. This article will show that many modern chefs have tried and find induction cooking to be a workable alternative to methane gas.

I hope you find this article helpful.

Rick Bonilla

Mayor, City of San Mateo

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From: [Patrice Olds](#)
To: [Andrea Chow](#)
Subject: FW: Dual fuel ranges
Date: Sunday, October 9, 2022 9:15:43 AM

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, October 8, 2022 11:32 AM
To: City Council (San Mateo) <CityCouncil@cityofsanmateo.org>
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Dual fuel ranges

Dear City Council Members,

I cook, a lot!! Gas cooktops provide the best in temperature control. I absolutely hate electric cooktops. I can accept electric ovens so I copied below what I think would be the best alternative to electric only cooking. Where is the City's imagination?? Rethink your uninformed decision and let me keep my gas cooktop!!!

Best dual fuel ranges

Good cooks know that an oven or stovetop isn't what makes a meal or baked dessert delicious, but having a quality range can make preparing meals easier. Uniform heating and responsive temperature controls allow for a headache-free cooking experience. A dual fuel range, with a [stovetop](#) powered by gas and an oven powered by electricity, offers the best of both worlds for amateur home chefs and bakers.

Marlene Coffino

Mikki (Marlene) Coffino
[REDACTED]
San Mateo, CA 94402
[REDACTED]

From: [Patrice Olds](#)
To: [Andrea Chow](#)
Subject: FW: Requesting clarification of Gas Phaseout/Response (Oct6 Daily Journal Article)
Date: Thursday, October 13, 2022 1:38:29 PM

From: shawn fahrenheit.net [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, October 13, 2022 12:39 PM
To: City Council (San Mateo) <CityCouncil@cityofsanmateo.org>
Cc: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
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Subject: Requesting clarification of Gas Phaseout/Response (Oct6 Daily Journal Article)

Hello Mayor Bonilla, Councilmembers Diaz-Nash and Lee, and other Councilmembers (and candidates),

I read with concern the October 6 Daily Journal Article, "San Mateo is still pushing gas phaseout". I and about 200 other people on NextDoor would like some clarification.

Obviously, the article sub-title of "Officials looking at new ordinances to remove appliances starting in 2025" is an eye-grabber. For starters, I am aware of the new San Mateo proposed Reach goals for new construction and for remodels. I am not too alarmed by that, but there are two items in this October 6 article that really alarm me. I will most likely ask these questions on Monday, October 17 at the upcoming City Council meeting as this issue has great public interest. I am sending this in advance so as not to catch you off guard.

The first item that I would like fully clarified is a proposal by the San Mateo Climate Action Team (a volunteer group) that all REPLACEMENT of gas equipment in homes and businesses be electric or zero emissions starting in 2025.

From the article:

"At its Oct. 4 special meeting, the council reinforced its desire for city staff to examine the feasibility of a decarbonization plan suggested at a September council meeting by the San Mateo Climate Action Team, a volunteer group working to support climate change actions and solutions. The group asked the city to immediately pass a decarbonization ordinance to address existing buildings' electric appliance replacement. The ordinance would go beyond the city's current and upcoming reach codes, which govern new and used appliance replacement. It also includes a requirement that all replacement of

gas equipment in homes and businesses be electric or zero emissions starting in January 2025. Mayor Rick Bonilla and Councilmember Amourance Lee pushed for immediate action given the state of the climate and public support for stricter requirements."

The final sentence of this paragraph in the article which infers that Mayor Bonilla and Councilmember Lee would support this is concerning. On this first item, the article's language does not seem to be referring to remodels or new construction. It would appear to be referring to ANY event where a gas appliance has failed and needs to be replaced. If this language is accurate, this is very alarming. Replacing an appliance might \$1000-\$5000 (depending on what it is). But the bigger potential issue would be the change in infrastructure to support this. It could result in an unplanned electrical panel upgrade, running 220v wiring, changing kitchen cabinets/flooring/walls if new appliance cannot be found with a matching form factor. It could result in drywall repair and painting. The cost of this would be very difficult to forecast. Hence, I am asking for a clear unambiguous language that states whether you would push or reject any ordinance that would forbid people from replacing a failed natural gas unit with a similar gas unit.

The second item below in the October 6 article that caused me alarm was the sentence:

"The reach codes and decarbonization efforts are part of city goals to decarbonize EXISTING buildings and infrastructure and eliminate methane gas use by 2030." It is unclear to me if this is a Reach goal that has already been agreed upon. But, from this language, this sentence does NOT seem to be referring to new construction or remodels. It seems to infer that ALL gas appliances in ALL buildings need to be removed by 2030. I am hoping that this is just a poor choice of words by the article's author. But, please confirm if this is something that is being considered (or already in place). For this second question, I am specifically asking if you would push or reject an ordinance that demands replacement of gas appliances by 2030.

As a District 1 resident, I am also asking Councilmember Diaz-Nash to be clarify your answers on these two questions. I listened to the Zoom session on October 10 (Transportation and climate) and paid close attention when you were asked this question. Strictly speaking, you did not answer these two questions forcefully enough. Please clarify your answer.

Again, here are the two specific questions that I would like to hear from you as sitting Council

Members (other Council Members or Candidates may also reply if they see fit):

1.) I am asking for a clear unambiguous answer that states whether you would push or reject an ordinance that would forbid people from replacing a failed natural gas unit with a similar gas unit after 2025.

2.) I am specifically asking if you would push or reject an ordinance that demands replacement of gas appliances by 2030 for existing buildings.

There is quite a lot of fear and confusion as can be seen by the replies on NextDoor (about 200 people in the chat) on this topic. Your answers will be shared so as to clear up the confusion.

Personally, I am very concerned about this. While funding/rebates may exist, I find it hard to believe it would be anywhere near the amount totally required to retrofit everyone's wiring infrastructure and/or new appliances. But, maybe as an add-on 3rd question, you could elaborate what pools of funding exist and what the qualifications (income/assets) would be to qualify.

Kind Regards,
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