
From: Wendy Chou [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, October 23, 2022 4:55 PM
To: City Council (San Mateo) <CityCouncil@cityofsanmateo.org>; Drew Corbett <dcorbett@cityofsanmateo.org>; Kathy Kleinbaum <kkleinbaum@cityofsanmateo.org>; Andrea Chow <achow@cityofsanmateo.org>
Subject: Gratitude for October 17 reach codes vote

Dear Mayor Bonilla and City Council Members,

Congratulations on making a historic decision at the last Council meeting (Oct 17) and patiently hearing comments from constituents. You showed an understanding of the gravity of the climate crisis -- and how cities can protect public health by voting for stronger reach codes.

I am a parent of a 10-year-old and I am terribly concerned about our city's vulnerability to climate impacts, both now and during my son's longer lifetime. One of my biggest concerns is our vulnerability to poor air quality during the extended wildfire season. There's also the mental stress from feeling powerless before extreme and unpredictable environmental conditions (which also raise costs from the perspective of insurance premiums). Finally, I worry about compounded effects (e.g. drought + heat waves, Covid + air quality, sea level rise flooding + earthquake evacuation) that are far more difficult to face than individual effects.

Thankfully, the Reach Code that you're adopting is a strong step to addressing these distressing climate impacts -- and it will also make our homes healthier by avoiding unnecessary fossil fuel use. I believe that other Bay Area localities will likely follow suit, expanding the effect of this one city. Measures like this make me very proud to live in San Mateo and grateful for your action.

Sincerely,

Wendy Chou
Resident of Westwood Knolls East
[REDACTED]

From: James Higbie [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, October 24, 2022 6:07 PM
To: City Council (San Mateo) <CityCouncil@cityofsanmateo.org>; Drew Corbett <dcorbett@cityofsanmateo.org>; Kathy Kleinbaum <kkleinbaum@cityofsanmateo.org>; Andrea Chow <achow@cityofsanmateo.org>
Subject: Reach Codes

Dear Mayor Bonilla and City Council Members,

Thank you very much for your leadership on climate and health with the new Reach Code that you voted on, on October 17th. As a father and a San Mateo resident, I am very concerned about our city's and region's vulnerability to the effects of climate change, especially wildfire and particulate pollution, which are bad now and set to get much worse.

The Reach Code that you're adopting is a practical and inspiring step toward addressing the climate crisis that will make our homes healthier by avoiding unnecessary fossil fuel use. Measures like this make me proud to live in San Mateo and grateful for your action.

Sincerely,

James Higbie

From: Ivana Sebastian [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, October 24, 2022 8:11 AM
To: Robert Whitehair [REDACTED]
Cc: Amourence Lee <alee@cityofsanmateo.org>; City Council (San Mateo) <CityCouncil@cityofsanmateo.org>
Subject: Re: Reach Codes

Hello good morning. My original email was sent to the city council regarding heavy burden of electrical costs. I don't recall authorizing Ms Lee, or city council members, to give out my contact information to people that are not on the city council. Please respect my wishes and do not forward my email address to individuals that are not on the city council. I see this individual "Robert" has a gmail account.

Thank you, much appreciated.

Ivana Sebastian

On Wed, Oct 19, 2022, 12:37 PM Robert Whitehair [REDACTED] wrote:

Council Member Lee - Thank you for this introduction.

Dear Mr. Sebastian

It's nice to meet you by email.

I would be very happy to talk with you further about the current City of San Mateo Reach Codes proposal (applicable to new construction and remodels only), and about electrification in general, as my wife and I have fully electrified our home.

My wife and I have owned a home in San Mateo for 40 years. We are both retired, not wealthy or rich, and last May we took out our handy dandy earthquake wrench and shut off the gas to our 1951 home.

In her email to you on October 17, Council Member Lee did a great job of explaining the Reach Codes proposal applicable to remodels. These consist of five limited measures, which include certain triggered electric upgrades in connection with **remodels** only.

These measures are either **cost neutral, or more affordable**, as compared to replacing gas equipment with new gas equipment. This is due to great local rebates (including new rebates and financing announced by [Peninsula Clean Energy](#) (PCE)

this week, and rebates and tax credits in the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA).

I love my electric appliances! In particular, my heat pump HVAC system, which provides both heating and cooling, has been a blessing as temperatures have risen and heat waves have worsened.

I know that some concerns have been raised about grid capacity for electrification. Both Peninsula Clean Energy, which provides clean electricity to San Mateo, and PG&E, which provides the infrastructure through which the electricity is delivered, have stated that the grid has the capacity for electrification. Moreover, PG&E has stated that the grid will be upgraded continually.

If you have other concerns about the effects of electrification or if you want to discuss my own experience with electrification, please reach out to me by return email.

Thank you,

Robert Whitehair

From: sue [REDACTED]

Sent: Thursday, October 27, 2022 9:34 AM

To: City Council (San Mateo) <CityCouncil@cityofsanmateo.org>; Drew Corbett <dcorbett@cityofsanmateo.org>; Kathy Kleinbaum <kkleinbaum@cityofsanmateo.org>; Andrea Chow <achow@cityofsanmateo.org>

Subject: Reach Codes

Dear Mayor Bonilla and City Council Members, I was so excited that you passed the new Reach Codes on October 17th. I am a mother and a long time San Mateo resident of San Mateo. I have always been concerned about climate change and have driven electric cars and have solar on our rooftop for over 10 years. But the climate change consequences that we've seen over the last few years- drought, more extreme wildfires... have made me realize that person action is not enough, we need action at all levels of government to mitigate these events. The Reach Code that you're adopting is a practical step to addressing the climate crisis that will make our homes healthier by avoiding unnecessary fossil fuel use. Measures like this make me proud to live in San Mateo and grateful for your action. Thank you very much for your leadership on climate and health. Sincerely, Sue Blockstein 734 Oregon Ave

From: Kathy Battat [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, October 17, 2022 11:56 AM
To: City Council (San Mateo) <CityCouncil@cityofsanmateo.org>; Drew Corbett <dcorbett@cityofsanmateo.org>; Kathy Kleinbaum <kkleinbaum@cityofsanmateo.org>; Andrea Chow <achow@cityofsanmateo.org>
Subject: Reach Codes

Dear Mayor Bonilla, City Council Members, City Manager, Assistant City Manager and Sustainability Staff,

Thank you to the leadership of the City Council, City Staff, and the Sustainability and Infrastructure Commissioners on strong Reach Codes for the City San Mateo. I support the proposal for all-electric new construction, as well as the proposed five measures for remodels of existing residential buildings.

I request that the current proposal for existing buildings be strengthened to include The San Mateo Climate Action Team's suggested revisions to the remodel measures, including the following:

1. Existing Building Reach Code. Please add a remodel trigger for installation of heat pump HVAC for heating and cooling.
2. Existing Building Reach Code. Please clarify that new or replacement air conditioning is a sufficient trigger for the requirement of installation of heat pump HVAC.
3. Revision to Status Update to Staff's Work plan for #27 of City Objectives. Please revise the status update to reflect that the Council has directed Staff to study and develop over the course of 3-6 months, a full Reach Code for existing buildings based on the Bay Area Reach Codes Group's model ordinance that would take effect on January 1, 2025.

I urge you to adopt Staff's proposed Reach Codes for new construction and existing buildings this fall, and that the above minor revisions be incorporated into said Reach

Codes.

Additionally, I encourage Council members and Staff do everything necessary to meet the commitments made to the community to adopt the Bay Area Reach Codes Group's full model code for existing buildings in 3-6 months from 9/19/22, and for said ordinance to take effect on January 1, 2025.

Please also communicate to constituents the benefits of taking full advantage of the Inflation Reduction Act, as well as local rebates to go electric when appliances fail, as compared to the cost of buying new gas appliances. Many members of the community, and some candidates for local offices, are either not aware of this and/or are declining to acknowledge this when electrification cost concerns get raised.

Sincerely,

Kathy Battat
Sierra Club, Loma Prieta Chapter Environmental Legislative Action committee member

From: Claire Shintani [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, October 31, 2022 1:23 PM
To: City Council (San Mateo) <CityCouncil@cityofsanmateo.org>; Drew Corbett <dcorbett@cityofsanmateo.org>; Kathy Kleinbaum <kkleinbaum@cityofsanmateo.org>; Andrea Chow <achow@cityofsanmateo.org>
Subject: Strong Support for Proposed Reach Codes

Dear Mayor Bonilla and City Council Members,

My name is Claire Shintani and I am eighteen years old. I was born and raised in San Mateo, but have departed from my hometown for the first time in my life to attend college.

I wanted to voice my appreciation for your leadership on climate and health with the new Reach Code that you voted on, on October 17th. Over the past few months, I have been attending City Council Meetings virtually from my dorm room because the issue of climate change means so much to me. While I no longer live in San Mateo, my younger sister does and I am very concerned about our city's vulnerability to climate impacts because we're already experiencing extreme heat and drought due to climate change.

The Reach Code that you're adopting is a practical step to addressing the climate crisis that will make us healthier by avoiding unnecessary fossil fuel use. Measures like this make me proud to call San Mateo my home. Again, I am very grateful for your action.

Sincerely,
Claire

From: Sarah Hubbard [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, October 23, 2022 10:59 AM
To: City Council (San Mateo) <CityCouncil@cityofsanmateo.org>; Drew Corbett <dcorbett@cityofsanmateo.org>; Kathy Kleinbaum <kkleinbaum@cityofsanmateo.org>; Andrea Chow <achow@cityofsanmateo.org>
Subject: Support Proposed Reach Codes

Dear Mayor Bonilla and City Council Members,

Thank you very much for your leadership on climate and health with the new Reach Code that you voted on, October 17th. I am a Mother, CSM Student, longtime San Mateo resident, and VOTER and I am very concerned about our city's vulnerability to climate impacts. We're already experiencing extreme heat and drought due to climate change, and need leaders to make and enforce carbon emission reduction policies.

The Reach Code that you're adopting is a practical step to addressing the climate crisis and will make our homes healthier by avoiding unnecessary fossil fuel use. Measures like this make me proud to live in San Mateo and grateful for your action.

Sincerely,

Sarah Hubbard ([she/her/hers](#))

From: Michelle Hudson [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, October 23, 2022 4:59 PM
To: City Council (San Mateo) <CityCouncil@cityofsanmateo.org>; Drew Corbett <dcorbett@cityofsanmateo.org>; Kathy Kleinbaum <kkleinbaum@cityofsanmateo.org>; Andrea Chow <achow@cityofsanmateo.org>
Subject: Thank you for Leadership on Reach Codes

Dear Mayor Bonilla and City Council Members,

Thank you very much for your leadership on climate and health with the new Reach Code that you approved by vote on October 17, 2022. I am a Mother and a longtime San Mateo resident. I am very concerned about our City's vulnerability to climate impacts because we're already experiencing extreme weather events and increasingly severe wildfires, the effects of which are harmful to our health, especially that of our children and vulnerable populations, and the economic well-being of our community.

The Reach Code that you're adopting is a practical step to addressing the climate crisis that will make our homes healthier by avoiding unnecessary fossil fuel use. Measures like this make me proud to live in San Mateo and grateful for your action.

Sincerely,
Michelle Hudson

From: Robert Whitehair [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, October 24, 2022 10:31 AM
To: City Council (San Mateo) <CityCouncil@cityofsanmateo.org>
Cc: Drew Corbett <dcorbett@cityofsanmateo.org>; Kathy Kleinbaum <kkleinbaum@cityofsanmateo.org>; Andrea Chow <achow@cityofsanmateo.org>; Michelle Hudson [REDACTED]
Subject: Thank you for Reach Codes

Dear Mayor Bonilla and City Council Members,

Thank you very much for your leadership on climate and health, with the new Reach Code ordinance for existing residential buildings remodels that you approved at first reading on October 17, 2022.

I am 75 years old with asthma and COPD from growing up in a home with a gas wall furnace, gas stove, gas water heater, and even a portable gas heater. We can avoid this for future generations.

Paul Hawken, author of the important books *Drawdown*, and *Regeneration: Ending the Climate Crisis in One Generation* has said that Americans will end the climate crisis when it becomes an obvious existential threat to continued life on the planet.

That is where we now find ourselves!

Devastating climate-caused famine, wildfires, flooding and widespread loss of plant and animal species are a direct result of human activity, primarily the use of fossil fuels. But no single individual, person, group, industry, government or company is solely to blame. All of us can and must urgently do something about the impending peril to our lives.

The Reach Code that you're adopting is a practical step that will make our homes healthier by eliminating fossil fuel use. Measures like this make me proud to have owned a home in San Mateo for 40 years.

I am so grateful for your action and your combined 30+ years of service on the council.

Best wishes to you all.

Sincerely
Robert Whitehair

From: Mary Rose LeBaron [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, October 20, 2022 4:27 PM
To: City Council (San Mateo) <CityCouncil@cityofsanmateo.org>
Subject: Thank you for strong REACH codes

Dear City Council,

Thank you very much for approving Staff's proposal for Reach Codes for new construction and remodels of existing residential buildings, and agreeing with the requested revision from the San Mateo Climate Action Team (SMCAT) to strengthen heat pump requirements for existing buildings.

Even these small policies will make a difference. Your actions give us hope. Thank you for being part of collective actions across our city, state, nation and globe that will give us a fighting chance at battling back the worst of climate destabilization. We need strong leaders in government who understand the dire situation we are in. My family and I appreciate your ability to visualize and implement a piece of a new system that honors human life, across generations, and will put people above profits of fossil fuel companies and their ilk.

Kind regards,
Mary Rose LeBaron

From: Sunny Zhang [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, October 23, 2022 11:53 PM
To: City Council (San Mateo) <CityCouncil@cityofsanmateo.org>; Drew Corbett <dcorbett@cityofsanmateo.org>; Kathy Kleinbaum <kkleinbaum@cityofsanmateo.org>; Andrea Chow <achow@cityofsanmateo.org>
Subject: Thank you for your vote for Reach Codes

Dear Mayor Bonilla and City Council Members,

Thank you very much for your leadership on climate and health with the new Reach Code that you voted on, October 17th. I am a San Mateo resident and I am very concerned about our city's vulnerability to climate impacts, because we're already experiencing extreme heat and drought due to climate change.

The Reach Code that you're adopting is a practical step to addressing the climate crisis that will make our homes healthier by avoiding unnecessary fossil fuel use. Measures like this make me proud to live in San Mateo and grateful for your action.

Sincerely,

Sunny Zhang

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