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From: [Julianna Chang](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: Climate Change Mitigation Should Be a Priority
Date: Tuesday, March 1, 2022 8:53:16 PM

Dear Los Altos City Council,

With flood-inducing sea-level rise in Silicon Valley coming in as early as 2050, it is clear to me that legislative action must be swift, aggressive, and deliberate in our coming years. As such, I recommend that we look to take set strong climate policy as a priority item for this calendar year.

With IPCC and COP reports strongly highlighting the danger of methane usage, it is time that we walk away from gas in our community. At least beginning the change will bring us ever-closer to the solution. Encouraging community-wide electrification is going to take a strong cut into our natural gas usage and push Los Altos residents to understand that, in a hyper-industrialized town, our individual carbon emissions must be carefully considered, assessed, and diminished as soon as possible. The baselines we set with electrification can then, hopefully, push residents into more EV usage as we prepare our city with more charging stations.

It's not hard for me, as a student, to see the effect of climate change. As a manager of my school's leading publication, I have helped students cover stories of family displacement due to wildfires or the socioeconomic disparity with which climate change impacts our communities. Yet, seeing city councils across the Bay Area remain lethargic has kept me discouraged that the youth voice (and plea) would be heard. That said, CAAP has always been promising—a piece of legislation that sets standards that will set policies in-place for my future.

Continue to push the envelope with energy policy in CAAP through robust electrification policy.

Sincerely,
Julianna Chang

From: [Saman de Silva](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: Public Comment for Priority Setting Meeting
Date: Tuesday, March 1, 2022 3:41:31 PM

Dear Council Members,

My name is Saman de Silva; I am a senior at Henry M. Gunn High School and a resident of Los Altos Hills. I write to implore that you take adequate measures to prioritize policies in climate change mitigation for this year.

As one who is plugged into the enviro-political sphere of Palo Alto, I have, firsthand, seen the roadblocks of successfully drafting and enacting a climate action plan of any sort. The bureaucratic process, real estate lobby, and other miscellaneous factors have halted Palo Alto from achieving its goals in a timely manner. I urge that we, in Los Altos, continue to strongly pursue climate and join the ranks of such climate progressives as Ithaca, Half Moon Bay, and others.

Specific to Palo Alto, though likely applicable in Los Altos, electrification—and building decarbonization as a whole—is slow to gain attention in our community. Getting our community primed for sustainable changes will make the CAAP successful and impactful, and I advise that we prioritize community engagement through CAAP a priority as we develop more-robust energy and transportation policy.

To avoid the more-drastic complications of what climate change may portend for my generation and beyond, taking adequate steps to be ahead of the innovative curve is going to bring Los Altos into sustainable modernity. We are already seeing the effects of the climate crisis, and any step that Los Altos takes will be another step towards convincing us, as youth, that you care about our livelihoods beyond what is simple and easy.

Please set a strong priority in favor of strong energy and transportation policy in the CAAP.

Sincerely,
Saman de Silva

From: [Cindy Sidaris](#)
To: [Public Comment; Cindy Sidaris](#)
Subject: Public Comment - Agenda Item #9 - March 8, 2022 City Council Meeting
Date: Tuesday, March 1, 2022 10:22:27 AM

Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Members,

I urge you to approve the 2022 Climate Action and Adaptation Plan as recommended by City staff (Agenda Item 9).

Staff and consultants have proposed resolutions to 20 questions and comments raised by the City Council in the November 4, 2021, City Council meeting. Your questions and concerns certainly appear to be fully addressed.

According to US News and World Report, "Deadly with extreme weather now, climate change is about to get so much worse. It is likely going to make the world sicker, hungrier, poorer, gloomier and way more dangerous in the next 18 years with an "unavoidable" increase in risks, a new United Nations science report says."

[USNews 2-28-22 UN Climate Report](#)

It is now time to approve the CAAP and quickly move forward to enact and implement specific, concrete, and substantive actions to reduce our City's contributions to climate change in all of the areas noted (transportation, energy, resource conservation, green community, and municipal operations), not just the easy or performative actions.

Cindy Sidaris
Los Altos resident