



PUBLIC CORRESPONDENCE

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From: [Jim Burns](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: Gas Ban
Date: Monday, September 5, 2022 11:43:01 AM

I don't support a gas ban and oppose adopting codes more stringent than those set out by the state.

Jim Burns
725 Orange Ave
Los Altos, CA
Sent from my iPad

From: [Pat Marriot](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: [External Sender]PUBLIC COMMENT ITEM 4 Sept 6, 2022 Reach Codes
Date: Saturday, September 3, 2022 3:18:45 PM

Council Members:

Re the March 1, 2022 CAAP:

Item 2.4A: **Establish a fee or penalty on the use of methane gas** “Work with PG&E and community partners to develop or expand a fee on the use of methane gas within City limits. Set up a City-led Task Force in 2022 to lead this effort. Funds collected will be used to fund incentives for electric appliances adoption. Potential estimated funds available each year of at least \$500k.”

This is arguably the most repugnant recommendation in the CAAP.

Will the new hire in charge of enforcement knock on doors in the middle of the night? Will I be rewarded for turning in my neighbors who use gas appliances?

The commission should be ashamed of even suggesting this idea.

Pat Marriott

From: [Sandy Wihtol](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: [External Sender]PUBLIC COMMENT AGENDA ITEM 4 – September 6, 2022
Date: Sunday, September 4, 2022 12:06:17 PM

My wife and I completely disagree with this over reach by any town or city to ban gas appliances and impose governmental sanctions and fines against home owners here in Los Altos.


Sandy Wihtol and Karen Rowsey

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From: [Amy Madsen](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT AGENDA ITEM 4 – September 6, 2022
Date: Sunday, September 4, 2022 12:10:55 PM

Hello. I don't support a gas ban, and I oppose adopting codes more stringent than those set out by the state.

Best Regards,
Amy Madsen
Los Altos

From: [roger heyder](#)
To: [Public Comment](#); [City Council](#)
Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT AGENDA ITEM 4 – September 6, 2022 council meeting
Date: Sunday, September 4, 2022 12:20:02 PM

As you are hopefully aware, California is going through an electricity crisis at this time. We are told to expect rolling blackouts, told to not run AC, and not to charge EVs. Given the admitted failure of green generation, it will likely be years before this is successfully fixed.

Natural gas is plentiful and takes a large load off the electrical grid. It is pure idiocy to even consider banning natural gas until the electric supply issue is resolved. All of the load that could be handed with natural gas, heating and cooking, will then default onto the already over stressed electrical grid.

Do not approve the natural gas recommendation by the Environmental Commission. I recommend that the Environmental Commission be eliminated - it is unclear that there is any real contribution an Environmental Commission can make. If the city decides it really needs an Environmental Commission, then it should be composed of people with common sense and the ability to operate in the real world, rather than zealots that have no sense of reality.

regards -- Roger Heyder

From: [Donna Shoemaker](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: Gas ban
Date: Sunday, September 4, 2022 12:39:45 PM

All current gas appliances should be grandfathered. To make people convert to electric prior to selling unduly burdens the elderly and many new electric appliances do not fit into gas appliance spaces. Homes would have to be reconfigured at great expense!

Donna Shoemaker
436 W Portola Ave
Los Altos

From: [Donna Shoemaker](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT AGENDA ITEM 4
Date: Sunday, September 4, 2022 12:42:04 PM

All current gas appliances should be grandfathered. To make people convert to electric prior to selling unduly burdens the elderly

Many new electric appliances do not fit into gas appliance spaces. Homes would have to be reconfigured at great expense!

Donna Shoemaker
436 W Portola Ave
Los Altos

From: [Gary Kalbach](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: Re reach codes
Date: Sunday, September 4, 2022 1:25:45 PM

DO NOT exceed State REACH Code requirements- what you are considering is way too excessive!!!!!!!!!!!!

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Gary Kalbach
769 Orange Ave.
Los Altos, CA 94022



From: [Birgit Shay](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: Public Comment Agenda Item 4 - Sept 6, 2022
Date: Sunday, September 4, 2022 1:31:34 PM

Dear City Council Members, I am writing to express my opposition to any proposed gas bans in the city. I also oppose adopting any codes that are more stringent than those set out by the State as sufficient.

Thank you, Birgit Shay 142 Del Monte Ave

From: [Jessica Davidson](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT AGENDA ITEM 4 – September 6, 2022
Date: Sunday, September 4, 2022 1:35:15 PM

NO ban on natural gas! Electricity COMES FROM COAL at energy plants!! This is not a Green plan. Natural gas is the best option right now

Los Altos needs its base of homeowners who pay property tax. Do not dis-incentivize home ownership in Los Altos!!! Who will pay for all the Green initiatives if we chase them away?

From: [Xinxing Ren](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT AGENDA ITEM 4 – September 6, 2022
Date: Sunday, September 4, 2022 1:46:23 PM

Hello,

I am a Los Altos resident. I don't support a gas ban and I oppose adopting codes more stringent than those set out by the state.

Xinxing Ren

From: [Rana Davis](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: Household Gas limits.
Date: Sunday, September 4, 2022 1:48:02 PM

Dear folks, I wish to express my outrage on the proposed new limits and regulations from the EC. Just like the governor who has no clue how to implement reasonable changes to quality of life for Californians, the commission is overreaching. Please count my vote to reject this particular proposal.

Thank you for listening.

Rana Davis
Los Altos resident

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Zane](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT AGENDA ITEM 4 – September 6, 2022
Date: Sunday, September 4, 2022 1:49:08 PM

Do not ban natural gas

This will not help reduce global warming at all. Stop your nonsense.

zane morris
575 Tyndall St unit 7
Los Altos, ca



From: [becky sarabia](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: Los Altos Environmental Commission (EC)
Date: Sunday, September 4, 2022 1:54:31 PM

I vehemently do not support a gas ban and I oppose adopting codes more stringent than those set out by the state.

Just look at rolling blackouts now. Our grid is not ready for this. I feel the gas ban and adopting more stringent codes is too far reaching!

Thank you.

Becky and Rafael Sarabia

From: [Bill Moniz](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: Gas appliances bans
Date: Sunday, September 4, 2022 1:55:30 PM

I am opposed to the overreach of eliminating gas appliances. This is a draconian proposal that distorts freedom of choice.

Vote against this proposal.

Thank you

William Moniz

1485 Marlborough Ave

Los Altos

[Sent from AT&T Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

From: [Dave Beggs](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT AGENDA ITEM 4 – September 6, 2022
Date: Sunday, September 4, 2022 1:59:56 PM

I do NOT support a gas ban in Los Altos. Please reject the EC's request for their proposed mandate.

David Beggs
648 Spargur Drive
Los Altos

From: [Gayle Mujica](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT AGENDA ITEM 4 – September 6, 2022
Date: Sunday, September 4, 2022 2:02:06 PM

Dear Los Altos City Council,

We are writing to let you know that we as citizens of Los Altos completely disagree with any further reach codes or gas bans in Los Altos at this time.

We do not support the latest recommendations by the Environmental Commission to further ban natural gas in Los Altos.

The current reach codes additional restrictions being proposed by the Environmental Commission are already beyond what the state has put in place, and they have been in place for such a short time. It makes no sense at this point to add further reach codes when we have not even seen the true impact of the current excessive reach codes.

On top of this, our electrical power grid in California is not able to handle the additional load that further natural gas bans/reach codes would impose on the power grid. The power grid is really not able to handle the current load. Also, the majority of electrical power plants in California use NON renewable energy. When the power grid is more stable, supported by more renewable energy, and we have more efficient electrical appliances, then we should consider further reach codes.

We are property owners in Los Altos, continuing to invest in the city, and wholly disagree with any further reach codes at this time.

We urge you to vote NO on any further gas bans/reach codes in Los Altos.

Gayle and Fernando Mujica

From: [Stepheny McGraw](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: Not Pragmatic
Date: Sunday, September 4, 2022 2:03:26 PM

Your plan to put an all electric requirement in place is premature and not well thought out. Just this week, our electric grid proved once again that it cannot weather temperatures of 85 degrees without asking residents to turn off appliances and charge stations in individual homes.

Each year, this same PG & E grid is using more fossil fuels for its existing power than it did the year before. We are simply not ready for such draconian measures, either in Los Altos or Palo Alto.

From: [Steve Smith](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT AGENDA ITEM 4 – September 6, 2022
Date: Sunday, September 4, 2022 2:04:07 PM

As a property owner inside the city limits of Los Altos, I oppose REACH codes that are more strict than what the state of California has adopted.

While I understand the requirement for new construction, I vehemently oppose the proposed ban on replacing broken/end of life gas appliances with electrical ones. When I bought my 1950s era house, I upgraded the electrical panel from 110A to 200A. That's thousands of dollars just to do that, plus another thousand or two to run new electrical lines to current locations of gas appliances. Oh, and add in another thousand or so for repair and painting of stucco/siding and wallboard.

Stephen J Smith

From: [Bonne L Alden](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: Electric vs Gas Appliances
Date: Sunday, September 4, 2022 2:07:20 PM

Electric vs Gas. Already existing gas appliances should not have to be replaced with electric at time oh home sales.

Sent from my iPad

From: [Michael Schuh](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: Sept 6, 2022 Item 4 Public Comment
Date: Sunday, September 4, 2022 2:14:20 PM

Dear City Council Members,

I have lived at 1630 Elmhurst Drive for more than three decades. My wife and I care a lot about Los Altos and are very active in supporting the youth in our community.

I learned that the Los Altos Environment Commission will ask the City Council to ban the use of Natural Gas for water heaters, home heating, and cooking. I think it is very unfair to mandate that a homeowner spend large sums to replace broken and end of life gas appliances with electric appliances. My home would have to be rewired and have upgraded electrical service installed if I was required to replace any of my current gas appliances. This would be very expensive and very likely generate much more net CO2 emissions than using replacement gas appliances. It would also likely take weeks to months for the wiring and electricity service to be completed and I could be without hot water and heat during this period. This is hugely unfair for homeowners.

I ask that you reject all of the Los Altos Environment Commission's recommendations on banning gas appliances. Let people decide for themselves if they want to use electric or gas appliances in their homes. Please do not take away people's freedom to use gas appliances.

Sincerely,
Michael Schuh

From: [Bonne L Alden](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: Gas vs Electrical Appliances
Date: Sunday, September 4, 2022 2:14:54 PM

Houses/Homes already built should not have to convert to electric at time of sale. Also all building should not have to go beyond State Law requirements. New buildings is one thing, but Old building owners are not made of money and converting all appliances would be extremely expensive to install new lines!

Sent from my iPad

From: [Judy Beggs](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT AGENDA ITEM 4 – September 6, 2022
Date: Sunday, September 4, 2022 2:18:48 PM

I do NOT support a gas ban in Los Altos. Please reject the EC's request for their proposed mandate.

Judy Beggs
648 Spargur Drive
Los Altos, CA

Sent from my iPhone

From: [C. Baeuerlen](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT AGENDA ITEM 4 – September 6, 2022
Date: Sunday, September 4, 2022 2:19:07 PM

I don't support a gas ban and I oppose adopting codes more stringent than those set out by the state.

Carl Baeuelen
1949 Alford Ave.
Los Altos

From: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Public Comment Agenda Item 4 Sept 6 2022
Date: Sunday, September 4, 2022, 2:22:17 PM

Dear City Council

I am not in favor of adopting reach codes for gas bans that are more stringent than what the State of CA requires. The plan being proposed by the Environmental Commission is not considering the facts in their entirety to make these recommendations. First of all 46% of electricity generated in CA is produced by natural gas. https://url.avanan.click/v2/https://www.energy.ca.gov/data-reports/energy-almanac/california-electricity-data/2020-total-system-electric-generation/2018___YXAzQmxc2FsdG9zY2E6YTpvOjkyNDc0MDczZmFjNzNkMWFjMTNnNmlyNDc5ODAzZTUxOjY6NjA3OTowNTA0NWQ4ODMxZjRmZjdiODIINGRlYjFjNTk5MmYy1NWUzNWY0ZWizM2RmMjk0Njg5NjY1MzhmJEYzWlZjAxOnO6VA
How will banning natural gas in Los Altos affect that? It won't. It will make such an insignificant difference in clean energy that it's not worth doing. In fact, what it will do instead is put more pressure on an electric grid that is overtaxed.

Why is that? Because the electricity demand cannot be met with clean energy sources. The ridiculous notion that we can ban gas in Los Altos at the tail end of the process is absurd. What about all the natural gas pollution that is being generated right into the air upstream of our gas stoves?

Until PG&E can meet the demand for electricity with clean sources at night without the use of natural gas, we are kidding ourselves. I find it unconscionable that the Environmental Commission would be trying to fool people with partial information.

Do not make these changes and do not implement these reach codes.

Don and Nancy Phillips
[REDACTED]
Los Altos Residents

From: [Marji Karlgaard](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT AGENDA ITEM #4 at 9/6/22 meeting
Date: Sunday, September 4, 2022 2:24:27 PM

We **do NOT support the gas ban**, and specifically oppose more stringent levels than California legislature has stated.

Sincerely,
Rich and Marji Karlgaard
1250 Montclair Way
Los Altos, CA 94024
Homeowners

[Sent from AT&T Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)

From: [Kevin Kluge](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT AGENDA ITEM 4 – September 6, 2022
Date: Sunday, September 4, 2022 2:28:03 PM

Hi. I object to the city adopting codes more stringent than that of the state. The state already has experts guiding its policies, and I have confidence in them.i

Further, I have already bought gas appliances for a remodel but they won't be delivered for many months. I have no idea what would happen to me here, and I can't cancel or return them.

Kevin

From: [Mike Cleary](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: City of Los Altos Reach Codes
Date: Sunday, September 4, 2022 2:28:27 PM

We do not support a gas ban, and oppose the City adopting reach codes more stringent than those mandated by State law.

J. Michael Cleary and Patricia J. Cleary

Los Altos residents (49 years)

Sent from my iPad

From: [Rita Held](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: reach codes
Date: Sunday, September 4, 2022 2:31:25 PM

I do not support a gas ban more stringent than those set by the state.

From: [Ruth Prillinger](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: Potential gas ban
Date: Sunday, September 4, 2022 2:34:41 PM

To Los Altos City Council:

We do not support the proposed ban on all gas appliances. We also oppose Los Altos adopting more stringent codes than those set out by the State.

Ruth Prillinger
Robert Prillinger
773 Arroyo Road
Los Altos, CA 94024

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Roberta Phillips](#)
To: [City Council](#); [Public Comment](#)
Subject: REACH Code Item # 4 Council Meeting Sept6,2022 Public Comment
Date: Sunday, September 4, 2022 2:34:54 PM

Dear City Council Members

I am opposed to any change to the Los Altos REACH Codes that go beyond the State Law or current rules or ordinances in Los Altos.

I can't believe that there is a proposal to fine people in the community. Who will be checking up on all the houses to see what kind of energy they will be using? Are neighbors going to turn neighbors, like in Nazi Germany? I Can't believe that with the electric grid unable to handle demand for electricity, that the Environmental Commission is recommending using more electricity to heat our homes, cook and get hot water. In California we don't have enough hydro power because of the drought. Not enough Solar power or nuclear power. The Governor has the power to buy more electricity, but Los Altos does not.

I urge you to use common sense.

We all agree that we have concerns for global warming, but the suggested solutions are unrealistic and expensive. Staff can't tell you how much this will cost. How can you move forward without knowing the fiscal impact first? The City is already down 16 employees and over twenty two million dollars short on approved CIP projects. I urge you to take limited action until we all know the fiscal impact. Can you tell me how much it will cost me to convert my house to all electric? Can you tell me what I am supposed to do if my hot water heater breaks? Should I replace my entire electric panel, as I have no more room on the existing one? It looks like the proposed plan takes punitive actions only.

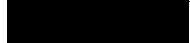
The survey done by the Environmental Commission is unscientific. Only 50% of the respondents are homeowners in Los Altos who are the ones that will be directly impacted. The Commission received feedback from the City Manager in a red line format, that the Commission chose to ignore. Does the Environmental Commission have so much power that a communication to the community is not approved by the City Manager before it is sent out? The proposal to redefine new construction is outlandish. New Construction should be just that- New Construction, not some tricky way of including remodels. Forcing people to convert to all electric before they sell their home is a crazy idea. If I die, does that mean that my children have to spend tens of thousands of dollars before they can sell the house?

I am concerned that Neysa is on the board of Silicon Valley Clean Energy and of course they want people to use more electricity because it increases their income.

The Community Members should be able to choose if they want to cook with a gas stove. I don't want to feel like I am living in a dictatorship, where I have no power to decide how I want to reduce my own carbon footprint. It is disrespectful and insults the intelligence of the people who live and work in Los Altos.

Sincerely

Roberta Phillips



From: [sunita.jayakar](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: Public Comment Agenda Item 4 Sept 6 2022
Date: Sunday, September 4, 2022 2:37:33 PM

Dear City Council

I am NOT in favor of adopting reach codes for gas bans that are more stringent than what the State of CA requires. I do not want gas appliances banned in the city of Los Altos. I opposed the onerous suggestions of the Environmental Commission and I do not want my elected officials to adopt their recommendations.

Sincerely,

Sunita Jayakar, MD
1181 Volti Ln
Los Altos CA 94024
[REDACTED]

From: [Melissa King](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: Public Comment Agenda Item 4, Sept. 6, 2022
Date: Sunday, September 4, 2022 2:39:22 PM

Re the above Agenda Item:

I am thoroughly opposed to the extreme ban on natural gas that the Los Altos Environmental Commission is seeking. Please follow the recommendations of the vast majority of Los Altos residents who clearly believe a total ban is improper. I also see no reason for this city to impose codes more stringent than those set out by the state.

Thank you for your careful consideration of this important issue.

Melissa W. King
1435 Highland View Court
homeowner of record since 1982

From: [Victoria Byrd](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT AGENDA ITEM 4 – September 6, 2022
Date: Sunday, September 4, 2022 2:41:15 PM

I DO NOT support a gas ban and oppose adopting codes more stringent than those set out by the State of California. And I am really getting tired of filling out surveys only to have the city ignore them.

Victoria Byrd

1516 Wistaria Ln, Los Altos, CA 94024

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT AGENDA ITEM 4 – September 6, 2022
Date: Sunday, September 4, 2022 2:48:36 PM

My husband and I do not agree with the proposed ban on gas appliances for the replacement of current appliances. We also do not support the proposal that for all houses to be sold in Los Altos, homeowners would have to replace all gas appliances.

Regards,

Eileen and Roger Bettman

1862 Colleen Drive

From: [Heather Lattanzi](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT AGENDA ITEM 4 – September 6, 2022
Date: Sunday, September 4, 2022 3:00:41 PM

I have issues with some of the reach codes proposed about gas vs. electric appliances. Specifically I think the following are unduly burdensome:

- Replace all gas appliances – including furnaces, ACs, water heaters – with electric before you can sell your house.

It is sufficient to require that gas appliances be replaced with electric when they break or reach “end of life. Please do not burden home sellers and buyers with replacing all appliances when they sell their homes. Buying a home is difficult enough without adding additional hoops to jump through that are not required by the state.

- Impose fines/penalties for using gas.

Gas appliances are still legal, and until they become illegal, it is completely out of line to impose fines for using gas.

Sincerely,
Heather Lattanzi
Resident of Los Altos

From: [Frank Martin](#)
To: [Public Comment](#); [Frank Martin](#); [Roberta Phillips](#); [Freddie Wheeler](#); [Janet Corrigan](#); [Pat Marriott](#)
Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT AGENDA ITEM 4 – September 6, 2022
Date: Sunday, September 4, 2022 3:03:36 PM
Attachments: [REACH CODES 09-04-2022.docx](#)

Enclosed are my public comments about Reach Codes.

I pray you come to your senses and reject this radical proposal that 95% of your constituents oppose.

Regards,
Frank Martin

I am very concerned about climate change and that is why I installed solar panels for my Los Altos home and will purchase an electrical vehicle sometime next year or beyond. But I have serious concerns about whether the Reach Codes as proposed make any practical sense whatsoever or are fair to residents.

In my humble opinion, your radical planning commission is out of touch with climate change science and the will of residents. Therefore, instead I believe the reach codes should remain the same as state wide - not as proposed.

Here are the facts for my home which does have solar panels and central A/C.

(1) My net annual electrical consumption is a small surplus. But, there is no way to offset usage during the December-March period because it is impossible to store enough energy for this amount of time. So, during this period I am consuming power from the grid. Not to mention anytime the sun does not shine – especially from dusk to well past dawn. My solar panels actually are only useful between 10 am to 4 pm most of the year. However were it not for the \$10,000 cost or more to add a Tesla Power Wall I could offset some of night time power use.

(2) Appliances that require a dedicated circuit already include refrigerators, freezers. Electric cook top, oven, electric water heater, electric furnace or heat pump, electric washer, electric dryer, dishwasher, and garbage disposal.

(3) If a new service panel is required the estimated average cost is \$5,000.

(4) If a dedicated circuit is required the average cost is \$2,000.

(5) Because 95% of our grid power comes from natural gas and the daytime sustainable power is about 50%; average users would only save about less than 50% of the emissions from switching any appliance to natural gas.

My house would need a new service panel and new dedicated lines for an electric water heater and electric cook top for about \$9,000 not including the cost for these new appliances and the added cost to add roof venting. The electric water heater replacement would be \$4,000 and the cook top about \$2,000.

The switch to an electric water heater would increase my electrical energy usage but not add much more to my electric bill for this appliance. But, It would also eliminate the use of my outdoor gas barbecue which I use about 150 days each year and therefore increase my electrical usage.

Preventing the use of a gas insert fireplace in my living room and gas fireplace in my family room would actually increase my energy use because we keep the main gas furnace off and use the family room gas fireplace in the winter - heating only one room instead of the whole house is much more efficient. Moreover, we do not use any heat during the time we are sleeping at night. The heat pump to replace my current central A/C would cost about \$25,000 or more.

So, in summary the radical planning commission recommendations would cost at least \$40,000 and also make me totally dependent on the electrical grid. And, when power goes out I would not be able to heat my home with my two gas fireplaces or cook or have any hot water.

Ironically, since there is no way to prevent me from repairing my gas appliances because you will never know if I do not inform you. What do thing most people will do?

If you really think this is a good idea then why not provide tax credits or rebates to make this happen just like the new IRA legislation does. Otherwise please follow the state guidelines instead of forcing radical reach codes on residents that 95% of us oppose.

Most importantly, if this is what you want to do, please ask every planning commissioner and council member that votes for these recommendations to convert all of their personal appliances now to set a good example before asking any resident to do so. In the words of some, “please put your money where your mouth is”.

If it matters at all, I believe that a far better approach to fighting climate change would be to encourage the use of solar panels and whole house energy storage batteries by providing rebates or tax incentives or both. After all isn't it far more likely that we will need A/C rather than central heating as our climate gets hotter and hotter?

I hate to be cynical I wonder if the Reach Codes are just another way to encourage seniors to move away to increase your tax revenues.

Regards,

Frank Martin

From: [Jp McNulty](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT AGENDA ITEM 4 – September 6, 2022
Date: Sunday, September 4, 2022 3:09:19 PM

Dear Council Members,

I strongly oppose passage of any of the reach codes you're currently contemplating. The state codes are already too stringent. Please don't exacerbate the situation.

Joan McNulty
460 Lassen St.

From: [Carol Fenwick](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: Oppose gas bans in Los Altos
Date: Sunday, September 4, 2022 3:14:06 PM

As a homeowners in Los Altos, We strongly oppose gas bans that exceed the stringent gas limitations set by the state. The effect of this gas ban will have negligible impact on climate change. Fossil fuels are still needed to supply the State with adequate electricity.

Carol and John Fenwick

From: [Jp McNulty](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT AGENDA ITEM 4 – September 6, 2022
Date: Sunday, September 4, 2022 3:20:34 PM

Dear Council Members,

I strongly oppose implementation of any of the natural gas reduction codes that you're currently considering. The state codes are already too stringent. Please don't exacerbate the situation.

Joan McNulty
460 Lassen St.

From: [larry moore](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: Public Comment Agenda Item 4 9/6/2022
Date: Sunday, September 4, 2022 3:23:14 PM

Pls DO NOT approve any
Reach codes
Larry Moore Win Moore 15 Rockpoint

From: [Sandy Salinger](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT AGENDA ITEM 4 – September 6, 2022
Date: Sunday, September 4, 2022 3:23:43 PM

We **strongly oppose** adopting Reach Codes more stringent than those required by our state.

Thank you.
Sandra and Sheldon Salinger

From: [Reena Kapoor](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT AGENDA ITEM 4 – September 6, 2022
Date: Sunday, September 4, 2022 3:24:23 PM

PUBLIC COMMENT AGENDA ITEM 4 – September 6, 2022

I DO NOT support a gas ban AND MOST CERTAINLY AND FULLY OPPOSE Los Altos adopting extreme and unnecessary anti-gas codes more stringent than those set out by the state. Please listen to citizens who live and pay taxes in Los Altos, instead of going by the wishes of dictatorial and destructive environmental extremists who are vocal and misguided.

Thanks!

Reena



REENA KAPOOR

1927 ANNETTE LN

LOS ALTOS, ca 94024



From: [REDACTED]
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT AGENDA ITEM 4 – September 6, 2022
Date: Sunday, September 4, 2022 3:24:23 PM

To Whom It May Concern,

WRT the upcoming vote, as a long time resident of Los Altos, I absolutely disagree with this motion and do not support Los Altos taking a position that is more restrictive than the state law. There are enough headwinds relating to house prices and falling retail receipts in Los Altos, without a far reaching rule like this. I assure you this motion will have a detrimental impact on taxes for Los Altos.

I urge the city to reject this motion entirely. My address is 615 Orange Avenue, Los Altos. My cell is [REDACTED] should you wish to reach out.

Rgds//Shane

From: [Lizebeth Burch](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: Public comment: Agenda Item #4
Date: Sunday, September 4, 2022 3:28:33 PM

To the Council:

We do not support the excessively stringent anti-natural gas measures being considered by the City. These merely replace one energy use with another, to no major net gain.

It makes a certain amount of sense that new construction, perhaps, should be limited to electric appliances, as we all try and find alternative ways to power our lives. It makes no sense to mandate the replacement of gas-using items in existing homes, and it is punitive to require by law this replacement in existing homes coming to the market.

The State already has its own requirements for conversion and saving of energy. We should not attempt override these, at least, not at this point in time.

Thank you for your attention.

L. Burch
130 2nd Street

Sent from my iPad

From: [Jeanne](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT AGENDA ITEM 4
Date: Sunday, September 4, 2022 3:34:54 PM

I oppose adopting codes more stringent than those set by the state. I oppose a gas ban.

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Drew Van Horne](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT AGENDA ITEM 4 – September 6, 2022
Date: Sunday, September 4, 2022 3:39:12 PM

We absolutely do NOT support a gas ban. We are opposed to adopting codes more stringent than those set out by the state.

1) The California electric infrastructure is not reliable. Case in point, this weekend, PG&E asked that everyone forego recharging their electric vehicles due to the strain on the electric grid due to the week-long heat wave.

2) To require that all broken and end of life gas appliances need to be replaced with electric appliances is a huge financial burden on the population. Re-wiring would be required to support 220 volt runs to locations where they were not required beforehand. In our case, this would require an upgrade to our electric panel as we are near the overall electrical capacity that is coming into the house.

3) Professional cooks do not use electric cooktops. If restaurants are required to adopt these measures, then some restaurateurs will simply opt to move elsewhere.

4) Adopting these measures will directly lead to lower property values.

Los Altos residents overwhelmingly are not in support of this ban on natural gas with 95% of homeowners surveyed indicating as such, yet the city continues to move forward with the idea. The population of Los Altos will have a negligent impact on overall climate change adopting these measures.

The Los Altos City Council MUST not adopt the Los Altos Environmental Commission's recommendation and to do anything otherwise would be reckless - it goes against the will of the people which is what rightwing extremists hope for. We are a liberal society in Los Altos and California in general and this goes beyond all core beliefs.

Sincerely,
James Drew Van Horne
Cindy Diane Van Horne

Los Altos residents and homeowners since 1999.

From: [Kelly Byrd](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: Public comment agenda item 4 (reach codes for electric/gas)
Date: Sunday, September 4, 2022 3:41:05 PM

I have been a Los Altos resident for a little over eight years. In the last few months, I have taken two surveys asking about reach codes concerning gas/electric in homes. It is my understanding that in both surveys the overwhelming response did not support reach code. I also do not support them in ANY form .

Now, I recently read there will be yet another attempt at reach codes for gas/electric. Can we finally end this? The proponents get to keep trying again and again, hoping to catch us when we're not paying attention. It seems the focus is on "doing something" rather than listening to the voting citizens of Los Altos.

I do not support a ban on gas in any form stricter than the CA state codes.

Kelly Byrd
1516 Wistaria Ln, Los Altos, CA 94024

From: [Laird Powers](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: Gas/electric
Date: Sunday, September 4, 2022 3:47:34 PM

530 Hawthorne Court, Los Altos

Hello,

I appose, once again the mandate to change from gas to electric in our homes.

First of all the, electric grid will not be able to handle all the power needed to charge automobiles let alone all the electric appliances in our homes.

When there is a "brown out" or "black out", we will be stuck in the dark with no way of cooking food for our families. Our governor recently said we were heading to a "brown out" due to the high temperatures expected in the next few days.

When we sell our home, it will be a tremendous expense to many since the electric panel are way under rated now. Many of the homes in our are have 100 or 150 AMP panels. To change all of those to a 200 amp panel and run the electric wires and breakers to the appliances will be an extreme burden on homeowners.

I do not understand that if the majority of the people were apposed to this requirement, why is it still and issue? Seems to me you are not listening to the people you are supposed to represent.

Laird Powers

From: [REDACTED]
To: PublicComment@losaltosca.gov
Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT AGENDA ITEM #4 - October 6, 2022 REACH CODES
Date: Sunday, September 4, 2022 3:48:38 PM
Attachments: [EC090622Proposal.pdf](#)

Esteemed Council Members:

I recommend the data collected by the organization, Los Altos Residents (LAR), be removed from all consideration in weighing a decision on Reach Codes. I only follow LARs activities with respect to environmental issues where I can attest that their comments are hyperbolic at best and worse, misleading to our well-intended citizens who try to influence your votes. LAR's oft quoted surveys depict scenarios not under consideration that are extreme, creating an overwhelmingly negative survey outcome. Their e-blasts to their subscribers urging them to submit letters to you don't state the facts and those who comment are, unfortunately, acting on inaccurate data. Note, this latest email, below, points to the entirely wrong document in stating what is being proposed and suggesting their subscribers fight it.

The EC proposal I read in the meeting packet is summarized in two slides, attached. It is not recommending "Strictest Version Reach Codes" as stated in the email below. On the contrary, it largely follows what many nearby cities are working to adopt and shows prudence in a gradual adoption of meaningful measures to combat climate change locally and regionally. Kudos to the Environmental Commission who have spent years researching climate change mitigation and adaptation and taken the time to offer information to the public about the options and their benefits on a very complicated subject. Double kudos to them for continuing their persistent focus, despite the inaccurate din coming their way. One email by LAR takes credit for influencing the EC to "Back Down" on its Reach Code proposal, yet the measures LAR claims were backed down from were never under serious consideration. I have been present at nearly every Environmental Commission meeting for the past year when the CAAP and Reach Codes were discussed. Items 2-4 were discussed early on during the CAAP discussions as one of several mitigation techniques employed by other cities, but never, that I observed, were a items 2-4 under serious consideration for inclusion of the Reach Code 2.0 recommendation.

We must only have a dialog around the truth. On this subject, LAR's circle of influence is not representative of a public that is commenting on the truth. Their comments and surveys must be therefore ignored as you consider your Reach Code vote.

Connie Miller
Los Altos Citizen

From: Los Altos Residents [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, September 4, 2022 10:20 AM
Subject: STRICTEST VERSION REACH CODES PROPOSED - URGENT TAKE ACTION NOW

[View this email in your browser](#)



URGENT: TAKE ACTION BEFORE SEPTEMBER 6TH

On Tuesday, September 6th, the Los Altos Environmental Commission (EC) will ask the City Council to mandate a ban on natural gas, despite residents' wishes and far exceeding state laws. To see their proposal - in particular pages 45-50, [click here](#).

PROPOSED REQUIREMENTS:

1. Install all electric appliances in new buildings AND remodels with >50% of framework.
2. Replace ALL broken/end of life gas appliances – including furnaces, ACs, gas ranges/ovens, and water heaters – with electric.
3. Replace ALL gas appliances – including furnaces, ACs, water heaters – with electric before you can sell your house.
4. Impose fines/penalties for using gas. No exceptions! No exemptions! The EC estimates the city will collect \$500,000 per year in gas fines.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

1. **Send an email to PublicComment@losaltosca.gov**

In the Subject line write: PUBLIC COMMENT AGENDA ITEM 4 –
September 6, 2022

Your email doesn't have to be lengthy. A simple statement that you don't support a gas ban or you oppose adopting codes more stringent than those set out by the state is sufficient.

It is important that your email be received by 2:00 pm on Monday, September 5th before the Tuesday meeting.

2. **Speak at the Council meeting on September 6th**

Use this link to join the virtual meeting at 7 pm:

<https://losaltosca-gov.zoom.us/j/85465017003?pwd=MG91N3VKTIIDMnIHMIFMa1FQTXBKdz09>

Passcode: 632555

Wait for Agenda Item #4 to speak.

BACKGROUND

The city paid a consultant about \$75,000 to write a Climate Action and Adaptation Plan (CAAP): <https://tinyurl.com/LACAAP>

Potential Impact of Gas to Electric

- Los Altos would require ~ 1,000 years of zero emissions to offset the volume of global GHG emissions generated in a single day. No matter what Los Altos does with CO2 emissions, it will have negligible impact.
- Replacing natural gas in the home with electricity simply diverts the CO2 emission issue to power plants, of which 79% run on fossil fuels nationwide. According to the California Energy Commissions' February 2020 report, [63% of CA's power](#) is NOT from renewables. Natural gas is the fossil fuel that produces the

fewest CO2 emissions.

- According to the CA Air Resources Board, residential use counts for only 8% of greenhouse gas emissions and commercial 6%, compared to industrial 24% and transportation 41%.

Los Altans surveyed do not want a ban on natural gas

- A July 2022 survey by Los Altos Residents (LAR) had 427 respondents (95% homeowners) who overwhelmingly indicated they do not support a ban on natural gas. See <https://www.losaltosresidents.org/reach-codes-2022>
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- The EC conducted its own survey, in spite of telling Council at the June 12 council meeting: "... we in the subcommittee don't have the expertise to design a survey that's going to be seen as providing a really good data set, ... writing the questions in a proper way to ... have the information we need that we can ... rely on..." ([Click here](#) to see recorded council meeting video at 55:16-55:43 minutes) In fact, the EC survey did not ask about most of the recommendations in the CAAP. Only 51% of the respondents identified as "property owners." And in its own survey, half of the respondents do NOT support the EC's proposed gas bans. [Click here](#)

www.LosAltosResidents.org

Thank you!

[Learn more about LosAltosResidents.org](https://www.LosAltosResidents.org)



[SB 9 and SB 10 will put an end to single-family home zoning statewide](#)



[Local zoning code: What does it do for us?](#)



[Council meetings notes, in plain English](#)



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We periodically update Los Altos residents who opted in by signing our petition, on current hot topics.

Our mailing address is:

Los Altos Residents
931 Oxford Dr
Los Altos, CA 94024-7033

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Newly Constructed Buildings

	<u>2022 CA Building Code</u> <u>Mandatory</u>	<u>Bay Area Model Reach Code</u>	<u>Current Los Altos Reach</u> <u>Code</u>	<u>Environment</u> <u>Recommendation</u>
<u>Effective /</u> <u>Expiration Date</u>	Effective 1/1/2023	Amends Building Code. Effective after Adoption / State Filing. Expires 1/1/2026	Expires 1/1/2023	Amend B Effective at State Filing. E (Applies if > modified o mcc
<u>New Buildings*</u>	(Not previously used/occupied)	(Applies if >50% foundation or framing modified)	(Not previously used/occupied)	
Air Heating/Cooling	EHP	EHP	EHP	
Water	EHP or G	EHP	EHP	
Clothes Drying	E or G	E	E	
Cooking / Fireplaces	E or G	E	E or G	
<u>Exterior (Pool, SPA,</u> <u>Firepit)</u>	N/A	No G	N/A	No G (and r existing
*Does not apply to Building Alterations, Renovations, Tenant Improvements				
EHP = Electric Heat Pump, E = Electric, G = Natural Gas (must be wired for replacement)				



City of Los Altos

Electric Vehicle Infrastructure

	<u>2022 CA Building Code Mandatory</u>	<u>Bay Area Model Reach Code</u>	<u>Current Los Altos Reach Code</u>	<u>Environmental Recommendation</u>
Effective / Expiration Date	Effective 1/1/2023	Amends Building Code. Effective after Adoption / State Filing. Expires 1/1/2026	Expires 1/1/2023	Amend Building Code after Adoption Expires 1/1/2023
Single Family Residence	1-L2 EV Ready	1-L2 EV Ready + 1-L1 EV Ready	1-L2 EV Ready + 1-L2 EV Ready	1-L2 EV Ready + 1-L2 EV Ready + 1-L2 EV Ready
Multi Family Residence and Other Buildings	Various Requirements	Various Requirements	Various Requirements	Apply Requirements of Bay Area Model Altos
Off-Street Loading Docks	N/A	Applies	N/A	Apply Requirements
Parking Addition, Alteration, Renovation	N/A	Applies	N/A	Apply Requirements



City of Los Altos

From: [Raymond Wheeler](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: Public Comment Agenda Item 4
Date: Sunday, September 4, 2022 3:51:45 PM

As a long-time (27 year) homeowner I do not support a gas ban in our community and oppose Los Altos adopting codes more stringent than the state requires. Moreover, the proposal from the Los Altos Environmental Commission is radical and extreme. (The proposed fines for lawfully using gas even in compliance with the Reach Code is beyond comprehension and may even be unlawful). Every poll I have seen confirms discussions with my neighbors. Most homeowners here strongly oppose mandates beyond state law, devised by zealots who have no interest in freedom of choice but instead insist that everyone conform to their extreme and apocalyptic views. I urge the Council to reject the proposed ban on natural gas in our homes.

Thank you,

Raymond L. Wheeler

Sent from my iPad

From: [Kbullis](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT AGENDA ITEM 4 – September 6, 2022
Date: Sunday, September 4, 2022 3:52:08 PM

Dear Sirs:

I am writing to object to the ban on gas appliances proposed by the Los Altos Environmental Commission. In addition to being unreasonably burdensome to Los Altos homeowners such as myself, this ban far exceeds state restrictions.

Thank you,
Kenneth Bullis

Ken Bullis



From: [Jane Holt](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: proposed gas ban
Date: Sunday, September 4, 2022 4:00:45 PM

I am against the provision that requires one to switch to electric before selling one's home. When we moved, Los Altos was still on septic in some areas. The owner was not required to convert to septic before selling the home.

In regards to converting to electric before selling. People want to choose their own appliances. let us convert after selling.

There should be some ways to stay with gas for low income.

if restaurants can stay on gas and they use much more than you are punishing homeowners.

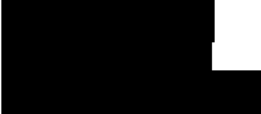
thank you

Jane Holt

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1960 Churton Ave.

Los Altos, CA 94024-6907



From: [Carla Bottenfield](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT AGENDA ITEM 4 – September 6, 2022
Date: Sunday, September 4, 2022 4:04:05 PM

I **do not** support a gas ban in the City of Los Altos. The city should align with the state guidelines on this matter.

Carla Bottenfield
614 Palm Avenue
Los Altos, CA 94022

From: [Mitch Stanley](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: PUBLIC DOMMENT AGENDA ITEM 4
Date: Sunday, September 4, 2022 4:13:49 PM

I 100% do NOT support ANY modification to gas appliance requirements being considered by our City Council.

For our City Council to waste their time and our money on such an outlandish proposal borders on criminal. Los Altos has REAL issues that the City Council should be trying to solve. Instead, you've found a ridiculous idea, (which the State of California is, or will, handle quite nicely) and decided to come up with MORE restrictive rules.

Do any of our City council read the papers? We are in a heat wave and for days we are being told to reduce electrical consumption. But...our ELECTED officials feel it's best to increase the city's demand on Electricity. Like a third world country, we live with the threat of rolling blackouts...and our City Council want to make that problem worse. Wake up...our power grid cannot handle more demand.

The majority of the citizens of this City, do NOT want this. Please, put your agenda aside, put your ego's aside, and listen to those that elected you. We are not fools that need your sage guidance or want our City to "become an example" for the rest of the world to follow. If your that convinced it's an important issue, put it on the ballot and let the citizens decide.

A council that doesn't listen it's voters, won't be a council for long.

From: [Tien Nguyen](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT AGENDA ITEM 4 – September 6, 2022
Date: Sunday, September 4, 2022 4:21:48 PM

Hi Los Altos City Councils,

I do not support the gas ban in Los Altos. The gas ban should not be more stringent than those are set by the CA State already.

Regards,
Tien Nguyen

From: [Anurag Wadehra](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT AGENDA ITEM 4 – September 6, 2022
Date: Sunday, September 4, 2022 4:27:08 PM

I DO NOT support a gas ban AND MOST CERTAINLY AND FULLY OPPOSE Los Altos adopting extreme and unnecessary anti-gas codes more stringent than those set out by the state. Please listen to citizens who live and pay taxes in Los Altos, instead of going by the wishes of dictatorial and destructive environmental extremists who are vocal and misguided

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Anurag Wadehra

P.S. subscribe to my newsletter on [Growth Patterns](#)

From: [Ruby Vaswani](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: Gas ban OPPOSED
Date: Sunday, September 4, 2022 4:28:12 PM

Hello!

I do not like the idea of a ban on gas appliances in Los Altos. To me it's a regressive move and I strongly oppose it.

Thank you!

Ruby Vaswani
1184 Eureka Ave, Los Altos, CA 94024

From: [Michele Rowe](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT AGENDA ITEM #4- 6 September 2022
Date: Sunday, September 4, 2022 4:35:27 PM

Please note our vote to not impose restrictions greater than already taken by the state. Why penalize Los Altos residents when the rest of the state will not be mandated to take the same steps. These are very costly renovations/penalties that will be borne by the citizens of Los Altos only.

Michele and Pete Rowe
740 University Avenue
Los Altos, CA

Sent from my iPad

From: [Tracey Musick](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: Public Comment Agenda Item 4
Date: Sunday, September 4, 2022 4:37:17 PM

Regarding Agenda Item 4

I don't support a gas ban and oppose adopting codes more stringent than those set out by the state.

Thank you, Tracey

From: [randallhull](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT AGENDA ITEM 4 – September 6, 2022
Date: Sunday, September 4, 2022 4:56:45 PM

Councilmembers,

I do not support a gas ban and oppose adopting codes more stringent than those set by the state.

The proposals from the Environmental Commission are without merit, border on draconian, and are counter to the wishes and current needs of Los Altos residents.

The city funded Climate Action and Adaptation Plan showed the environmental impacts of replacing natural gas in Los Altos homes with electricity are de minimis.

The Commission's proposals are burdensome without benefit.

Please make the responsible decision and reject the Environmental Commission's reach code proposals.

Randall Hull
108 Hillview Avenue

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: Public agenda number 4, September 6, 2022
Date: Sunday, September 4, 2022 5:01:02 PM

Please leave natural gas as an option. Do not mandate only electric. Please!! Laura Greenstein, 943 Terrace Dr. Los Altos

Sent from my iPhone

From: [THERESA IANTOSCA](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: Public comment agenda 4
Date: Sunday, September 4, 2022 5:06:39 PM

I do not support a gas ban.
Theresa iantosca
1610 Ben Roe Dr
Los Altos CA

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Pattie Woerner](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: Proposed Gas Ban
Date: Sunday, September 4, 2022 5:19:34 PM

To whom it may concern:

We do not support adopting the more stringent gas ban proposed. It makes no sense to ban a fossil fuel that is clean! We do not have the infrastructure to support all electric homes at this time.

Fred & Pattie Woerner
1266 Montclair Way
Los Altos, CA

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows

From: [Paz Yogev](#)
To: [Public Comment; Einat Yogev](#)
Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT AGENDA ITEM 4 – September 6, 2022
Date: Sunday, September 4, 2022 5:37:49 PM

Dear council,

I do not support a gas ban in the city of Los Altos.

I strongly oppose items # 2, 3, and 4.

2. Replace ALL broken/end of life gas appliances – including furnaces, ACs, gas ranges/ovens, and water heaters – with electric.

3. Replace ALL gas appliances – including furnaces, ACs, water heaters – with electric before you can sell your house.

4. Impose fines/penalties for using gas. No exceptions! No exemptions! The EC estimates the city will collect \$500,000 per year in gas fines.

Thank you

Paz Yogev

624 Hollingsworth Dr.
Los Altos, CA 94022

From: [Gene Sinclair](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT AGENDA ITEM 4
Date: Sunday, September 4, 2022 5:49:38 PM

As as long-time Los Altos resident and home owner, I am opposed to a gas appliance ban.

Gene Sinclair


From: [dayita bhat](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: public comment agenda item 4- 9/6/2022
Date: Sunday, September 4, 2022 5:49:50 PM

I DO NOT support a gas ban and MOST CERTAINLY ND FULLY OPPOSE Los Altos adopting extreme and unnecessary anti-gas codes more stringent than those set out by the state. Please listen to citizens who live and pay taxes in Los Altos, instead of going by the wishes of dictatorial and destructive environmental extremists who are vocal and misguided.

Thank you
Dayita Bhat

Sent from my iPad

From: [Kurt Ayers](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT AGENDA ITEM 4 – September 6, 2022
Date: Sunday, September 4, 2022 6:07:22 PM

I find the newly proposed Reach Codes and gas bans as proposed by the Environmental Commission to be draconian and absurd. This is woke-inspired governmental overreach that needs to stop now.

Thank you,

Kurt Ayers

601 Stardust Lane

Los Altos, CA



From: [Wendy Reynolds](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: Gas ban
Date: Sunday, September 4, 2022 6:18:02 PM

I strongly oppose a gas ban. Look what is happening with our electric grid. Every day I get a notice to restrict my electricity and asked not to charge an electric car between 4 and 9pm. I don't understand why politicians ban something before they fix something. Please do NOT pass this ban.

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Pam Jacobs](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: Fwd: No on reach codes
Date: Sunday, September 4, 2022 6:24:02 PM

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Pam Jacobs [REDACTED]
Date: September 4, 2022 at 12:47:21 PM PDT
To: publiccomment@losaltos.gov
Subject: No on reach codes

Regarding the vote this week on reach codes, I have not previously expressed my opinion but DO NOT WANT Los Altos codes to exceed state codes.

You were not elected to impose codes exceeding those of the state - or in the case of 5G - federal law. Please just stop with the overreach before you continue to cost citizens even more money.

I encourage the City to invest its efforts on enforcing the codes it already has on the books....

Sincerely,

Pamela Jacobs
885 Santa Rita Ave

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Sumant Pendharkar](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: All Council Agenda Item 4 Sept 6 2022
Date: Sunday, September 4, 2022 6:49:12 AM

Hello City Council,

In the past several days we have been receiving daily emails from PG&E asking for cutback on electricity use with instructions such as:

Power Saver Rewards Event
9/5/2022 from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m.



A Power Saver Rewards event will take place on 9/5/2022 from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. Get rewarded with a credit on your bill after the program season for reducing your energy use when demand for electricity is high.

It's easy! These simple steps will help reduce your energy during Power Saver Rewards events

Take a break

Wait to use big appliances, such as washers, dryers, and electric ovens until after 9 p.m.

Please explain to us if we switch to electric appliances, where the extra electricity is going to come from?

My wife cc'ed on this email and I completely oppose the switch to All Electric.

Sincerely,

Sumant S. Pendharkar
Medini A. Gore

1415 Oakhurst Ave
Los Altos

From: [Dave MCLAREN](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT AGENDA ITEM 4 – September 6, 2022
Date: Sunday, September 4, 2022 7:00:03 PM

Please note that I do not support the proposed natural gas ban in Los Altos.

PG&E is already unreliable and unable to keep up with demand. Removing an important alternative fuel source at this stage is amazingly short sighted. We have already removed wood and coal as permitted home energy sources. Let's not make us 100% dependent on monopolistic, unreliable, poorly managed PG&E.

Thank you,

Dave McLaren, concerned resident and voter.

From: [Lucky Rae Gomez](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: I don't support a Gas Ban
Date: Sunday, September 4, 2022 7:14:45 PM

I am a voting Los Altos resident and I DO NOT support a gas ban and will NOT support Members who do.

Thanks,
Lucky Rae Gomez

From: [Robert E. Jacobsen](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT AGENDA ITEM 4 - September 6, 2022
Date: Sunday, September 4, 2022 7:17:58 PM

Dear City Council and EC,

I do not support a natural gas usage ban in Los Altos. I have been a resident for over 40 years, and the amount of natural gas my home uses is infinitesimal (water heater and furnace) compared to other sources of GHG. (According to the CA Air Resources Board, total residential use counts for only 8% of greenhouse gas emissions, compared to industrial 24% and transportation 41%.)

Like the electric car controversy (more electric cars = less pollution in the city of use, but more pollution by power plants), replacing natural gas in the home with electricity simply diverts the CO2 emission issue to power plants, of which 79% run on fossil fuels nationwide. According to the California Energy Commissions' February 2020 report, [63% of CA's power](#) is NOT from renewables. Natural gas is the fossil fuel that produces the fewest CO2 emissions.

A ban would place unnecessary financial and logistical hardships on homeowners, landlords and renters (installing upgraded service to homes to handle increased power load in addition to the cost of appliance replacement, plumbing and rewiring), and heavy requirements on an already taxed electrical grid.

City Council is supposed to take residents' opinion into account when making policy decisions.

Please listen to reason and 95% of homeowners surveyed in July, and do not mandate a ban on natural gas.

Robert E. Jacobsen
Homeowner
Stanley Avenue
Los Altos

From: [Catherine](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: Natural Gas Ban
Date: Sunday, September 4, 2022 7:51:29 PM

We do not support the adoption of a natural gas ban that is more stringent than that required by the state of California. Requiring new construction to only use electric appliances, heating and water heaters is ok but to force existing gas equipment be installed prior to sale of property is too extreme. As is replacement of existing appliances by current owner.

Roger and Catherine Dellor
953 Russell Ave
94024

From: [Rosie Birnel](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT AGENDA ITEM 4 – September 6, 2022
Date: Sunday, September 4, 2022 8:05:58 PM

It's too Draconian to have laws that are stricter than the state

From: [craig carpenter](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: Public Item Agenda Item 4
Date: Sunday, September 4, 2022 8:11:20 PM

My wife and I have lived in Los Altos for over 50 years and we are against this converting from gas to electric proposal. Thank you for voting NO!

Lindsay & Craig Carpenter
68 Bay Tree Lane
Los Altos 94022

From: [Christine Talbott](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT AGENDA ITEM 4 – September 6, 2022
Date: Sunday, September 4, 2022 8:12:49 PM

I DO NOT SUPPORT THE GAS BAN!!

Christine Talbott

Sent from my iPhone

From: [bjbelkin](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: Gas restrictions
Date: Sunday, September 4, 2022 8:14:25 PM

I strongly oppose the proposed strict limitations on the use of natural gas, especially in existing homes and requiring them to eliminate it before being sold.

Thanks,
Bernie Belkin

From: [Harsh Sharangpani](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT AGENDA ITEM 4 – September 6, 2022
Date: Sunday, September 4, 2022 8:21:34 PM

I am sending this email to emphasize that I do NOT support a gas ban. I also oppose adopting codes more stringent than those set out by the state.

Harsh Sharangpani
10251 Magdalena Road,
Los Altos, CA 94024

From: [Rosemary Gellman](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: Public Comment Agenda #4
Date: Sunday, September 4, 2022 8:32:14 PM

As a resident and homeowner I DO NOT support a ban on gas appliances, heaters or generators.

Rosemary Gellman

From: [Gregory V. Wadden](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: Ban on Natural Gas
Date: Sunday, September 4, 2022 8:33:32 PM

Good evening Los Altos City Council:

We want to go on the record as opposing Codes on Natural Gas that are more stringent than the state mandates.

Respectfully yours,

Gregory V. Wadden
Rosemary S. Wadden
159 Frederick Ct.
Los Altos, CA 94022

From: [Suruchi Mohan](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: Public Comment Agenda Item 4
Date: Sunday, September 4, 2022 8:36:34 PM

Dear Environmental Commission Members

This is to let you know that I'm against a gas ban. If the ban wins, then I would like you to not adopt regulations that are more stringent than those required by the State of California.

Thanks,

Suruchi Mohan

From: [Jenny Teng](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: Public comment agenda item 4 - September 6, 2022
Date: Sunday, September 4, 2022 8:36:56 PM

Dear Sir,

This is to stress that I don't support the gas ban and I also oppose adopting codes more stringent than those set by the state.
Thank you very much.

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Jenny Teng
Real Estate Professional
DRE#: 01023687

578 University Avenue



From: [Dinesh Desai](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: Public Comment on agenda item 4 (on 9/6/22)
Date: Sunday, September 4, 2022 8:44:37 PM

Let us not forget the evil Diablo Canyon Nuclear Plant. The powers to be had planned to decommission it, but now they have decided to extend its operating life by at last five years.

Let us not be foolish and think that we will have unlimited electricity for ever. What if there is a drought for several years and we can't generate hydro power? It is only wise to have some alternates.

Dinesh Desai
870 Highlands Circle
Los Altos

From: [Daryl Shafran](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT AGENDA ITEM 4 – September 6, 2022
Date: Sunday, September 4, 2022 8:49:37 PM

We don't support a gas ban in Los Altos. We are homeowners.

Michael and Daryl Shafran
444 Orange Ave

Sent from my iPhone

From: [mina.parivash](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT AGENDA- 4 SEPTEMBER 6, 2022
Date: Sunday, September 4, 2022 9:15:36 PM

I don't support GAS BAN.
Mina Parivash

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPad](#)

From: [Camille Casale](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: Gas replacement
Date: Sunday, September 4, 2022 9:17:27 PM

I'm in my 70's and on a limited income and have a gas floor heater. If my gas floor heater failed I could not afford to replace it with an electric heating system.

Please don't vote to mandate replacing failed gas floor heaters & all other established gas appliances with new electric ones.

Thank you,
Camille Casale
1445 Oakhurst Ave.
Los Altos

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Sherveen Parivash](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT AGENDA ITEM 4 – September 6, 2022
Date: Sunday, September 4, 2022 9:20:40 PM

To the City of Los Altos,

As a resident of Los Altos, I strongly oppose a natural gas ban and I oppose adopting more stringent codes than those set out by the state. Please do not adopt this agenda Item.

Sincerely,

Sherveen Parivash

From: [Anita Hansen](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: Opposition to Natural Gas Ban
Date: Sunday, September 4, 2022 9:22:48 PM

Banning natural gas in any other case than new construction is unfair and too costly for homeowners. In many cases the change over from gas to electric requires costly upgrades to the electrical system and P G and E is extremely slow to upgrade old power panels. Also California electric rates are exhorbitant.

Do not ban natural gas!

Anita Hansen
Los Altos, CA

From: [Effy Parivash](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: Public comment agenda item 4 - September 6, 2022
Date: Sunday, September 4, 2022 9:38:00 PM

I do not support the gas ban.

Sent from my iPad

From: [Chris Mesel](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT AGENDA ITEM 4 – September 6, 2022
Date: Sunday, September 4, 2022 9:48:54 PM

I have been a resident and home owner in Los Altos since 1998. I love this town.

I am not in support of the natural gas ban(s) which appear to be slated for our town.


I do not support a total gas ban. I do not support regulations which are more restrictive than the already progressive state imposed restrictions.

The electrical infrastructure cannot support all electric homes, plus all electric cars, plus all electric businesses and industries. To shift the immense burden of climate change to homeowners is not the best use of the guidelines. It is simply low hanging fruit for our leaders to tout as them doing their part to reduce climate change.

Leaving residents with NO option except the burden of all electric appliances when the electricity is unpredictable is placing a huge hardship on individuals with the smallest voice.

Do not approve this change.

Thanks, Chris

Chris Mesel


From: [Sue Cheng](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: [External Sender]NO to ban of natural gas using in residential in Los Altos
Date: Sunday, September 4, 2022 9:49:21 PM

Sue Cheng

Realtor, Designer

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DRE # 02027196

Los Altos, CA 94022



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From: [Gail Hall](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT AGENDA ITEM 4 – September 6, 2022
Date: Sunday, September 4, 2022 9:54:45 PM

As a long-term Los Altos homeowner (30+ years), I wanted to voice my opposition to the proposed gas ban for residential properties. And I oppose Los Altos adopting codes that are more stringent than those set out by the state.

I believe there are other options that have less adverse impact on residents and a total gas ban with a push to more electrical creates other challenges.

Thank you.

Gail Hall

From: [Priya Anant](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT AGENDA ITEM 4 - Sep 6, 2022
Date: Sunday, September 4, 2022 10:16:46 PM

Dear Los Altos Council,

I am writing to register my opposition to the proposed ban on all gas appliances. While I am environmentally conscious, I also oppose standards that are more stringent than state standards.

Our electricity grid is over-stretched and unreliable as it is. I'm not supportive of putting our heating/ cooling and cooling on electric wigjoit the necessary infrastructure upgrades - when it is in excess of state codes.

Thank you,

Priya Anant

1706 Oak Ave, Los Altos, CA 94024

From: [Christina Hildebrand](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT AGENDA ITEM 4
Date: Sunday, September 4, 2022 10:53:25 PM

I am opposed to a gas ban and adopting codes more stringent than those set out by the state is sufficient.

We do not have the electric power capacity in CA to go electric. It is also not fair to have to replace all appliances prior to selling a house. That is an expense that many cannot afford even in rich los altos.

This is not the right time for this.
Christina Hildebrand

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Public Comment](#)
Cc: [City Council](#)
Subject: [External Sender]PUBLIC COMMENT ITEM 4 September 6, 2022 CAAP
Date: Sunday, September 4, 2022 11:25:49 PM

Council Members:

I have been asked why I wrote a public comment about item 2.4 in the CAAP when the September 6 council meeting is only about Reach Codes for new construction and EV infrastructure. Please allow me to explain.

I'm feeling like the frog in the pot of cold water with the Environmental Commission turning up the heat (on an electric stove of course), hoping I won't notice when the water starts to boil.

Yes, the commission has stepped back and is looking at all electric only for NEW homes – for now. But one of the 6 (confusing) attachments in the agenda packet is the March 2022 CAAP, which Council approved (vote of 3:2). That means the CAAP is the roadmap for the future.

Item 2.4 on page 48 of the CAAP says: "Establish a fee or penalty on the use of methane gas. Work with PG&E and community partners to develop or expand a fee on the use of methane gas within City limits. **Set up a City-led Task Force in 2022** to lead this effort. Funds collected will be used to fund incentives for electric appliance adoption. Potential estimated funds available each year of at least \$500k."

This topic is not part of Agenda Item 4, but we're nearing the end of 2022, so when is that task force going to come up for discussion? Or will it just start up because it's already been approved?

The Environmental Commission is supposed to speak for residents when it makes recommendations to Council. I don't know who created its survey, but I can't give it any credence. It doesn't represent a statistical sample of the city's residents – particularly homeowners, who would bear the brunt of recommended changes.

From attending the virtual workshop in June led by Silicon Valley Clean Energy and from GreenTown emails, I get the sense of a well-orchestrated PR campaign with a lot of wishful thinking and unsubstantiated promises behind it. Let me provide just one example:

From the 6-6-22 workshop:

Q Won't electric appliances be more susceptible to these kind of interruptions in electricity?

A "... gas appliances all have electronic ignitions so they are not any more resilient in when the electricity is out ... however if you are building an all-electric home and you want that resiliency for outages you can get that achieve that by adding ... storage to [solar] with a battery so that's one way to achieve some resiliency in your home during electricity outages."

A glib answer from SVCE completely ignoring the cost of solar and battery storage. Coincidentally, I received this email today from a friend in Marin: "My research shows the cost of batteries has gone up if you already have solar. You have to retrofit your panel and inverter. And it is very difficult even to get a vendor to do a battery only job. If you aren't financing new rooftop solar, they never return my calls. Finally I pressured my original solar contractor to just do a battery and they want **\$40,000 for a Tesla power wall** installed. That's never going to work for 24hr backup. And **the new panel and PGE to the street is \$7,000** extra with an electrical contractor."

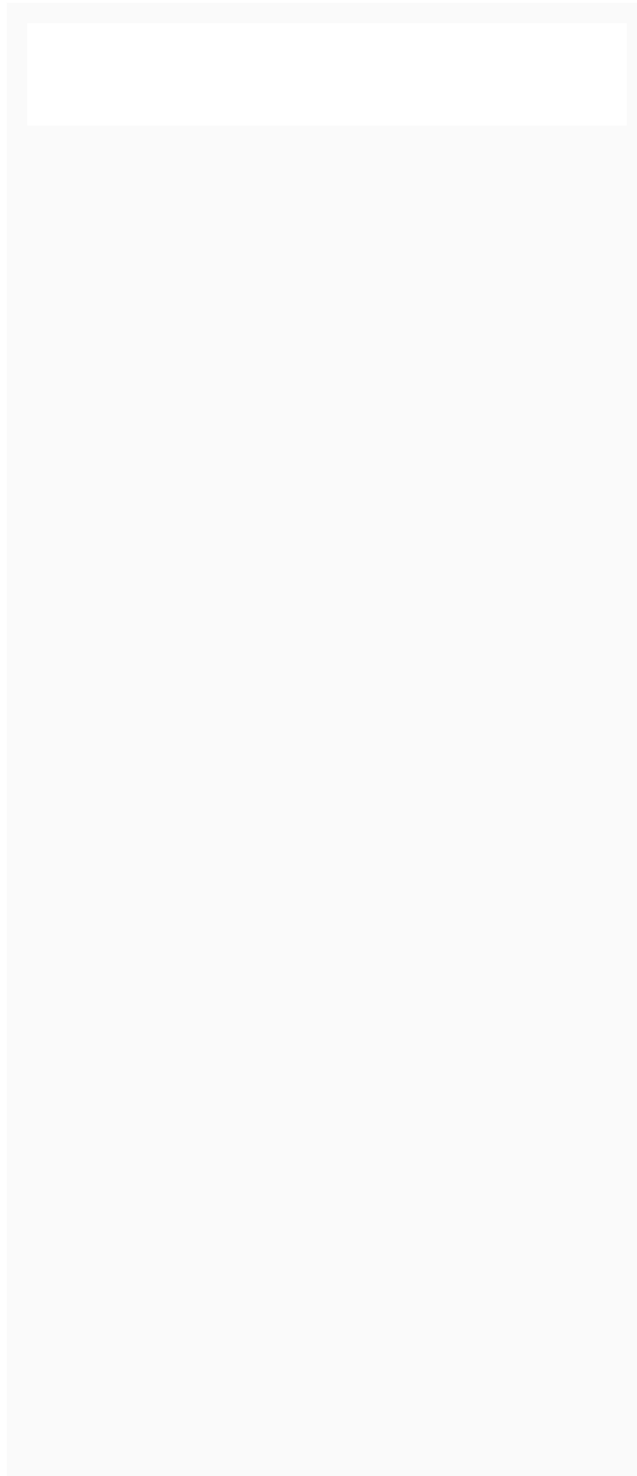
So yes, I'm jumping ahead of the September 6 agenda with these issues, BUT – like many other residents – I have no confidence in this process nor in the EC recommendations represented in the CAAP. I don't want to wait until the water is boiling to speak out.

Respectfully,

Pat Marriott

From: [Jenny Linde](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT AGENDA ITEM 4 – September 6, 2022
Date: Sunday, September 4, 2022 11:54:03 PM

Dear Los Altos city council,
As a Los Altos resident, I don't support a gas ban.
Thanks
Jenny Linde



From: [Dell Fischer](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT AGENDA ITEM 4 – September 6, 2022
Date: Monday, September 5, 2022 1:59:56 AM

Dear City Council,

I am opposed to the Los Altos Environmental Commission's proposal to require all end of life gas appliances to be replaced with electrical appliances. I also oppose the requirement that all gas appliances be removed prior to sale of a house.

My house's electrical service is maxed out. I would need to install new underground electrical service when my cooktop, furnace, or water heater fails. This is a \$15,000 to \$20,000 proposition not including the new appliance. PGE would need to dig up the street and run new conductors to a pull box on my side of the street. When one of my appliances fails, I could be without hot water or a furnace for months if this proposal is enacted.

I suggest that Los Altos limit the city's laws to new construction and 50% or greater remodels. I think that the California State has already been aggressive with the conversion of cars from fossil fuels to electricity and hydrogen. I am predicting huge problems in upgrading the electrical grid and supply to meet goals that have already been legislated. I am already predicting Texas size problems with our energy grid. Even the next couple of days are a nail-biter with regards to California's electrical grid.

I think it is impractical and imprudent for Los Altos to go beyond what the state has already legislated.

Kind regards,

Dell Fischer

From: [Morgan Yang](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT AGENDA ITEM 4 – September 6, 2022
Date: Monday, September 5, 2022 2:09:09 AM

I strongly do not support a gas ban.

For example, replacing broken/end of life gas furnace and water heater with electric will most likely trigger a breaker panel AMP increase either from 100A to 200A service or from 200A to 300A service. This is a major additional expense and electrical wiring efforts.

As a Los Altos homeowner who had just completed a major whole house rewiring in 2021 upgrading from 100A to 200A service with roof/exterior stucco wall/internal wall penetrations and later patch up/painting plus major conduit routing from emergency cutoff main circuit breaker to the internal sub-panel breaker, I definitely do not want to go through the upgrade again. I am an engineer and studied the residential electrical wiring in detail including rewiring textbook and the latest electrical code book before working with the electrical contractor.

Homeowners should not be forced to upgrade the electrical service (a major undertaking/expense and life disruption) simply because the furnace or water heater broke.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

Morgan Yang

From: [Von Packard](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: Public Comment Item 4 for September 6, 2022 meeting
Date: Monday, September 5, 2022 5:29:55 AM

My wife and I oppose a ban on natural gas usage in Los Altos and also oppose any laws or codes regarding the same more stringent than already California State law.

Von and Ann Packard
1339 Carvo Ct. Los Altos, CA

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Katie Skinner Wiederholt](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT AGENDA ITEM 4 – September 6, 2022
Date: Monday, September 5, 2022 6:32:25 AM

We are homeowners at 774 Vista Grande Ave, Los Altos, CA 94024 (since 1994).

We oppose adopting codes more stringent than those set out by the state for natural gas usage.

Thank you,

Katie & Jeff Wiederholt

From: [Katie Skinner Wiederholt](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT AGENDA ITEM 4 – September 6, 2022
Date: Monday, September 5, 2022 6:43:52 AM

Sorry, let me clarify our position.

Requiring electric appliances in *new* construction is smart and we support this agenda item.

Katie & Jeff Wiederholt

774 Vista Grande Ave, Los Altos 94024

On Mon, Sep 5, 2022, 6:31 AM Katie Skinner Wiederholt <[REDACTED]> wrote:

We are homeowners at 774 Vista Grande Ave, Los Altos, CA 94024 (since 1994).

We oppose adopting codes more stringent than those set out by the state for natural gas usage.

Thank you,

Katie & Jeff Wiederholt

From: [Jayleen Rael](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT AGENDA ITEM 4 – September 6, 2022
Date: Monday, September 5, 2022 6:57:59 AM

I do not support the gas ban in Los Altos.

Jayleen Rael

From: [JAS BARNUM](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Cc: [James Barnum](#)
Subject: No Gas Ban!
Date: Monday, September 5, 2022 7:28:19 AM

The Gas Ban proposal sounds absolutely ridiculous!

I do not support a gas ban.

I oppose adopting codes more stringent than those set out by the state, which are sufficient.

James R Barnum
61 Dalma Drive
Mtn View, CA

From: [Suresh Shanmugham](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: Public Comment Agenda Item 4 - September 6 2022
Date: Monday, September 5, 2022 7:41:31 AM

I do not support a gas ban which has negligible impact on emissions and is more stringent than state requirements. We all appreciate the need for taking action to impact climate change. This goes too far and does not meet a simple cost-benefit analysis.

Suresh Shanmugham
1089 Eastwood Court, Los Altos

From: [robert kline](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Cc: [LYNETTE Lee Eng](#)
Subject: Public Comment Agenda Item 4- September 6, 2022
Date: Monday, September 5, 2022 7:51:44 AM

To whom it may concern.

I respectfully request that Los Altos does not implement the proposed Reach Codes.

Natural gas consumed in our homes is far more efficient than burning it in a Utility Plant.

Heating a home with electricity is FAR more EXPENSIVE than using Natural Gas.

I learned personally one winter 5 years ago when my furnace quit.

In the 3 months in which I used electric space heaters, my PG&E bill TRIPPLED!

I'm very concerned about Global Warming, but "WE" MUST BE SENSIBLE ABOUT IT.

When "WE" overreact to problems, everyone suffers for very little positive effect.

Los Altos has an ageing community who will be burdened with significantly higher PG&E bills.

From: [Medini Gore](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: No support for gas ban
Date: Monday, September 5, 2022 8:08:50 AM

I have been a resident of Los Altos for over 20 years. I do not support the proposed gas ban.

Best Regards,
Medini

From: [Bin Hu](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Cc: [Bin Hu](#)
Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT AGENDA ITEM 4 – September 6, 2022
Date: Monday, September 5, 2022 8:32:33 AM

Dear City Council member,

Being a long-term resident of Los Altos, I, my whole family and our neighborhood don't support a gas ban in Los Altos. We oppose adopting codes more stringent than those set out by the State of California.

Thank you.
Sincerely,

Bin
Resident in Alicia Way / Casita Way / Distel Dr / Los Ninos Way
/ Panchita Way neighborhood.

From: [Brenda Blanchar](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT AGENDA ITEM 4
Date: Monday, September 5, 2022 8:34:32 AM

City Council Members,

As a resident of Los Altos, I DO NOT support a gas ban on any existing or new construction.
Stop trying to control residents.

Brenda Blanchar

From: [Sandra Rudloff](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: Ban of Gas Appliances
Date: Monday, September 5, 2022 8:38:36 AM

Los Altos should look at what it can do as a city to help the environment, rather than dictate what home owners must do. Businesses and government cause far more harm than private citizens, and they can afford to make changes.

If the elected officials do not follow the choice of the people, we WILL replace you with officials who do. You asked for our opinion, we gave it. Do not ignore it!

Sandra Rudloff
Los Altos Resident

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: Public Comment Agenda Item 4 September 6, 2022
Date: Monday, September 5, 2022 8:38:57 AM

Dear Los Altos City Council,

I do not support adopting reach codes restricting new or replacement gas appliances more stringent than those already set by state law.

Sincerely,
Joh Eisenberg
25 Parsons Way
Los Altos, CA 94022

From: [Steve Kleczewski](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: [External Sender]PUBLIC COMMENT AGENDA ITEM 4 – September 6, 2022
Date: Monday, September 5, 2022 8:48:04 AM
Attachments: [FA5F4C241CBA4330B3392D845B7CC045\[49892579\].png](#)

I don't support a gas ban. I oppose adopting codes more stringent than those set out by the state. Please do the right thing and NOT MANDATE A BAN ON NATURAL GAS!

Steve Kleczewski

Broker Associate

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From: [Elaine Levenson](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: URGENT--PUBLIC COMMENT AGENDA ITEM 4 – September 6, 2022
Date: Monday, September 5, 2022 8:56:34 AM

Please DO NOT agree to the radical "REACH" proposals you are being asked to implement in Los Altos on September 6.

I disagree with imposing a gas ban and oppose adoption of such ordinances far surpassing the rules of the state which are over governance in themselves.

Thankyou.

Elaine Levenson
1235 Monte Verde Court
Los Altos, California 94024

From: [Ernest Schmidt](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT AGENDA ITEM 4 – September 6, 2022
Date: Monday, September 5, 2022 8:59:16 AM
Attachments: [image.png](#)

I don't support the gas ban nor restrictions that are tighter than general state limitations.

Ernest Schmidt
Los Altos resident

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From: [Molly Hammerstrom](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: Public Comment Agenda Item 4!
Date: Monday, September 5, 2022 9:09:28 AM

I vehemently oppose agenda item 4! It is crazy to propose and to implement a rule without warning/information which would allow the community to prepare for the proposed changes!

What happened to education and agreement on this rule!

Please think about the complications ramifications of the rule/law!

Respectfully,

Molly Hammerstrom

Sent from my iPhone

From: [John Fennell](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: Agenda Item # 4 (Over) Reach Codes
Date: Monday, September 5, 2022 9:16:03 AM

The proposed (Over)Reach codes on natural gas appliances defy common sense, are draconian, uninformed, and discriminate against senior citizens and others on fixed incomes.

Just say NO.

- John Fennell

From: [Edward Loizeaux](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: Natural Gas Ban vs. Electricity
Date: Monday, September 5, 2022 9:20:15 AM

Attention City Council: Please note my strong objection to this proposal. It is an idiotic and crazy attempt to do something purely symbolic without any meaningful effect on overall global warming. It would be a shame to disrupt the lives of our citizens for this nutty scheme. I would like to think the City Council has more important things to do than listen to ridiculous wild ideas.

Thank you.

Ed Loizeaux, Los Altos resident and homeowner.
2221 Via Maderos
Los Altos, CA 94024

From: [Bill Daley](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT AGENDA ITEM 4 – September 6, 2022
Date: Monday, September 5, 2022 9:22:34 AM

City Council:

I strongly oppose the City adopting the REACH codes.

This is the sort of issue that will garner recalls.

Bill Daley, 741 Del Centro Way, Los Altos

From: [Anne Schmidt](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT AGENDA ITEM 4 – September 6, 2022
Date: Monday, September 5, 2022 9:30:03 AM

Dear Council

I am a long time resident, having lived on Orange Ave for over 20 years and I do not support the proposed ban on natural gas. As my representatives, please vote against this ban.

There are solutions to help improve our collective environmental impact but I don't believe imposing these types of requirements on your residents is one of them. Let's work together as a community to find a solution.

Sincerely

Anne Schmidt

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Subodh Gupta](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: Public Comment Agenda Item 4 — September 6,2022
Date: Monday, September 5, 2022 9:41:03 AM

Hi — I do not support a gas ban and most certainly fully oppose Los Altos adopting extreme and unnecessary anti-gas codes more stringent than those set by the state. Please listen to citizens who live and pay taxes in Los Altos, instead of going by wishes of destructive environmental extremists who are vocal and misguided.

Thanks,
Subodh Gupta
13551 Paseo Del Roble Dr
Los Altos Hills, CA, 94022

From: [AT and T Service, Inc. \[US\]](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Cc: [Laird Powers \(Builderone\)](#); [Molly Hammerstrom](#); [Madhu Sanjanwala](#)
Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT AGENDA ITEM 4
Date: Monday, September 5, 2022 9:41:14 AM

I believe the proposed mandate to convert from gas to electric is premature and should not be considered until the State of California can guarantee an uninterrupted supply of electricity which may require, in addition to solar and wind power systems, additional dams be built and water storage levels (assumes sufficient annual rainfall) achieved to permit the continuous generation of sufficient hydroelectricity.

Respectfully,

John S. McNeil
205 Silvia Ct.
Los Altos, CA 94024-3859

From: [Anthony Iantosca](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: Agenda item 4
Date: Monday, September 5, 2022 9:44:49 AM

I against enacting the codes for the above. The State codes are sufficient. Thank you.
Anthony and Theresa Iantosca.

From: [Lori Roman](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: Public Comment AGENDA ITEM 4 - September 6, 2022
Date: Monday, September 5, 2022 9:47:27 AM

I do NOT support the proposed requirements that the Los Altos Environmental Commission will be presenting to City Council on Sept. 6, 2022.

I do NOT support a gas ban, as outlined in these proposed requirements.

I am a Los Altos resident and a homeowner.

Lorraine Roman

Sent from my iPad

From: [R Kane](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT AGENDA ITEM 4 – September 6, 2022
Date: Monday, September 5, 2022 9:56:27 AM

Hello,
I do NOT support a gas ban for Los Altos and oppose adopting codes more stringent than those set out by the state of California.

Thank you,
Richard Kane
Los Altos resident

From: [Judie Johnson](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: Gas Ban
Date: Monday, September 5, 2022 10:01:40 AM

I oppose the gas ban that the Los Altos Environmental Commission is asking the City Council to mandate.

Judie Johnson
824 Terrace Dr
Los Altos, CA 94024

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT AGENDA ITEM 4 - September 6, 2022
Date: Monday, September 5, 2022 10:07:59 AM

Dear City Council Members and Staff:

We are very concerned about climate change, but we have serious concerns about whether the Reach Codes as proposed make any practical sense whatsoever or are fair to our Los Altos residents. We have owned a hybrid vehicle for over 12 years.

It is our opinion, that your radical planning commission is out of touch with climate change science and the will of residents. Therefore, we believe the Reach Codes should remain the same as state wide - not as proposed.

Our house would need a new service panel and new dedicated lines for an electric water heater and electric cook top for about \$9,000 not including the cost for these new appliances and the added cost to add roof venting.

Preventing the use of a gas insert fireplace in my family room would actually increase my energy use because we keep and use the family room gas fireplace in the winter - heating only one room instead of the whole house, which is much more efficient. Moreover, we do not use any heat during the time we are sleeping at night.

If you really think this is a good idea, then why not provide tax credits or rebates to make this happen just like the new IRA legislation does. Otherwise please follow the state guidelines instead of forcing radical Reach Codes on residents that 95% of us oppose.

Most importantly, if this is what you want to do, please ask every planning commissioner and council member that votes for these recommendations to convert all of their personal appliances **NOW** to set a good example before asking any resident to do so. In the words of some, "please put your money where your mouth is".

The impact to our community and especially those of us who are seniors is very great. Thank you for your consideration.

June & Aram Darmanian
1595 Ben Roe Drive
Los Altos

From: [Aram Darmanian](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT AGENDA ITEM 4 – September 6, 2022
Date: Monday, September 5, 2022 10:09:24 AM

Dear City Council Members and Staff:

We are very concerned about climate change, but we have serious concerns about whether the Reach Codes as proposed make any practical sense whatsoever or are fair to our Los Altos residents. We have owned a hybrid vehicle for over 12 years.

It is our opinion, that your radical planning commission is out of touch with climate change science and the will of residents. Therefore, we believe the Reach Codes should remain the same as state wide - not as proposed.

Our house would need a new service panel and new dedicated lines for an electric water heater and electric cook top for about \$9,000 not including the cost for these new appliances and the added cost to add roof venting.

Preventing the use of a gas insert fireplace in my family room would actually increase my energy use because we keep and use the family room gas fireplace in the winter - heating only one room instead of the whole house, which is much more efficient. Moreover, we do not use any heat during the time we are sleeping at night.

If you really think this is a good idea, then why not provide tax credits or rebates to make this happen just like the new IRA legislation does. Otherwise please follow the state guidelines instead of forcing radical Reach Codes on residents that 95% of us oppose.

Most importantly, if this is what you want to do, please ask every planning commissioner and council member that votes for these recommendations to convert all of their personal appliances **NOW** to set a good example before asking any resident to do so. In the words of some, "please put your money where your mouth is".

The impact to our community and especially those of us who are seniors is very great. Thank you for your consideration.

Aram & June Darmanian
1595 Ben Roe Drive
Los Altos

From: [Farhad Parivar](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: Public Comment Agenda #4
Date: Monday, September 5, 2022 10:15:44 AM

I totally disagree with dictatorial decisions of the city. These decisions should be voluntary. May be the city can create incentives to encourage residents to convert voluntarily

FP

Sent from my iPad

From: [Jennifer Sandland](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: Do NOT support the gas ban
Date: Monday, September 5, 2022 10:18:36 AM

Dear City Officials,

I do not support the gas ban. In a community where high end gas stoves are a must, this is short sighted. If you would like to put a ban on plastics used in grocery stores or put an extra surcharge on trash w/ rebates for recycling, that would be fantastic.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Sandland

From: [Susan Klepper](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT AGENDA ITEM 4 – September 6, 2022
Date: Monday, September 5, 2022 10:21:47 AM

I OPPOSE the ban on natural gas that goes beyond state regulations.

Thank you,
Susan Klepper
726 Campbell Ave

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Susan Klepper
726 Campbell Ave

From: [Sam Klepper](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT AGENDA ITEM 4 – September 6, 2022
Date: Monday, September 5, 2022 10:21:56 AM

I oppose the ban on natural gas that goes beyond the state regulations. Residents oppose it according to the survey and it seems overly restrictive and costly for minimal benefit and impact.

Thank you,
Robert Sam Klepper

From: [Nivedita Mathur](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT AGENDA ITEM 4 – September 6, 2022
Date: Monday, September 5, 2022 10:30:57 AM

I oppose this ban on gas appliances.


-Nivi
895 University Avenue
Los Altos, CA 94024

From: [David Smith](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT AGENDA ITEM 4 – September 6, 2022
Date: Monday, September 5, 2022 10:45:04 AM

As a long time resident of Los Altos I strongly ***OPPOSE*** a gas ban or adopting codes to ban natural gas more stringent than those set out by the state. This proposal will impose a severe financial burden on residents of Los Altos especially seniors (e.g., a senior who has lived in their home for 50 years is selling and they are forced to hire a contractor to replace all gas appliances before selling. First what are the odds they can find an electrician and Second, if they succeed they then watch their home torn down having doubled the number of appliances going to landfills)

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David M. Smith

Mobile: 

From: [Karen Merchant](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT AGENDA ITEM 4 – September 6, 2022
Date: Monday, September 5, 2022 10:52:16 AM

I don't support a gas ban and oppose adopting codes more stringent than those set out by the state.

Karen Merchant
Los Altos Resident

From: [Ashish Mathur](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT AGENDA ITEM 4 – September 6, 2022
Date: Monday, September 5, 2022 10:54:30 AM

I oppose the ban on gas appliances.

-Ashish Mathur
895 University Avenue
Los Altos, CA 94024

From: [Lianne Thompson](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: Reject Ban on gas
Date: Monday, September 5, 2022 10:55:36 AM

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>> To Town of Los Altos Mayor and Council,

>> I am not supportive of the ban on gas appliances for homes in Los Altos. While I recognize there is climate change and that the town is attempting to make adjustments. I do not support this particular proposal as it will yield little impact on the environment but have a major impact on home owners. If you force people to change appliances before sale of the house that seems ridiculous as the new owner should pick what they want.

>> Your proposal also puts an additional strain on the electric grid which makes no sense as a green alternative.

>> I would support the Town looking for other ways to impact the environment such as forcing commercial buildings to plant gardens on their roof tops to reduce heat, reduce watering of their lawns or mandate ground cover at commercial buildings, plant more trees, making solar panels mandatory on new buildings.

>> While our little town can do some small things to help gas emissions should not be the starting point. That should be tackled at the state level and aim at large industries which are the worst contributors.

>> Regards

>> Lianne & Craig

>> Thompson

>>

>> Sent from my iPhone

From: [Arif Merchant](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT AGENDA ITEM 4 – September 6, 2022
Date: Monday, September 5, 2022 10:58:01 AM

I do not support a gas ban, and oppose adopting codes more stringent than those set out by the state. The proposed mandate is expensive to residents, intrusive, and excessive.

Sincerely,
Arif Merchant

From: [ROBERT Rodriguez](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: Natural gas ban
Date: Monday, September 5, 2022 11:00:17 AM

Los Altos City Council,

We do not support a gas ban of natural gas for city of Los Altos or Los Altos Hills as being proposed by the Los Altos Environmental Commission (EC).
We oppose adopting codes more stringent than those set out by the state.

Robert & Louise Rodriguez
11000 Mora Drive
Los Altos Hills, CA 94024

From: [JOAN WILLIAMS](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: REACH codes
Date: Monday, September 5, 2022 11:07:45 AM

I am a long time resident in Los Altos. I am retired and a widow like many of us here. It would be very expensive to have to replace our gas furnaces, stoves, etc with electric should that be needed. This would create a hardship for a great many of us who have lived here for many years and always supported this town. Please leave well enough alone!

Thank you.
Mrs. Joan Williams
1987 Wimbledon Pl.
Los Altos

Sent from my iPad

From: [Karl kneip](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: Reach Code - Gas ban
Date: Monday, September 5, 2022 11:09:51 AM

Hello:

Now is not the time to implement a Gas Ban - Reach code. We need a state wide solution that address all stakeholders.

Regards,
Karl Kneip

From: [Gary Dinneen](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: Natural Gas Ban
Date: Monday, September 5, 2022 11:23:00 AM

Dear City Council: My family and I have recently studied the potential Natural Gas Ban that you are considering for implementation in Los Altos. Please reconsider this approach and listen to the science behind maintaining the status quo. Natural gas is one of the least pollution-based uses when compared to electric power which may be outsourced from other utilities, etc.

In a time when overuse of utilities is crucial, please listen to the electorate, of whom the majority would prefer to allow natural gas to be a part of the present and future.

Thank you!

Gary Dinneen
Rosita Avenue, Los Altos

From: [Nanette Wobber](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: Public Comment Agenda Item 4
Date: Monday, September 5, 2022 11:24:02 AM

We're writing to express that we DO NOT support a gas ban in Los Altos and that we OPPOSE adopting codes more stringent than those set out by the state. Codes imposed by the state are sufficient. The expense of what you propose is unfair and an undue burden for residents.

Mike Wobber & Nanette Wobber
872 Campbell Ave
Los Altos

From: [Reena Kapoor](#)
To: [Sally Meadows](#); [Public Comment](#)
Subject: Re: PUBLIC COMMENT AGENDA ITEM 4 – September 6, 2022
Date: Monday, September 5, 2022 11:26:43 AM

Dear Ms Meadows —

I don't appreciate the tone of your response but let's ignore that and focus on the content of your email to me.

A few points —

- 1) I didn't write to the council to have an argument. My stance and request to the council stands as is. Please pay heed. I live and pay taxes in Los Altos. My voice should count at least as much as that of any vocal group led by extreme and largely ineffective agendas.
- 2) The comparison of gas vs electric is an unscientific and invalid comparison. It begs the question what's the source of electricity? Let me tell you - it's mostly coal, even in CA. Gas is clean and does not leave emissions like other fossil fuels do.
- 3) I live in a fully solar home and drive an electric car so before you make assumptions about educating me on environmental issues, we may need to talk science. I mean actual data-led, evidence based science not the kind that's represented by silly lawn signs.
- 4) If you truly care about climate change you'd be taking on parts of our economy/ industry/ power generation where the impact actually matters - not hapless residents who are busy with their lives, earning a living and paying taxes.
- 5) A few facts for you to consider:
 - Replacing natural gas in the home with electricity simply diverts the CO2 emission issue to power plants, of which 79% run on fossil fuels nationwide. According to the California Energy Commissions' February 2020 report, [63% of CA's power](#) is NOT from renewables. Natural gas is the fossil fuel that produces the fewest CO2emissions.
 - According to the CA Air Resources Board, residential use counts for only 8% of greenhouse gas emissions and commercial 6%, compared to industrial 24% and transportation 41%.

Please take my voice and protest against these ineffective, virtue-signaling measures seriously and count my voice and vote as a council member instead of trying to push your agenda and argue with me.

As an aside, I also feel all city council members should be forced to reveal all potential conflicts of interest they may be holding as they vote on this issue. The fact that there are so many “interested” parties here makes me very concerned about this vote.

Thanks!

Reena



REENA KAPOOR



On Sep 5, 2022, at 10:52 AM, Sally Meadows <smeadows@losaltosca.gov> wrote:

The Environmental Commission is **NOT** recommending Los Altos ban natural gas, they are **NOT** recommending we require replacing all gas appliances with electric when they fail or before a home is sold, and they are **NOT** recommending penalties for using natural gas.

The Environmental Commission does recommend that the City of Los Altos adopt the Bay Area Model Reach Code:

- Require all Newly Constructed Buildings to be all electric
 - “New construction” defined as a 50% or greater modification to foundation or framing.
- Electric vehicle infrastructure requirements (which are largely already in place)

The recommendations support Los Altos' Climate Action and Adaptation Plan (CAAP) which sets long-term goals around greenhouse gas reductions by 2035.

I've attached three slides that explain the Commission's recommendation below.

Best regards,
Sally

Sally Meadows
Vice Mayor
Los Altos City Council

phone: (650) 947-2766
email: smeadows@losaltosca.gov

On Sep 4, 2022, at 3:23 PM, Reena Kapoor <[REDACTED]> wrote:

PUBLIC COMMENT AGENDA ITEM 4 – September 6, 2022

I DO NOT support a gas ban AND MOST CERTAINLY AND FULLY OPPOSE Los Altos adopting extreme and unnecessary anti-gas codes more stringent than those set out by the state. Please listen to citizens who live and pay taxes in Los Altos, instead of going by the wishes of dictatorial and destructive environmental extremists who are vocal and misguided.

Thanks!

Reena



REENA KAPOOR

1927 ANNETTE LN

LOS ALTOS, ca 94024



<EC recommendations.pdf>

From: [Meg Burns](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Cc: [Margaret Burns](#); [Jim Burns](#)
Subject: Gas Ban
Date: Monday, September 5, 2022 11:27:03 AM

I don't support a gas ban and oppose adopting codes more stringent than those set out by the state.

Margaret Burns

From: [Christine Chu](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: Public Comment Agenda Item 4-September 6,2022
Date: Monday, September 5, 2022 11:28:31 AM

I do not support a gas ban.

In addition, I oppose adopting codes more stringent than those set out by the state is sufficient.

Christine Chu
Los Altos Hills
Sent from my iPhone

From: [Aloke Bhandia](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: Public Comment Opposing the Recommendation of Environmental Commission
Date: Monday, September 5, 2022 11:28:52 AM

Hello Los Altos City Council:

I am a long-time resident of City of Los Altos at 2415 Cristo Rey Place, Los Altos since 1992. I am strongly opposed to Los Altos City Council adopting more stringent version of REACH codes than those required by the State of California. I do not want gas appliance banned in the City of Los Altos. I oppose the onerous suggestions of the Environmental Commission and I do not want my elected officials to adopt their recommendations. We already do not have enough availability of electric power and if the recommendation of Environmental Commission is adopted, it will cause additional shortage. Moreover, orders of magnitude more environmental damage is caused by our consumption of animal product than the gas appliances. Please address the primary causes of environmental damage.

Sincerely,

Aloke Bhandia
2415 Cristo Rey Place, Lost Altos, CA 94024

[Aloke Bhandia](#)



From: [Steven Hussey](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT AGENDA ITEM 4 – September 6, 2022
Date: Monday, September 5, 2022 11:32:28 AM

To Whom It May Concern:

I have lived in Los Altos on Benvenue Ave for 20 years. I oppose adopting codes more stringent than those set out by the state is sufficient.

Steve Hussey

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows

From: [Roland Dow](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT AGENDA ITEM 4 – September 6, 2022
Date: Monday, September 5, 2022 11:35:04 AM

To Los Altos City Council,

don't support a gas ban or you
oppose adopting codes more stringent than those set out by the state is sufficient.

- Replacing natural gas in the home with electricity simply diverts the CO2 emission issue to power plants, of which 79% run on fossil fuels nationwide. According to the California Energy Commissions' February 2020 report, [63% of CA's power](#) is NOT from renewables. Natural gas is the fossil fuel that produces the fewest CO2 emissions.

From: [Susan Russell](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: Public Comment Agenda Item #4 - September 6 Council Meeting
Date: Monday, September 5, 2022 11:35:47 AM

We are writing to support the Bay Area Model Reach Code recommended by the Environmental Commission. The proposed changes for newly constructed buildings and those that have more than a 50% modification, along with the EV infrastructure proposed, are reasonable and important in terms of climate change.

We had not planned to write in support of what seemed like such a non- controversial proposal until we received the letter from LAR with so much misinformation that we decided we should voice our opinion. Perhaps by the time of the Council meeting, this group will have corrected its newsletter.

Susan and David Russell
744 Los Altos Ave, Los Altos, CA 94022

From: [Amy AJX2](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT AGENDA ITEM 4 – September 6, 2022
Date: Monday, September 5, 2022 11:41:49 AM

Hi there,

We don't support a gas ban and are opposed to adopting codes more stringent than those set out by the state.

Thank you,
Amy & Alex Johnson
Los Altos residents

From: [Paul Gavarini](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT AGENDA ITEM 4 – September 6, 2022
Date: Monday, September 5, 2022 11:45:11 AM

I strongly oppose the ban on gas as the use of electricity instead of gas will produce more negative effects as important part of it is still made with coal.
I suspect some corruption in the decision to use electricity instead of gas as Science does not support this.

Paul Gavarini
Los Altos
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From: [Mark Goodman](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT AGENDA ITEM 4 – September 6, 2022
Date: Monday, September 5, 2022 11:47:09 AM

I do not support a gas ban. I do oppose adopting codes more stringent than those set out by the state, which is sufficient.

Mark Goodman

Los Altos, ca.

From: [Smart Tools](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: I do not support a ban on natural gas.
Date: Monday, September 5, 2022 11:54:38 AM

I do not support a ban on using natural gas in homes.

Byron Siu



From: [Ann Daugherty \(MASI\)](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT AGENDA ITEM 4 – September 6, 2022
Date: Monday, September 5, 2022 11:54:56 AM

Regarding AGENDA ITEM 4 – for September 6, 2022 We oppose adopting codes more stringent than those set out by the state is sufficient. It would be hardship to replace our relatively recently installed gas oven and range before selling the house, as well as our relatively new on demand hot water heater and furnace. before selling our house. We remodeled only 5 years ago.

Thank you for your measured response to the need to reduce natural gas usage.

Ann Daugherty

11620 Buena Vista Drive
Los Altos Hills, CA 94022



From: [REDACTED]
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: Public Comment Opposing STRICTER VERSION of REACH CODES PROPOSED by Environmental Commission
Date: Monday, September 5, 2022 11:55:27 AM

Hello Los Altos City Council:

I am a long-time resident of City of Los Altos at 2415 Cristo Rey Place, Los Altos since 1992. I am strongly opposed to Los Altos City Council adopting more stringent version of REACH codes than those required by the State of California. I do not want gas appliance banned in the City of Los Altos. I oppose the onerous suggestions of the Environmental Commission and I do not want my elected officials to adopt their recommendations. We already do not have enough availability of electric power and if the recommendation of Environmental Commission is adopted, it will cause additional shortage. Moreover, orders of magnitude more environmental damage is caused by our consumption of animal product than the gas appliances. Please address the primary causes of environmental damage.

Sincerely,

Anita Bhandia
2415 Cristo Rey Place, Lost Altos, CA 94024

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From: [Roland Dow](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT AGENDA ITEM 4 – September 6, 2022
Date: Monday, September 5, 2022 11:55:50 AM

TO: Los Altos City Council:

We DO NOT support a gas ban.
We OPPOSE Los Altos City Council adopting codes MORE stringent than those set out by the State of California.

Roland and Kathleen Dow
[residents and homeowners since 1986]
406 Deodara Drive
Los Altos, CA 94024

Here are some common sense facts:

"Replacing natural gas in the home with electricity simply diverts the CO2 emission issue to power plants of which 79% run on fossil fuels nationwide. According to the California Energy Commissions' February 2020 report, 63% of CA's power is NOT from renewables. Natural gas is the fossil fuel that produces the FEWEST CO2 emissions.":

According to the CA Air Resources Board, residential use accounts for only 8% of greenhouse gas emissions and commercial 6%, compared to industrial 24% and transportation 41%."

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From: [Corrie Reynolds](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Citizens Against Gas Ban in Los Altos
Date: Monday, September 5, 2022 12:04:48 PM

We are two long time Los Altos citizens and firmly opposed the gas ban in Los Altos.

It's impractical and expensive and exerts far too much control over private citizens for very little gain, just to divert to the power grid.

Two big NO votes from us!

Corrie Reynolds and Frank Brucato

From: [Karen Ho](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: Oppose new band on natural gas
Date: Monday, September 5, 2022 12:08:25 PM

We oppose the proposal for new band on natural gas.

Thomas and Karen Ho
1291 Green Oak Ln.
Los Altos, CA 94024

Sent from my iPad

From: [THERALIFE,THERALIFE *](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT AGENDA ITEM 4 – September 6, 2022
Date: Monday, September 5, 2022 12:11:08 PM

City Council

I am writing to voice my opinion opposing this change from gas to electric.

Looks like from the environmental point of view, gas is more efficient and produce less damage to the environment that electric.

Lily Yang
Residence of Los Altos

From: [Frank Martin](#)
To: [Public Comment](#); [Frank Martin](#)
Subject: REVISED PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR THE RECORD
Date: Monday, September 5, 2022 12:12:30 PM
Attachments: [REACH CODES 09-05-2022.docx](#)

I have enclosed my revised public comments for the record. Please replace my earlier document with the attached file.

Thank you.

Frank Martin

ps - I find the CLIMATE ACTION & ADAPTATION PLAN - especially pages 45-55 very alarming. One member has written back to me but the comments made do not agree with this document as far as I understand it.

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: Hi
Date: Monday, September 5, 2022 12:14:40 PM

I do not support the ban of gas in our homes. This is a very expensive fix for residents.
Nancy Franck

Sen from my iPhone

From: [Deb Skelton](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: Reach Codes
Date: Monday, September 5, 2022 12:17:22 PM

Hello!

Thank you for the work you do for our community. I do not support a gas ban at this time, and I oppose adopting codes more stringent than those set by the state. Please keep our City codes consistent with those set by the State of California.

Thank you,
Debbie Skelton
1045 Fremont Ave
Los Altos, Ca 94024

From: [Eloise Moll](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT AGENDA ITEM 4 – September 6, 2022
Date: Monday, September 5, 2022 12:27:42 PM

I don't support a gas ban in Los Altos. I think that adopting codes more stringent than those set out by the state is not a good idea. The Labor Day Weekend PGE calls for cutting back on electric power usage in the afternoons suggests that putting everything on electric may not be the wisest move.

Richard Moll
1 Cypress Court
Los Altos

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To: [Public Comment](#)
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Richard Moll
1 Cypress Court
Los Altos

From: [L.Weingram](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: Public Comment Agenda ITEM 4 - September 6, 2022
Date: Monday, September 5, 2022 12:40:57 PM

Dear Los Altos City Council and/or anyone else making city laws about gas appliances,

*I don't support a gas ban.

*I oppose adopting codes more stringent than those set by state.

* In Los Altos each of us supports government much more through enormous property taxes. As in matching or higher than a teacher's annual salary. Therefore, people paying those taxes expect the good life.

* Food cooked in/on electric appliances is sub-par. This means you will suffer each time you cook or eat.

*This may cause property values to plummet.

* Electric outages are increasing.

*IF YOU ADOPT THIS ITEM TO LINE YOUR/THE CITY's pockets and there is electric outage new residents will not be able to keep warm (no gas heaters!) or cook food (no gas appliances!)

* The Scout Motto:
"BE PREPARED"

I put solar hot water panels on my roof in Los Altos 18 years ago.

I put solar panels on my roof 18 years ago.

I own an electric car.

I am a leader in conservation.

I still keep a gas car for long drives where I cannot make it on a charge and there are not charging stations.

Starting a path to make gas appliances/heater/ovens obsolete will ruin my solar hot water system. It pairs with my gas hot water. Alten Solar retired.

Thank you very much,
Lauren Weingram

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: Public comment agenda item#4
Date: Monday, September 5, 2022 12:43:12 PM

Hello,

RE: agenda item #4, we oppose adopting codes Re: gas usage which are more stringent than those set by the State of California.

Respectfully,

Jolly and Ron Perkocha

900 Santa Rita Ave.

Los Altos, Ca

From: [V. Chandrasekaran](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT AGENDA ITEM 4 – September 6, 2022
Date: Monday, September 5, 2022 12:51:31 PM

I don't support a gas ban and I strongly oppose adopting codes more stringent than those set out by the state is sufficient.

Thank you.

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From: [gus sanchez](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: Public Comment Agenda Item #4 Against new gas prohibitions
Date: Monday, September 5, 2022 1:30:14 PM

Hello,

As a long term resident(40 years) of Los Altos.I am opposed to any additional changes to prohibit or the elimination of existing uses of natural gas uses in our home. Please just use and follow the already passed State laws and regulations.

Thank you,
Gus Sanchez
1062 St. Joseph Avenue

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT AGENDA ITEM 4 – September 6, 2022
Date: Monday, September 5, 2022 1:36:24 PM

I **DO NOT** support this proposal to ban all gas usage for homes in Los Altos. I believe it goes too far. Please reject this extreme proposal.

Thank you.

Long time home owners (since 1986) and resident (since 1960)

Terese and Brian Blockhus

From: [Thomas/Amy Lin](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT AGENDA ITEM 4
Date: Monday, September 5, 2022 1:37:13 PM

We oppose adopting codes more stringent than those set out by the state is sufficient !

From : Thomas T.H. Lin & Amy H.M. Lin 11645 Dawson Dr. Los Altos Hills, CA

From: [Vicky Powers](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: Public Comment, Agenda item 4 Sept 6 Meeting
Date: Monday, September 5, 2022 1:39:10 PM

Respectfully submitted:

How about we save the time and money trying to come up with our own codes/plans and just adopt the Mandatory CA State Building Code that goes into effect January 1, 2023?

Two reasons:

1. Los Altos will not have to spend money on a cost effectiveness study.
2. It will mitigate the complaints of the citizens who are concerned about restrictions on the use of gas in their home.

Vicky Powers
530 Hawthorne Court
Los Altos

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT AGENDA ITEM 4 – September 6, 2022 -Mandate a ban on natural gas
Date: Monday, September 5, 2022 1:49:54 PM

Dear City Council and EC,

I do not support a natural gas usage ban in Los Altos. I have been a resident for over 50 years, and the amount of natural gas my home uses is infinitesimal (water heater and furnace) compared to other sources of GHG. (According to the CA Air Resources Board, total residential use counts for only 8% of greenhouse gas emissions, compared to industrial 24% and transportation 41%.)

Like the electric car controversy (more electric cars = less pollution in the city of use, but more pollution by power plants), replacing natural gas in the home with electricity simply diverts the CO2 emission issue to power plants, of which 79% run on fossil fuels nationwide. According to the California Energy Commissions' February 2020 report, [63% of CA's power](#) is NOT from renewables. Natural gas is the fossil fuel that produces the fewest CO2 emissions.

A ban would place unnecessary financial and logistical hardships on homeowners, landlords and renters (installing upgraded service to homes to handle increased power load in addition to the cost of appliance replacement, plumbing and rewiring), and heavy requirements on an already taxed electrical grid.

City Council is supposed to take residents' opinion into account when making policy decisions.

Please listen to reason and 95% of homeowners surveyed in July, and do not mandate a ban on natural gas.

Matt Siragusa
Homeowner
Warec Way
Los Altos

From: [iris Avidan](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: Public comment agenda item 4
Date: Monday, September 5, 2022 1:50:10 PM

Hello

I'm a Los Altos resident for 27 years now. I completely oppose the proposed Los Altos gas ban. The California state codes are sufficient.

Thanks

Iris Avidan.

329 n. Avalon Dr Los Altos.