



## **PUBLIC CORRESPONDENCE**

The following is public correspondence received by the City Clerk's Office after the posting of the original agenda. Individual contact information has been redacted for privacy. This may *not* be a comprehensive collection of the public correspondence, but staff makes its best effort to include all correspondence received to date.

To send correspondence to the City Council, on matters listed on the agenda please email [PublicComment@losaltosca.gov](mailto:PublicComment@losaltosca.gov)

**From:** [Cheryl Weiden](#)  
**To:** [Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** Please support the 2022 CAAP  
**Date:** Sunday, February 6, 2022 11:56:21 AM

---

Dear Los Altos City Council members:

Please support the 2022 Climate Action and Adaptation Plan.

Recently several of you attended an event reported in the Jan 26 Los Altos Town Crier, [“Climate Change webinar participants urge cities to do more.”](#) Thank you to those who attended. The speakers made several points that are relevant to supporting the CAAP.

- [Paul Edwards, distinguished Stanford Professor](#) and a lead author of the International Panel on Climate Change 2021, outlined that the climate is at a crisis point. There is a slim hope of avoiding worldwide catastrophe if we act in unison immediately.
- Cities have a major role to play. California city actions encourage the state to continue its leadership role.
- We must address the high-impact actions. We must take all actions to address climate change, but most importantly the big ones that account for 97% of the GHG emissions. Transportation and energy must take priority as outlined in the CAAP.

Questions?

- The actions will not be without cost. Why should we spend the money?
  - The cost of inaction for Los Altos is great....higher water and energy bills, dying trees and greenery, decreased quality of life, and health effects.
  - The ROI on a dollar of disaster mitigation is \$6 (National Institute of Building Science).
- This is a global problem. Why should Los Altos act?
  - Los Altos can join other cities in a leadership role and have an impact.
  - Moral integrity. Should we join others in the effort, or should we play Marie Antoinette?

Thank you,

Cheryl Weiden



**From:** [Kumagai, Wayne](#)  
**To:** [Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** PUBLIC COMMENT - AGENDA ITEM #5 - TUESDAY, FEB. 8, 2022  
**Date:** Monday, February 7, 2022 9:22:17 AM

---

Dear City Council,

I am a Los Altos resident. My family and I fully support the City's adoption of the updated CAAP. Moreover, we would strongly encourage the City to go even further and have the CAAP target carbon neutrality by 2030. The sooner that we can eliminate greenhouse gas emissions, the better for our planet, our children, and all future generations. Other cities have targeted neutrality by 2030, we can do the same or better. Every dollar that we spend today on climate action will save countless dollars in the future. Going electric also has a lot of long-term economic benefits, so it's a win-win for everyone.

Respectfully,

Wayne Kumagai

---

**NOTICE:** This e-mail message and any attachments are intended solely for the use of the intended recipient, and may contain information that is confidential, privileged and exempt from disclosure under applicable law. If you are not the intended recipient, you are not permitted to read, disclose, reproduce, distribute, use or take any action in reliance upon this message and any attachments, and we request that you promptly notify the sender and immediately delete this message and any attachments as well as any copies thereof. Delivery of this message to an unintended recipient is not intended to waive any right or privilege. Newmark is neither qualified nor authorized to give legal or tax advice, and any such advice should be obtained from an appropriate, qualified professional advisor of your own choosing.

**From:** [Connie Miller](#)  
**To:** [Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** FW: GreenTown fully supports CAAP  
**Date:** Sunday, February 6, 2022 1:38:21 PM

---

Esteemed Councilmembers:



P.O. Box 539  
Los Altos, CA 94023-0539  
[www.GreenTownLosAltos.org](http://www.GreenTownLosAltos.org)

February 8, 2022

Esteemed Councilmembers:

GreenTown is in full support of the Climate Action and Adaptation Plan (CAAP) as presented in the 2/8/22 packet. The community has had multiple opportunities to review and provide all types of feedback throughout the last year of comprehensive public outreach by the Environmental Commission and EcoShift. We recommend immediate approval of this plan as a necessary roadmap to begin to seriously combat climate change.

Our neighbors in the hills, who contribute greatly to our city's vibrancy, already face great fire risk due to climate change. With no action on our part, it is only a matter of time before Los Altos faces the same vulnerability. Delays in its approval will only shorten the time we have to act and will make the difference between thoughtful proactive planning and crisis-driven reaction as climate change worsens. Debating the contents of this thoughtfully conceived roadmap for several more commission meetings is not needed or a luxury of time we have.

Approving the CAAP now gives us the time we need to implement the priority actions in a way that our city resources and the community can comfortably absorb by building our infrastructure right the first time. We will avoid costly retrofits down the road that could result from getting started even by several months

Let's get started now by approving this CAAP and position ourselves for a safe and viable community for all of our citizens.

The GreenTown Los Altos Board of Directors.  
Representing hundreds of concerned citizens of Los Altos