

**Robert Gray**

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**Subject:** FW: Vote for a strong Reach Code this Tuesday

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**Sent:** Monday, December 2, 2019 3:32 PM

**To:** Council <[Council@losgatosca.gov](mailto:Council@losgatosca.gov)>; Town Manager <[Manager@losgatosca.gov](mailto:Manager@losgatosca.gov)>

**Subject:** Vote for a strong Reach Code this Tuesday

Dear Mayor Jensen, Vice Mayor Spector, and Council Members Leonardis, Rennie, and Sayoc,

As a father of a 5-year-old at Van Meter and a Los Gatos resident, I am happy to see a Reach Code vote on Tuesday's agenda, and I urge you to vote to adopt a strong Reach Code as soon as possible.

I think this is an important action to take to be responsible about our emissions and the future of our children.

Thank you very much,

Mat Fleck

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**Subject:** ADOPT STRONG REACH CODE

**From:** Jenifer Cramer <[jlsbasalt@gmail.com](mailto:jlsbasalt@gmail.com)>

**Sent:** Tuesday, December 3, 2019 9:55 AM

**To:** Council <[Council@losgatosca.gov](mailto:Council@losgatosca.gov)>; Town Manager <[Manager@losgatosca.gov](mailto:Manager@losgatosca.gov)>

**Subject:** ADOPT STRONG REACH CODE

**Dear Mayor Jensen, Vice Mayor Spector, and Council Members Leonardis, Rennie, and Sayoc:**

First, I greatly appreciate the time and energy you give in serving the town of Los Gatos. It is a beautiful place. My three children have each had the incredible opportunity to come before you and lead in the Pledge of Allegiance and I have spoken before to you on safety issues related to walking children to school along Los Gatos Boulevard.

Today, I am writing you about my concerns over our changing climate and the dramatic impacts human decisions and actions are making. Our very ability to breath oxygen is even at risk when we look at the impact of warming on our oceans and one of the tiniest organisms, phytoplankton, the basis of the food web and largest producer of oxygen. As we all have witnessed and as is being cited by thousands of climate scientists around the globe, severe and unprecedented weather is caused by our choice to continue to emit carbon dioxide and methane into our biosphere.

Today, you have a choice. Today, you can make Los Gatos a leader in making a positive change by **adopting a strong Reach Code**. As you know, buildings are a significant source of greenhouse gas emissions and we have the opportunity to significantly reduce these emissions, in part through adopting as strong a Reach Code as possible. As a family, we have invested in 100% solar for our home power and in our vehicle and largely eat a vegetarian diet.

**Being efficient and reducing waste (including emissions) is a smart way to lead a thriving economy.** This strategy will produce a healthy community where children can grow up and their children can again come before you to lead the Pledge of Allegiance for our town in our great country that leads the world toward a beautiful, fossil free future. This is possible, if we make good decisions—now.

Thank you again for your time and your leadership in sustainability and environmental restoration.

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In my lifetime, human population has more than doubled to 7.6 billion; use of food and water has more than tripled; and use of fossil fuels has more than quadrupled. Since 1751, approximately 356 billion metric tonnes of carbon has been

released into the atmosphere from burning fossil fuels. **The world's leading climate scientists have warned we must triple our efforts to avoid near term catastrophic environmental breakdown of our living planet.** The average American produces about 130 pounds of trash a month. In America, 22% of children live below the poverty line. The world is facing the largest humanitarian crisis since WWII with people facing starvation in Yemen, South Sudan, Somalia, and Nigeria. **We are empowered to make positive change to create a more life-sustaining, beautiful and just world. ACTION not fear or despair.**

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**From:** Bryan Mekechuk <bryan.mekechuk@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 03, 2019 10:49 AM  
**To:** Robert Gray  
**Cc:** BSpector; Steven Leonardis; Marico Sayoc; Marcia Jensen; Rob Rennie  
**Subject:** Support Los Gatos Reach Codes

Hi Robert,

I own a townhouse at 55 Roberts Road, which I purchased in 2013.

Since I may not be able to attend the Town Council meeting tonight, please include this email showing my support for the Reach Codes as proposed in the Staff Report.

With the proposed Reach Codes, Los Gatos is helping to reduce our reliance on fossil fuels, both for transportation (through electric car charging) and for residential space and water heating. Both of my children are worried about climate change for their generation and that they will live to see the negative impacts of climate change. Although burning fossil fuels may not be the cause of climate change, they do not want to take chances that could accelerate climate change.

Although I support the proposed Reach Codes, I would also support allowing natural gas outside the home for heating of swimming pools, fire pits, and outdoor grills.

Since many people park their cars outside, especially if they have ADUs, I would support requiring at least one 40 amp receptacle inside the garage with another 40 amp receptacle outside the garage. This would provide occupants with car charging alternatives to make the adoption of electric vehicles easier, especially for subsequent owners of the property.

Again, I support the Reach Codes for Los Gatos.

Best regards,

Bryan

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