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Dear City Council Members,

My name is Annette Isaacson, and I've lived in Midtown for the last 31 years. I am very interested in sustainability. We put solar on our roof 15 years ago, we own only one car, an EV that we charge at home, and we recently replaced our gas water heater with an electric heat pump. I was a Cool Block Leader and coach. This organization helped hundreds of neighbors, including over 20 on my block of Webster St, learn how to lower their carbon footprint. Since then many of our neighbors and friends have installed solar panels and bought EVs and redone their landscaping to save water.

I am asking you to support the S/CAP. Incentivizing heat pump water heaters and electric vehicle charging stations are worthy actions. Given the new recommendation to charge EVs during business hours, we should be incentivizing business to install charging stations so their employees can charge during work hours.

Climate Change is THE issue of our time. If we don't do all we can now, it will be too late for our children and grandchildren.

Sincerely,

Annette Isaacson

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From: [Casey Cameron](#)
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Dear Palo Alto City Council members,

I am in favor of the acceptance, passage, and implementation of the Sustainability and Climate Action Plan and I hope you will not hesitate any longer to get it started.

We cannot wait - we need bold climate action everywhere, and we must do it in Palo Alto!

In particular, I support the Advanced Heat Pump Water Heater Program and want to see that offered equitably to citizens regardless of income level.

I also support the amendments in the 2022 Green Building and Energy Reach Code update.

Thank you,
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Dear Council,

As one of the founders of Palo Alto's use of the term "sustainability" and a long term member of Carbon Free Palo Alto, I am writing to urge you to support the Advanced Water Heater Project and the proposed .amendments to the SCAP. The staff and Council are showing real leadership.

Kay and I now live in the Sequoias in Portola Valley (PV), but lived in Palo Alto for 40 years. I really admire what you're doing, and as a member of PV's Sustainability Committee I hope I can persuade PV to follow your example.

What excites me the most is that you not only set the 80-by-30 goal, but are starting to analyze and implement the concrete steps necessary to achieve it.

Keep it up !

Walt

Sent from my iPad

From: [David Page](#)
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(Dear Palo Alto City Council; I submitted the following to the Weekly for consideration as a guest opinion column)

Dear Palo Alto Weekly Editor,

As I write this, there is death and destruction in [Japan](#), [Alaska](#), and [Puerto Rico](#) due to violent weather made worse by GreenHouse Gas (GHG) pollution.

In 2006 (after Hurricane Katrina) the [Palo Alto Green Ribbon Task Force](#) produced a report recommending that we dramatically decrease the amount of such pollution being generated in Palo Alto. This would encourage other municipalities to follow our lead - in order to reduce the likelihood of more Katrinas in the future.

Perhaps the biggest recommendation was to have buildings switch to electricity - to power various household appliances/items/machines - instead of using "natural" gas.

Next Monday (9/26) night, our City Council will discuss the 2022 S/CAP report. The report states, "the Utilities Engineering team [said]...more transformers are needed [for electrification], particularly in residential areas." "The rise of more [electrical] loads...means modernization of the grid is needed to avoid some of the more complex impacts." (packet page 137)

The report goes on, "The City is *starting* on a grid modernization *study* to evaluate upgrade needs and is expected to complete it in 2022." (italics my own)

In other words, the City will *begin* a study to see how to prepare for a massive (anti-pollution) switch to building electrification 14 years after the recommendation by the Task Force.

I suspect part of the blame for this too little, too late effort should fall on the Council, and City staff, but also on the voters AND our local news media. If Palo Alto voters are not made aware of how to connect the dots between our own GHG pollution ([think cars, beef, airplanes, plus the "natural" gas in our homes](#)) and the lethal, ever-worsening weather, why

would they have an interest in electing representatives who try to resolve the problem?

In addition to starting the study of the Palo Alto grid, the City will begin a pilot project to get residents off of "natural" gas hot water heaters, and on to electric hot water heat pumps. As a part of the project, the City is allotting \$150,000 for "marketing and outreach".

Can't the Palo Alto Weekly and the City Council do a better job of educating residents about the benefits of living with much less pollution?

That would mean more money spent on marketing, and more Weekly articles/editorials about how our greenhouse pollutants are part of a deadly worldwide problem...a problem for which solutions are available - if citizens, and City governments, would take responsibility to change behavior (inconvenient yes, but worthwhile nevertheless).

Without helping the public develop a deeper understanding of the problem and its solutions, I don't see why City leaders will feel pressured to do any better during the next 14 years.

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