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From: Ivette Ricco [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, September 7, 2021 2:33 PM
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Subject: Public Comment

Good afternoon Heather:

Please post this public comment.

Pinole 4 Fair Government is pleased to present a Community Conversation with Pinole Councilor Devin Murphy, on Wednesday September 15.
The topic is something that is on everyone's mind. Our climate and environment.
Councilor Murphy will be discussing "A New Green Deal for Pinole".
Join us by registering at www.pinole4fairgovernment.org

Wednesday September 15 at 7:00 PM.
Live on Facebook.

Sincerely,

Ivette Ricco
Chair, Pinole 4 Fair Government

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From: [Contra Costa County Climate Leaders \(4CL\)](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Public Comments; TONIGHT Item 11A: Action to Address Climate Change
Date: Tuesday, September 7, 2021 11:47:25 AM
Attachments: [REDACTED]

Honorable Mayor and City Councilmembers:

We appreciate the public hearing this evening and all of the work that your city and staff have done to address the climate crisis.

Tonight is a great opportunity to re-engage the public with an update on the City of Pinole Climate Action Planning and next steps.

We have reviewed your recent documents, and note that Pinole currently ranks 12th out of the 20 local governments in Contra Costa County. There is great opportunity to improve that score!

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We ask the city of Pinole to add and address SIX (6) policy items.

Our comments are attached.

Thank you for your consideration, and all that you do to make our communities a better place to live.

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September 9, 2021

Re: City of Pinole Climate Action Planning and Staff Direction

Honorable Mayor and City Councilmembers:

We appreciate the public hearing this evening and all of the work that your city and staff have done to address the climate crisis. The staff report clearly states:

- *State-level programs alone are not projected to be sufficient ... cities and counties, will take their own, additional steps to reduce GHG emissions. Cities primarily use a Climate Action Plan (CAP) or a Climate Change Element of their General Plan to identify local GHG sources and identify specific emission reduction programs. The first step is typically through the preparation of a community wide and municipal GHG inventory to identify the GHG sources.*

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https://www.cccclimateleaders.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/4CL-ReportCard-Combined_FINAL-Jan2021.pdf

We ask the city of Pinole to add and address these SIX (6) policy items:

1. **Pass a Declaration of a Climate Emergency.** Per the staff report the County Board of Supervisors (BOS) has passed a Climate Emergency Resolution (CER), as have the cities of Richmond, El Cerrito, and Martinez. We ask you to please direct staff to draft and bring back a climate emergency resolution (CER) to be approved.
 - In addition to the template in your packet, there are numerous other models [here](#) for your use and consideration.
2. **Track and Measure.** Pinole has been recognized as one of the Contra Costa Climate Leaders to first update their General Plan. The programs outlined in your GP are robust and meaningful. However, as noted in the staff report: *The City does not track the achievement of the Sustainability Element's goals, policies, or actions, and some of the goals, policies, and actions are not yet complete.*
 - We request that every staff report shall begin to include a section (similar to a section on fiscal impacts) that reviews impact on sustainability, resiliency, and equity
 - Per General Plan 11.0-3; Please update the City's GHG inventory by the end of 2021. Require annual reporting on general plan progress be posted on the front page of the city website with a clear dashboard that indicates progress on implementation plans (IP). And clear visuals of how the county is meeting its greenhouse gas reduction goals.
3. **Pass a Climate Action Plan with a GHG inventory.** And share and promote the CAP with the public, along with the other local governments in Contra Costa County. Pinole is one of the few cities without a link to a CAP here: <https://www.cccclimateleaders.org/home/green-cities-map/>



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4. **Increase Solar Installations** Please develop incentives, education, outreach and more.
 - o Pinole ranks #17 out of 20 in this [report from PG&E](#)
5. **Require Electrification in all New Construction.** Please adopt this language, as did both the County and the City of Martinez in their CERs:
 - o BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that The City of Pinole shall develop policies to require all new construction to be fully electric through the adoption of reach building codes.
6. **Establish an Environmental Justice team.** Please adopt this language, as did both the County and the City of Martinez in their CERs:
 - o BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Pinole shall establish an interdepartmental task force of all Department heads, or their senior deputies, that will focus on urgently implementing the City's (General Plan/Climate Action Plan) as currently adopted and as it may be amended by the Board - and identifying additional actions, policies, and programs the City can undertake to reduce and adapt to the impacts of a changing climate. This task force should report to the City's Sustainability Director on a semi-annual basis starting in December 2021. Reports shall be discussion items for the City Council

We implore the City of Pinole to take these bold measurable actions and lay out a future that will reduce greenhouse gas emissions, sequester carbon, and transition to a carbon-free economy.

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