



To: Mayor Norma Martinez-Rubin, Council Member Salimi, Council Member Murphy, Council Member Tave, Council Member Toms

CC: City Manager Andrew Murray, City Clerk Heather Iopu, Misha Kaur

Re: Council Agenda Item #10, 10-23-21

350 Contra Costa, a nonprofit organization committed to advocacy and support for local action addressing the climate crisis, strongly encourages the Pinole City Council to approve a Climate Emergency Resolution for the city. Thank you for your leadership in authorizing development of a Climate Emergency Resolution and we hope that you will pass this resolution at your meeting on October 19, 2021.

As your resolution clearly states, we are now experiencing serious and growing impacts from the warming atmosphere and changes are occurring at a faster rate than scientists had predicted. <https://www.cnn.com/2021/08/09/world/global-climate-change-report-un-ipcc/index.html>

Passing a climate emergency resolution is an important step that local elected leaders can take to acknowledge the urgent need for local action as well as state, national and international action. By passing this resolution, you join over 2,000 other jurisdictions around the world where local leaders have stepped up to acknowledge the need for urgent action. <https://climateemergencydeclaration.org/climate-emergency-declarations-cover-15-million-citizens/>.

A climate resolution is only as good as the resolve to ensure that action comes from it. We commend your commitment to developing a greenhouse gas inventory and a climate action plan.

Here are a few points you might want to consider adding to your resolution:

- Build in quarterly reports to the City Council on progress on accomplishing the greenhouse gas inventory and Climate Action Plan. Specify a completion date. Your city council work is demanding: it is easy for items with no time target to slide as you attend to those with a deadline.
- Consider making your Climate Action Plan a Climate Equity Action Plan in the resolution, so that you embed your intention for equity and for those populations who are at risk of experiencing the greater harms from climate impacts. The Oakland Climate Equity Plan is a model for this. <https://www.oaklandca.gov/projects/2030ecap>

- Consider including a commitment to community engagement for your Climate Action Plan. Local action can benefit from the engagement of the business, nonprofit, and faith communities to help accomplish goals. Residents, once aware, can make changes that will help you achieve your desired reductions in emissions. This is a community-building opportunity.

Thank you again for your leadership in authorizing a Climate Emergency Resolution and we hope that you will pass this resolution at your meeting on October 19, 2021.

With respect,

Marti Roach on behalf of 350 Contra Costa Leadership Team

From: [Charles Davidson](#)
To: [Comment](#)
Subject: Climate Emergency Resolution. Charles Davidson. Hercules resident Comments
Date: Tuesday, October 19, 2021 3:04:06 PM

As a member of the CC County Sustainability Commission I was a contributor towards the crafting of Contra Costa County's Climate Action Plan and also their Climate Emergency Resolution. Although a Hercules citizen, I applaud the Pinole City Council's willingness to consider adopting their own Climate Emergency Resolution and wholeheartedly encourage them to pass it and not delay. Although such documents are in many ways aspirational, passing the resolution will ultimately help facilitate dealing effectively with climate change, such as upgrading to more modern energy infrastructure and provide for lower-cost and lower-greenhouse gas producing utilities and residences. In addition, passing the resolution will encourage paying more attention to protecting the rights to good health for lower-income people and communities of color who are most disproportionately affected by pollution from fossil fuel-related activities and wildfire smoke.

From: [Elizabeth Anthony](#)
To: [Comment](#)
Subject: Climate Emergency Plan
Date: Tuesday, October 19, 2021 8:23:02 AM

I support the Climate Emergency Resolutions that are proposed. This is our most existential crisis that needs our focused efforts to make changes that will benefit our environment which is the key to a healthy community . Thank you for this essential mandate. Elizabeth Anthony

From: [Lisa Jackson](#)
To: [Norma Martinez-Rubin](#); [Vincent Salimi](#); [Devin Murphy](#); [Anthony Tave](#); [Maureen Toms](#)
Cc: [Andrew Murray](#); [Heather Iopu](#); [Misha Kaur](#); [Comment](#)
Subject: Climate Health Emergency Resolution: Agenda Item 10A
Date: Tuesday, October 19, 2021 3:30:55 AM

To the Pinole City Council,

It is encouraging to see you have a Climate Health Emergency on your agenda for the meeting this month. Unfortunately, due to the slow action at the Federal and State level in addressing the climate emergency we are already facing, we need the strong, bold action of local elected officials in our county. We have already seen the effects from climate change in our area with the historic droughts, wildfires and extreme heat days. All of these affect the health and safety of the community.

Please pass this Climate Emergency Resolution immediately, and ensure it has measures which will provide the resources locally to start to address the causes and effects of climate change. We must stop burning fossil fuels and provide mitigation solutions for those who are already impacted.

Thank you in advance.

Lisa Jackson
Mother, Business Owner and Concerned Resident of Contra Costa County.

From: [Shoshana Wechsler](#)
To: [Norma Martinez-Rubin](#); [Vincent Salimi](#); [Devin Murphy](#); [Anthony Tave](#); [Maureen Toms](#)
Cc: [Andrew Murray](#); [Heather Iopu](#); [Misha Kaur](#); [Comment](#)
Subject: Support the Climate Health Emergency Resolution
Date: Tuesday, October 19, 2021 1:44:49 PM

Dear Mayor, Mayor Pro Tem, and City Council Members,

I write to you as a West County resident and District 1 Representative to the Contra Costa County Sustainability Commission, which originated the County's Climate Emergency Resolution. (Please note that I am addressing you as an individual, and not as a spokesperson for that body.) I want to express my very strong support for your passage of the City of Pinole Climate Health Emergency Resolution tonight.

The latest IPCC findings are daunting, to say the least. As you know, the UN Secretary-General has described that last report as no less than a "Code red for humanity." We need strong commitments to stringent community- and climate-protective action, and equally robust follow-through. I am confident that Pinole will join those many municipalities that are taking the lead on effective climate action, and spurring the state and federal government to do the same.

Many thanks in advance for supporting this resolution tonight.

Very sincerely yours,

Shoshana Wechsler

From: [Lilly Pakawongse](#)
To: [Comment](#)
Cc: [Norma Martinez-Rubin](#); [Vincent Salimi](#); [Devin Murphy](#); [Anthony Tave](#); [Maureen Toms](#); [Misha Kaur](#); [Heather Iopu](#); [Andrew Murray](#)
Subject: 10A: Resolution Declaring a Climate Emergency and Directing Staff to Take Certain Actions [Action: Adopt Resolution and Provide Direction per Staff Recommendation (Murray)]
Date: Monday, October 18, 2021 2:49:36 PM

Hello!

I'm Lilly, a long time Pinole resident and a Pediatric Nurse Practitioner. I'm writing to support of declaring a climate emergency to initiate changes for a better future. I think we can all agree that we've seen deep changes in the community related to climate change in the last several years -- fires, hotter summers, increased wind, unpredictability. This is a scary thing! Medically, we've seen kids suffer more from disease like asthma exacerbations from things like fire and overall anxiety.

It is our public duty and service to make changes so that not only WE can live a safe and healthy life but the future of the population. Please please please think about what we can do NOW to make an impact.

Best,
Lilly Pakawongse