



# CITY OF CUPERTINO

## AGENDA

### SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION

Environmental Education Center, 22221 McClellan Road

Thursday, July 18, 2019

4:00 PM

Special Meeting

#### NOTICE AND CALL FOR A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CUPERTINO SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a special meeting of the Sustainability Commission is hereby called for Thursday, July 18, 2019, commencing at 4:00 p.m. in Environmental Education Center, 22221 McClellan Road, McClellan Ranch Preserve, California 95014. Said special meeting shall be for the purpose of conducting business on the subject matters listed below under the heading, "Special Meeting."

#### SPECIAL MEETING

#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

#### ROLL CALL

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1.

[Draft Minutes 6.20.2019 Meeting](#)

#### POSTPONEMENTS

#### ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

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#### WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

#### OLD BUSINESS

2. Subject: Discuss Green New Deal legislative efforts on the federal and state level and consider making a recommendation to the City Council to sign a resolution in support of H.R. 109 (Representative Ocasio-Cortez) and S. Res. 59 (Senator Markey) and AB 1276 (Assemblymember Bonta)  
[Green New Deal Bill H.Res.109](#)  
[Draft Cupertino Green New Deal Resolution](#)  
[City Council 2019 Legislative Platform](#)
3. Subject: Sustainability Speaker Series Planning
4. Subject: Discuss and select agenda topics for upcoming Sustainability Commission meetings
5. Subject: Staff update on Buy Clean California Act policy development and Bay Area low carbon concrete codes initiatives

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

6. Subject: Presentation on greenhouse gas emissions inventory metrics with consultant DNV GL

#### **STAFF AND COMMISSION REPORTS**

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

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CITY OF CUPERTINO SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION

Environmental Education Center 22221 McClellan Road

Thursday June 20, 2019 4:00 p.m.

**MINUTES**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

At 4:05 p.m. Chair Weber called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL**

Commissioners Present: Anna Weber, Gary Latshaw, Angela Chen, Meera Ramanathan (arrived @ 4:11 p.m.).

Absent: Vignesh Swaminathan

Staff: Gilee Corral, Acting Sustainability Manager; Holly Kimura-Carlin, Climate Corps Fellow

Guests: Bruce Karney; Kunal; Gwyn Azar; Cupertino High School (CHS) Environmental Club members: Sanat Singhal, Emily Fan, Lawrence Fan, Alice, Mukta, Calvin Anderson, Shiv Shah

**1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Draft minutes of May 16, 2019 meeting were reviewed. Commissioner Chen moved and Commissioner Latshaw seconded to approve the minutes. The motion carried unanimously with Commissioner Swaminathan absent.

**POSTPONEMENTS** - None.

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

Bruce Karney passed out a handout about a planned event for Commissioners in the area.

Kunal spoke on behalf of a student, Nicole, to support the City adopting a fossil fuel divestment resolution and a resolution to amend the City's climate emergency declaration.

Shiv Shah on behalf of CHS Environmental Club spoke to support the City adopting a Climate Crisis Package and a fossil fuel divestment resolution.

Calvin Anderson on behalf of CHS Environmental Club spoke to support the City adopting a Climate Crisis Package and a fossil fuel divestment resolution.

Emily Fan on behalf of CHS Environmental Club spoke to support the City adopting a Climate Crisis Package, a resolution to amend the City's climate emergency declaration, and a fossil fuel divestment resolution.

Sanat Singhal on behalf of CHS Environmental Club spoke to support the City adopting a fossil fuel divestment resolution and a resolution to amend the City's climate emergency declaration.

**WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS**

**2. SC 6-20-19 Written Communications**

Chair Weber noted the written communications attached to the agenda. Chair Weber reordered the agenda items as follows: Item #3 moved to the end of the meeting.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- 4. Subject: Discuss Green New Deal legislative efforts on the federal and state level and consider making a recommendation to the City Council to sign a resolution in support of H.R. 109 (Representative Ocasio-Cortez) and S. Res. 59 (Senator Markey) and AB 1276 (Assemblymember Bonta)**

Chair Weber opened Public Comment and the following individuals spoke:

Kanal spoke to support the CHS Environmental Club's version of a Green New Deal (GND) resolution.

Sanat Singhal spoke to support the CHS Environmental Club's version of a GND resolution.

Emily Fan spoke to support the CHS Environmental Club's version of a GND resolution and of her desire for the government to invest in sustainable technologies.

Gwyn Azar spoke in support of the GND resolution, noting a petition that was started in support and other cities that have launched their own version of a GND or supported GND efforts.

Calvin Anderson spoke in support of a GND resolution that satisfies the criteria in the CHS Environmental Club's version of the resolution.

Chair Weber closed Public Comment and the Commission discussed the GND resolution issue:

- Commissioner Latshaw asked for clarification from the students on what they were proposing and Emily Fan clarified their request.
- The Commissioners discussed the possibilities, including supporting the federal and state GND efforts while encouraging more aggressive GND efforts.
- Commissioners expressed concerns: having enough time to review the resolutions before recommending support to City Council, risks of taking an aggressive stance and not following through, ensuring this legislative advocacy is in sync with the City Council's legislative priorities.

Discussion to be continued to the July meeting. Each Commissioner will research the related state and federal bills in preparation for the discussion.

- 5. Subject: Staff overview of Climate Action Plan metrics**

Chair Weber opened Public Comment and the following individual spoke:

Bruce Karney spoke in favor of conducting annual greenhouse gas emissions inventories and switching the City's emissions reduction target from an absolute target to a per capita basis, including the resident population plus daytime worker population in the per capita metric. He noted that \$7.5 million was added to the budget for sustainability activities in Mountain View.

Chair Weber closed Public Comment and Commissioners asked Karney clarifying questions.

Staff presented an overview of the Sustainability Division's Climate Action Plan metrics and answered Commissioners's questions related to the presentation.

## **6. Subject: Sustainability Speaker Series planning**

Chair Weber opened Public Comment and the following individual spoke:

Sanat Singhal talked about gearing a speaker event to the youth and advertising more effectively.

Chair Weber closed Public Comment and the Commissioners asked Singhal clarifying questions.

Commissioners discussed Singhal's suggestions and how to better target a speaker event to a younger audience. Commissioner Latshaw suggested inviting climate activist Greta Thunberg to speak and the Commissioners discussed this option. The Commissioners agreed to invite Bea Johnson to speak for the first event in early fall. Discussion to be continued to the July meeting.

## **7. Subject: Discuss and select agenda topics for upcoming Sustainability Commission meetings**

The Commissioners discussed the possibility of moving the August meeting date; staff will contact Commissioner Swaminathan to confirm his attendance for the August meeting. Discussion to be continued to the July meeting.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **3. Subject: Update on Buy Clean and Consider Resolution Language**

Chair Weber moved and Commissioner Ramanathan seconded to move the Buy Clean update to the July 18<sup>th</sup> Commission meeting. The motion carried unanimously with Commissioner Swaminathan absent.

Commissioner Chen left at 6:01 p.m.

## **STAFF AND COMMISSION REPORTS**

**Commission updates:** None.

### **Staff updates:**

- Gilee Corral will be out of town for the August Commission meeting.
- Fall Festival – September 14<sup>th</sup>
- Silicon Valley Clean Energy is launching a heat pump water heater rebate program soon.
- Electric vehicle solar project was not included in the adopted budget and will be discussed separately at a future Council meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT-** 6:05 p.m.

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116TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. RES. 109

Recognizing the duty of the Federal Government to create a Green New Deal.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 7, 2019

Ms. OCASIO-CORTEZ (for herself, Mr. HASTINGS, Ms. TLAIB, Mr. SERRANO, Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York, Mr. VARGAS, Mr. ESPAILLAT, Mr. LYNCH, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Mr. BRENDAN F. BOYLE of Pennsylvania, Mr. CASTRO of Texas, Ms. CLARKE of New York, Ms. JAYAPAL, Mr. KHANNA, Mr. TED LIEU of California, Ms. PRESSLEY, Mr. WELCH, Mr. ENGEL, Mr. NEGUSE, Mr. NADLER, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. POCAN, Mr. TAKANO, Ms. NORTON, Mr. RASKIN, Mr. CONNOLLY, Mr. LOWENTHAL, Ms. MATSUI, Mr. THOMPSON of California, Mr. LEVIN of California, Ms. PINGREE, Mr. QUIGLEY, Mr. HUFFMAN, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois, Mr. HIGGINS of New York, Ms. HAALAND, Ms. MENG, Mr. CARBAJAL, Mr. CICILLINE, Mr. COHEN, Ms. CLARK of Massachusetts, Ms. JUDY CHU of California, Ms. MUCARSEL-POWELL, Mr. MOULTON, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. MEEKS, Mr. SABLON, Ms. LEE of California, Ms. BONAMICI, Mr. SEAN PATRICK MALONEY of New York, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Ms. DELAURO, Mr. LEVIN of Michigan, Ms. MCCOLLUM, Mr. DESAULNIER, Mr. COURTNEY, Mr. LARSON of Connecticut, Ms. ESCOBAR, Mr. SCHIFF, Mr. KEATING, Mr. DEFazio, Ms. ESHOO, Mrs. TRAHAN, Mr. GOMEZ, Mr. KENNEDY, and Ms. WATERS) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Science, Space, and Technology, Education and Labor, Transportation and Infrastructure, Agriculture, Natural Resources, Foreign Affairs, Financial Services, the Judiciary, Ways and Means, and Oversight and Reform, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

# RESOLUTION

Recognizing the duty of the Federal Government to create  
a Green New Deal.

Whereas the October 2018 report entitled “Special Report on  
Global Warming of 1.5 °C” by the Intergovernmental  
Panel on Climate Change and the November 2018  
Fourth National Climate Assessment report found that—

(1) human activity is the dominant cause of ob-  
served climate change over the past century;

(2) a changing climate is causing sea levels to rise  
and an increase in wildfires, severe storms, droughts, and  
other extreme weather events that threaten human life,  
healthy communities, and critical infrastructure;

(3) global warming at or above 2 degrees Celsius be-  
yond preindustrialized levels will cause—

(A) mass migration from the regions most af-  
fected by climate change;

(B) more than \$500,000,000,000 in lost annual  
economic output in the United States by the year  
2100;

(C) wildfires that, by 2050, will annually burn  
at least twice as much forest area in the western  
United States than was typically burned by wildfires  
in the years preceding 2019;

(D) a loss of more than 99 percent of all coral  
reefs on Earth;

(E) more than 350,000,000 more people to be  
exposed globally to deadly heat stress by 2050; and

(F) a risk of damage to \$1,000,000,000,000 of  
public infrastructure and coastal real estate in the  
United States; and



(4) global temperatures must be kept below 1.5 degrees Celsius above preindustrialized levels to avoid the most severe impacts of a changing climate, which will require—

(A) global reductions in greenhouse gas emissions from human sources of 40 to 60 percent from 2010 levels by 2030; and

(B) net-zero global emissions by 2050;

Whereas, because the United States has historically been responsible for a disproportionate amount of greenhouse gas emissions, having emitted 20 percent of global greenhouse gas emissions through 2014, and has a high technological capacity, the United States must take a leading role in reducing emissions through economic transformation;

Whereas the United States is currently experiencing several related crises, with—

(1) life expectancy declining while basic needs, such as clean air, clean water, healthy food, and adequate health care, housing, transportation, and education, are inaccessible to a significant portion of the United States population;

(2) a 4-decade trend of wage stagnation, deindustrialization, and antilabor policies that has led to—

(A) hourly wages overall stagnating since the 1970s despite increased worker productivity;

(B) the third-worst level of socioeconomic mobility in the developed world before the Great Recession;

(C) the erosion of the earning and bargaining power of workers in the United States; and

(D) inadequate resources for public sector workers to confront the challenges of climate change at local, State, and Federal levels; and

(3) the greatest income inequality since the 1920s, with—

(A) the top 1 percent of earners accruing 91 percent of gains in the first few years of economic recovery after the Great Recession;

(B) a large racial wealth divide amounting to a difference of 20 times more wealth between the average white family and the average black family; and

(C) a gender earnings gap that results in women earning approximately 80 percent as much as men, at the median;

Whereas climate change, pollution, and environmental destruction have exacerbated systemic racial, regional, social, environmental, and economic injustices (referred to in this preamble as “systemic injustices”) by disproportionately affecting indigenous peoples, communities of color, migrant communities, deindustrialized communities, depopulated rural communities, the poor, low-income workers, women, the elderly, the unhoused, people with disabilities, and youth (referred to in this preamble as “frontline and vulnerable communities”);

Whereas, climate change constitutes a direct threat to the national security of the United States—

(1) by impacting the economic, environmental, and social stability of countries and communities around the world; and

(2) by acting as a threat multiplier;

Whereas the Federal Government-led mobilizations during World War II and the New Deal created the greatest

middle class that the United States has ever seen, but many members of frontline and vulnerable communities were excluded from many of the economic and societal benefits of those mobilizations; and

Whereas the House of Representatives recognizes that a new national, social, industrial, and economic mobilization on a scale not seen since World War II and the New Deal era is a historic opportunity—

(1) to create millions of good, high-wage jobs in the United States;

(2) to provide unprecedented levels of prosperity and economic security for all people of the United States; and

(3) to counteract systemic injustices: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That it is the sense of the House of Rep-  
2       resentatives that—

3               (1) it is the duty of the Federal Government to  
4       create a Green New Deal—

5                       (A) to achieve net-zero greenhouse gas  
6       emissions through a fair and just transition for  
7       all communities and workers;

8                       (B) to create millions of good, high-wage  
9       jobs and ensure prosperity and economic secu-  
10      rity for all people of the United States;

11                      (C) to invest in the infrastructure and in-  
12      dustry of the United States to sustainably meet  
13      the challenges of the 21st century;

1 (D) to secure for all people of the United  
2 States for generations to come—

- 3 (i) clean air and water;  
4 (ii) climate and community resiliency;  
5 (iii) healthy food;  
6 (iv) access to nature; and  
7 (v) a sustainable environment; and

8 (E) to promote justice and equity by stop-  
9 ping current, preventing future, and repairing  
10 historic oppression of indigenous peoples, com-  
11 munities of color, migrant communities,  
12 deindustrialized communities, depopulated rural  
13 communities, the poor, low-income workers,  
14 women, the elderly, the unhoused, people with  
15 disabilities, and youth (referred to in this reso-  
16 lution as “frontline and vulnerable commu-  
17 nities”);

18 (2) the goals described in subparagraphs (A)  
19 through (E) of paragraph (1) (referred to in this  
20 resolution as the “Green New Deal goals”) should  
21 be accomplished through a 10-year national mobili-  
22 zation (referred to in this resolution as the “Green  
23 New Deal mobilization”) that will require the fol-  
24 lowing goals and projects—

1 (A) building resiliency against climate  
2 change-related disasters, such as extreme  
3 weather, including by leveraging funding and  
4 providing investments for community-defined  
5 projects and strategies;

6 (B) repairing and upgrading the infra-  
7 structure in the United States, including—

8 (i) by eliminating pollution and green-  
9 house gas emissions as much as techno-  
10 logically feasible;

11 (ii) by guaranteeing universal access  
12 to clean water;

13 (iii) by reducing the risks posed by cli-  
14 mate impacts; and

15 (iv) by ensuring that any infrastruc-  
16 ture bill considered by Congress addresses  
17 climate change;

18 (C) meeting 100 percent of the power de-  
19 mand in the United States through clean, re-  
20 newable, and zero-emission energy sources, in-  
21 cluding—

22 (i) by dramatically expanding and up-  
23 grading renewable power sources; and

24 (ii) by deploying new capacity;



1 (D) building or upgrading to energy-effi-  
2 cient, distributed, and “smart” power grids,  
3 and ensuring affordable access to electricity;

4 (E) upgrading all existing buildings in the  
5 United States and building new buildings to  
6 achieve maximum energy efficiency, water effi-  
7 ciency, safety, affordability, comfort, and dura-  
8 bility, including through electrification;

9 (F) spurring massive growth in clean man-  
10 ufacturing in the United States and removing  
11 pollution and greenhouse gas emissions from  
12 manufacturing and industry as much as is tech-  
13 nologically feasible, including by expanding re-  
14 newable energy manufacturing and investing in  
15 existing manufacturing and industry;

16 (G) working collaboratively with farmers  
17 and ranchers in the United States to remove  
18 pollution and greenhouse gas emissions from  
19 the agricultural sector as much as is techno-  
20 logically feasible, including—

21 (i) by supporting family farming;

22 (ii) by investing in sustainable farm-  
23 ing and land use practices that increase  
24 soil health; and

1 (iii) by building a more sustainable  
2 food system that ensures universal access  
3 to healthy food;

4 (H) overhauling transportation systems in  
5 the United States to remove pollution and  
6 greenhouse gas emissions from the transpor-  
7 tation sector as much as is technologically fea-  
8 sible, including through investment in—

9 (i) zero-emission vehicle infrastructure  
10 and manufacturing;

11 (ii) clean, affordable, and accessible  
12 public transit; and

13 (iii) high-speed rail;

14 (I) mitigating and managing the long-term  
15 adverse health, economic, and other effects of  
16 pollution and climate change, including by pro-  
17 viding funding for community-defined projects  
18 and strategies;

19 (J) removing greenhouse gases from the  
20 atmosphere and reducing pollution by restoring  
21 natural ecosystems through proven low-tech so-  
22 lutions that increase soil carbon storage, such  
23 as land preservation and afforestation;

24 (K) restoring and protecting threatened,  
25 endangered, and fragile ecosystems through lo-

1 cally appropriate and science-based projects  
2 that enhance biodiversity and support climate  
3 resiliency;

4 (L) cleaning up existing hazardous waste  
5 and abandoned sites, ensuring economic devel-  
6 opment and sustainability on those sites;

7 (M) identifying other emission and pollu-  
8 tion sources and creating solutions to remove  
9 them; and

10 (N) promoting the international exchange  
11 of technology, expertise, products, funding, and  
12 services, with the aim of making the United  
13 States the international leader on climate ac-  
14 tion, and to help other countries achieve a  
15 Green New Deal;

16 (3) a Green New Deal must be developed  
17 through transparent and inclusive consultation, col-  
18 laboration, and partnership with frontline and vul-  
19 nerable communities, labor unions, worker coopera-  
20 tives, civil society groups, academia, and businesses;  
21 and

22 (4) to achieve the Green New Deal goals and  
23 mobilization, a Green New Deal will require the fol-  
24 lowing goals and projects—



1 (A) providing and leveraging, in a way that  
2 ensures that the public receives appropriate  
3 ownership stakes and returns on investment,  
4 adequate capital (including through community  
5 grants, public banks, and other public financ-  
6 ing), technical expertise, supporting policies,  
7 and other forms of assistance to communities,  
8 organizations, Federal, State, and local govern-  
9 ment agencies, and businesses working on the  
10 Green New Deal mobilization;

11 (B) ensuring that the Federal Government  
12 takes into account the complete environmental  
13 and social costs and impacts of emissions  
14 through—

- 15 (i) existing laws;  
16 (ii) new policies and programs; and  
17 (iii) ensuring that frontline and vul-  
18 nerable communities shall not be adversely  
19 affected;

20 (C) providing resources, training, and  
21 high-quality education, including higher edu-  
22 cation, to all people of the United States, with  
23 a focus on frontline and vulnerable commu-  
24 nities, so that all people of the United States

1 may be full and equal participants in the Green  
2 New Deal mobilization;

3 (D) making public investments in the re-  
4 search and development of new clean and re-  
5 newable energy technologies and industries;

6 (E) directing investments to spur economic  
7 development, deepen and diversify industry and  
8 business in local and regional economies, and  
9 build wealth and community ownership, while  
10 prioritizing high-quality job creation and eco-  
11 nomic, social, and environmental benefits in  
12 frontline and vulnerable communities, and  
13 deindustrialized communities, that may other-  
14 wise struggle with the transition away from  
15 greenhouse gas intensive industries;

16 (F) ensuring the use of democratic and  
17 participatory processes that are inclusive of and  
18 led by frontline and vulnerable communities and  
19 workers to plan, implement, and administer the  
20 Green New Deal mobilization at the local level;

21 (G) ensuring that the Green New Deal mo-  
22 bilization creates high-quality union jobs that  
23 pay prevailing wages, hires local workers, offers  
24 training and advancement opportunities, and

1 guarantees wage and benefit parity for workers  
2 affected by the transition;

3 (H) guaranteeing a job with a family-sus-  
4 taining wage, adequate family and medical  
5 leave, paid vacations, and retirement security to  
6 all people of the United States;

7 (I) strengthening and protecting the right  
8 of all workers to organize, unionize, and collec-  
9 tively bargain free of coercion, intimidation, and  
10 harassment;

11 (J) strengthening and enforcing labor,  
12 workplace health and safety, antidiscrimination,  
13 and wage and hour standards across all employ-  
14 ers, industries, and sectors;

15 (K) enacting and enforcing trade rules,  
16 procurement standards, and border adjustments  
17 with strong labor and environmental protec-  
18 tions—

19 (i) to stop the transfer of jobs and  
20 pollution overseas; and

21 (ii) to grow domestic manufacturing  
22 in the United States;

23 (L) ensuring that public lands, waters, and  
24 oceans are protected and that eminent domain  
25 is not abused;

1 (M) obtaining the free, prior, and informed  
2 consent of indigenous peoples for all decisions  
3 that affect indigenous peoples and their tradi-  
4 tional territories, honoring all treaties and  
5 agreements with indigenous peoples, and pro-  
6 tecting and enforcing the sovereignty and land  
7 rights of indigenous peoples;

8 (N) ensuring a commercial environment  
9 where every businessperson is free from unfair  
10 competition and domination by domestic or  
11 international monopolies; and

12 (O) providing all people of the United  
13 States with—

- 14 (i) high-quality health care;  
15 (ii) affordable, safe, and adequate  
16 housing;  
17 (iii) economic security; and  
18 (iv) clean water, clean air, healthy and  
19 affordable food, and access to nature.

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# Resolution for a Green New Deal

A Resolution by Cupertino City Council calling for the federal government to pass a Green New Deal.

**WHEREAS**, Cupertino City Council wants the children and grandchildren of this community protected from the risks of climate destruction;

**WHEREAS**, on April 22, 2016, world leaders from 175 countries recognized the threat of climate change and the urgent need to combat it by signing the Paris Agreement, agreeing to keep warming “well below 2°C above pre-industrial levels” and to “pursue efforts to limit the temperature increase to 1.5°C,”

**WHEREAS**, President Donald Trump withdrew the U.S. from the Paris Agreement in 2017;

**WHEREAS**, an October 2018 United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) report, criticized by many leading climate scientists as overly conservative, predicts that we have only until 2030 to limit devastating global warming and avoid a climate change catastrophe;

**WHEREAS**, the October 2018 IPCC report also makes clear that every bit of warming matters, so every fraction of a degree less of warming will save lives and pay dividends across the world’s economies;

**WHEREAS**, the world is already experiencing serious, costly, and increasing impacts from climate change, including more intense storms, unprecedented flooding, droughts, and persistent wildfires. The latter two which has already made an impact on our community. Droughts have caused a drier and more barren landscape, as well as threatened our water supply. Wildfires have more recently plagued our area, with record-breaking flames sweeping our forests every year, causing millions in damages and displacing thousands of people;

**WHEREAS**, an inadequate response to climate change will increase economic and environmental disruptions that threaten human life, healthy communities, and critical infrastructure. These include, but are not limited to severe storms, longer and hotter heat waves, worsening flood and drought cycles, growing invasive species and insect problems, accelerated species extinction rates, rising sea levels, increased wildfires, and a dramatic increase in refugees from climate impacted lands;

**WHEREAS**, the most negative impacts of climate change are generally falling on frontline communities that are underrepresented, such as lower-income communities or communities of color, are bearing the initial burden of climate change, but are least equipped to adapt to these impacts;

**WHEREAS**, climate change and the global economy’s overshoot of ecological limits are driving the sixth mass extinction of species, which has caused a 60% decline in global wildlife populations since 1970, could devastate much of life on Earth for the next 10 million years, and

may pose as great a risk to humanity as climate change, according to the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services;

**WHEREAS**, restoring a safe and stable climate requires a whole-of-society “Climate Mobilization” at all levels of government on a scale not seen since World War II to reach zero greenhouse gas emissions across all sectors at emergency speed, to rapidly and safely drawdown or remove all the excess carbon from the atmosphere, to end the 6th mass extinction of species, and to implement measures to protect all people and species from the increasingly severe consequences of climate change;

**WHEREAS**, doing what is now necessary to adequately address the climate crisis requires a national mobilization of a scope and scale that is a historic opportunity to address inequities caused and exacerbated by the fossil fuel economy as well as providing unprecedented levels of prosperity and economic security for all people in the United States;

**WHEREAS**, the United States of America has disproportionately contributed to the climate and extinction emergencies and has repeatedly obstructed global efforts to transition toward a green economy, and thus bears an extraordinary responsibility to rapidly address these existential threats;

**WHEREAS**, Cupertino City Council has declared a Climate Emergency on September 18, 2018 and demonstrated the City’s commitment to eliminating all citywide greenhouse gas emissions as soon as possible;

**WHEREAS**, Senator Ed Markey and Representative Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez released, on February 7, 2019, [a Resolution](#) Recognizing the duty of the Federal Government to create a Green New Deal;

**WHEREAS**, federal Green New Deal legislation would create a detailed mobilization plan to:

- within a decade, achieve net-zero greenhouse gas emissions through a fair and just transition for all communities and workers;
- create millions of good, high-wage jobs and ensure prosperity and economic security for all people of the United States;
- invest in the infrastructure and industry of the United States to sustainably meet the challenges of the 21st century;
- secure for all people of the United States for generations to come:
  - clean air and water;
  - climate and community resiliency;
  - healthy food;
  - access to nature;
  - and a sustainable environment;
- and promote justice and equity by stopping current, preventing future, and repairing historic oppression of indigenous communities, communities of color, migrant communities, deindustrialized communities, depopulated rural communities, the poor, low-income workers, women, the elderly, the unhoused, people with disabilities, and youth;

**WHEREAS**, local governments calling for the federal government to pass a Green New Deal will demonstrate widespread popular support for necessary and just climate action and Cupertino can act as a global leader by both converting to an ecologically, socially, and economically regenerative economy at emergency speed, and by rapidly organizing a regional just transition and climate emergency mobilization effort;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that Cupertino City Council calls on the U.S. Government to, as soon as possible, pass a Green New Deal based on H.R. 109 and S. Res. 59 "Recognizing the duty of the Federal Government to create a Green New Deal," the Resolution released on February 7, 2019 by Senator Ed Markey and Representative Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that Cupertino City Council calls on the California State Government to, as soon as possible, pass a Green New Deal such as the one proposed in AB 1276 introduced by State Assemblymember Rob Bonta;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, Cupertino commits to calling on higher levels of government to provide all necessary financial and regulatory assistance in support of its efforts to end citywide greenhouse gas emissions as quickly as possible and no later than 2030, to draw down greenhouse gases, and to accelerate adaptation and resilience strategies;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, Cupertino commits to educating our residents about the climate emergency and organizing and advocating for a just transition and climate emergency mobilization effort at the local, regional, state, national, and global levels to provide maximum protection for our residents as well as all the people and species of the world, for instance, by publicizing Meatless Mondays and promoting community gardens throughout Cupertino;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, Cupertino underscores the need for full community participation, inclusion, and support, and recognizes that the residents of Cupertino and community organizations, faith, youth, labor, business, academic institutions, homeowners' associations; environmental, economic, racial, gender, family and disability justice; indigenous, immigrant and women's rights organizations; and other such allies who will be integral to and in the leadership of the mobilization effort;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, Cupertino calls on the State of California, the United States Federal Government, and all governments and people worldwide to initiate an immediate social and economic mobilization to reverse global warming and ecological overshoot that restores near pre-industrial global average temperatures and greenhouse gas concentrations, to immediately halt the development of all new fossil fuel infrastructure, to rapidly phase out the use of fossil fuels and the technologies which rely upon them, to end greenhouse gas emissions as quickly as possible, to initiate an effort to safely draw down the excess carbon from the atmosphere, to transition to regenerative agriculture, to end the sixth mass extinction of species, to protect and expand workers' right to organize, and to create and guarantee high-quality, high-paying jobs with comprehensive benefits for all those who will be impacted by this emergency response; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, in furtherance of this resolution, Cupertino shall submit a certified copy of this resolution to Senator Diane Feinstein, Senator Kamala Harris, Congressman Ro Khanna, California State Senator Jim Beall, and California Assemblymember Evan Low, and request that all relevant support and assistance in effectuating this resolution be provided.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was adopted by \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_ with a quorum present.

Signed by: \_\_\_\_\_

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_



## City of Cupertino 2019 Legislative Platform

The 2019 Legislative Platform is comprised of guiding principles that provide a framework for the City of Cupertino's regional, state, and federal legislative priorities. Adopted annually, the City's Legislative Platform serves as a reference guide for legislative positions and objectives that provides direction for the City Council, the Legislative Review Committee, and staff throughout the year. The Legislative Platform is the foundation of a focused advocacy strategy.

### Guiding Principles

#### **I. Fiscal Responsibility**

The City of Cupertino has a fiduciary responsibility to its residents to ensure assets and resources are properly safeguarded and deployed in a fair, prudent, and efficient manner. As such, the City supports the protection of existing federal, state, and local funding sources and the authorities that provide revenues to the City. Likewise, the City has an interest in the solvency of public entities that provide resources to the City. The City opposes any new mandates that are unfunded or inadequately funded, and supports efforts to eliminate, or provide funding for currently unfunded mandates.

#### **II. Local Control**

The City supports local decision-making authority and opposes preemption of local control. Cities are voluntarily created by the residents of a community to provide local self-government and to make decisions at a local level to best meet the needs of the community. Each community has unique needs and characteristics that are best met by policies set by its local governing body. Efforts to remove the ability to set policy at the local level should be opposed, while promoting legislation that allows flexibility in the City's effort to cost-effectively meet local priorities.

#### **III. Sustainability**

The City of Cupertino is a leader in embracing sustainability efforts in response to current and anticipated environmental challenges. The City continuously looks for innovative strategies to reduce its carbon footprint guided by our Climate Action Plan (CAP). As such, the City supports environmentally friendly legislation and urban sustainability consistent with our CAP goals.

#### **IV. Infrastructure and Mobility**

The City seeks to maintain existing infrastructure and enhance sustainable, alternative mobility options for our residents and businesses to thrive. The City can accomplish this by supporting legislation that increases funding for transportation, infrastructure, operations, and maintenance in Cupertino.

#### **V. Healthy and Safe Community**

One of the City's primary goals is to provide a healthy and safe environment for our residents. The City supports legislation that protects and enhances services to the City's most vulnerable populations, such as the economically disadvantaged, elderly, homeless, and disabled. In addition, the City supports federal and state assistance for local law enforcement, disaster

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preparedness, and emergency planning as well as any measures that would help contribute to local public safety and mental well-being such as support for parks and open spaces.

### VI. Education

The City understands that access to quality education is a key factor in maintaining a strong and vibrant community. The City supports state efforts to ensure that California schools have adequate funding to ensure that every child has access to a quality education and all schools have the personnel and materials needed to create an environment where children can succeed.

City of Cupertino - 2019 Federal Legislative Priorities	
<b>LOCAL AUTHORITY</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Oppose preemption of local authority.</li> <li>2. Oppose new program mandates that are unfunded or underfunded.</li> </ol>
<b>TRANSPORTATION &amp; INFRASTRUCTURE</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Support adoption of a long-term federal transportation authorization that provides a stable and reliable funding stream for transportation with focus on maintenance and preservation, and funding for roads, bridges, and transit.</li> <li>2. Support legislation that generates funding to support all modes of transportation, including transit, bicycles, and pedestrians.</li> <li>3. Support legislation that generates funding for storm drain capacity and maintenance projects.</li> </ol>
<b>COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG)</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Support the preservation or increase of funding for the CDBG program.</li> </ol>
<b>ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Support amendments to the EB5 Visa Program to ensure that investments are concentrated in target employment areas, such as Qualified Opportunity Zones, that would most benefit from economic development."</li> </ol>
<b>LAND USE</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Oppose legislation and regulatory efforts that would diminish or eliminate the authority of cities to zone and plan for the development of telecommunications infrastructure, including the siting of cellular communications towers or transmission sites.</li> </ol>
<b>EDUCATION</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Support education funding to support special needs students.</li> </ol>
<b>HEALTH AND PUBLIC SAFETY</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Support legislation to provide services to those experiencing domestic violence, addiction, or mental health issues, including mental health services for youth.</li> </ol>
<b>ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Support legislation that assists regional and local governments in development and implementing energy efficiency, renewable energy, and conservation strategies. Ensure that local governments can continue, and not be preempted in, their</li> </ol>

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	<p>efforts to achieve economic improvements through increased energy efficiency, renewable energy and conservation plans that seek to decrease carbon emissions.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. Advocate for funding for projects for potable water and reuse projects, nonpoint source pollution control, and watershed management. Accelerate authorization for indirect and direct potable reuse projects. Support legislation that generates additional revenue for water infrastructure improvements, provides for the funding of programs mandated for compliance, and addresses drought resilience.</li> </ol>
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### City of Cupertino - 2019 State Legislative Priorities

<b>QUALITY OF LIFE</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The City values its ability and authority to make policies tailored to diverse local needs, enable excellent public services, and protect and enhance the quality of life for Cupertino residents and businesses.</li> <li>2. Support legislation that would provide local funding for libraries, arts and cultural expression in Cupertino.</li> <li>3. Support legislation and initiatives that provide funding for vibrant parks, trails, and visitor amenities.</li> <li>4. Monitoring legislation that affects immigration and the rights and benefits of immigrants.</li> <li>5. Oppose legislation that includes unfunded or underfunded mandates.</li> <li>6. Oppose legislation that may reduce municipal authority, with an emphasis on land use policy, local review, and design standards.</li> </ol>
<b>ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The City embraces efforts to support legislation or obtain funding for economic development initiatives, including planning and implementation of regional transportation and traffic congestion relief projects, the creation of affordable housing, and social services.</li> <li>2. Work with elected representatives to secure funding through the State Budget for priority projects and programs in the City.</li> <li>3. Support legislation that would provide workers with a living wage.</li> <li>4. Oppose legislation that would increase local costs related to public employee retirement.</li> <li>5. Oppose legislation that limits the City's ability to collect Transient Occupancy Taxes.</li> <li>6. Oppose legislation that would burden local rate payers with increased state utility costs and mandates.</li> </ol>

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	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7. Monitor legislation that would provide local governments with additional tax-increment based economic development tools, such as Enhanced Infrastructure Financing Districts or tax increment financing districts.</li> </ol>
<b>ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The City supports legislation and policies that emphasize sustainable development, improve environmental standards and the regulatory process, provide incentives and financial support for preservation of natural resources, and promote sustainable energy policies.</li> <li>2. Support sustainability efforts that are consistent with the City's Climate Action Plan.</li> <li>3. Support legislation that assists local governments in the development and implementation of energy efficiency, renewable energy, and conservation strategies.</li> <li>4. Oppose legislation that would preempt local government efforts to achieve economic improvements through increased energy efficiency, renewable energy, and conservation plans that seek to decrease carbon emissions.</li> <li>5. Support increased funding for green buildings, electric vehicle charging stations, and related infrastructure.</li> <li>6. Support legislation to reduce plastic waste, such as plastic bags and containers.</li> <li>7. Oppose legislation that weakens environmental review policy or CEQA.</li> <li>8. Support legislation that expands, promotes, or incentivizes water conservation practices and programs, including the expanded use of local water resources such as recycled water, graywater, and rainwater harvesting.</li> </ol>
<b>TRANSPORTATION &amp; INFRASTRUCTURE REHABILITATION</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The City supports legislation and policies that support and fund transit solutions that increase the speed and frequency of services.</li> <li>2. Support new statewide funding opportunities for maintenance and repair of local roads and highways.</li> <li>3. Support investments in the maintenance and rehabilitation of aging infrastructure and allow for system capacity expansion to support smart growth principals.</li> <li>4. Support legislation that allows for the planning of on-site parking and other planning tools that can increase safety for pedestrians and bicycles.</li> <li>5. Support legislation that ensures cap and trade funds derived from transportation fuels be used for transportation purposes.</li> <li>6. Support legislation and initiatives to address regional transportation congestion.</li> </ol>

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	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7. Support legislation that generates funding for storm drain capacity and maintenance.</li> <li>8. Oppose legislation that limits or reduces local impact fees that fund local infrastructure.</li> <li>9. Oppose legislation that would impact local authority of cities to zone and plan for the development of telecommunications infrastructure.</li> </ol>
<b>HEALTH &amp; PUBLIC SAFETY</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The City values public health and social services. The City supports legislation and policies to access resources that provide high quality police, fire, emergency management, and emergency medical services.</li> <li>2. Support legislation to provide services to those experiencing domestic violence, addiction, or mental health issues, including mental health services for youth.</li> <li>3. Support legislation to provide funding and services for vulnerable populations.</li> <li>4. Support specific funding opportunities to address natural disaster mitigation and evacuation planning.</li> <li>5. Support legislation that allows for local ordinances related to commercial and recreational drone usage.</li> <li>6. Support legislation to regulate e-cigarettes and their packaging, advertisement, and promotion to youth.</li> <li>7. Support legislation to regulate the potency, packaging, and advertisement of recreational cannabis products.</li> <li>8. Oppose legislation that restricts the ability for the City to adopt ordinances regarding the purchase, distribution, consumption and cultivation of cannabis.</li> </ol>
<b>HOUSING &amp; COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The City acknowledges that California is currently facing dramatic job-housing imbalance, severe income disparity and lack of transit options to affordable areas. The rising cost of housing is one symptom of the deeper economic problem, which can only be solved by addressing the excessive job growth, housing affordability, and lack of transit options together. The City supports legislation that addresses the root causes of these problems.</li> <li>2. Support legislation that gives local municipalities credit and incentives for actions under their direct control, including the approval of housing developments.</li> <li>3. Oppose efforts to erode local control over the appropriate location, scale, and character of residential development or that may reduce public hearing or oversight.</li> <li>4. Support legislation that provides state funding for the construction of affordable housing, including Extremely Low</li> </ol>

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	<p>Income, Very Low Income, Low Income, and Moderate Income housing.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5. Oppose legislation that would impact the ability of a local municipality to regulate ADUs, including legislation that would: allow for ADUs to be sold separately from the primary residence, eliminate minimum/maximum lot sizes for ADUs, and permit ADUs/JADUs without adequate sanitary facilities.</li> <li>6. Support legislation that promotes the actual construction of parks, affordable housing, and other community facilities, instead of allowing in-lieu fees in place of actual facilities.</li> <li>7. Support legislation to address issues that lead to gentrification, the displacement of long-time residents, the lack of housing for full-time students, and homelessness.</li> <li>8. Monitor legislation that would impact the rental market and tenant protections.</li> <li>9. Oppose legislation that provides for by-right up-zoning.</li> <li>10. Support legislation that requires employers to contribute to the funding of affordable housing to keep pace with job growth.</li> <li>11. Support legislation to assert local authority to regulate the use of public right of ways.</li> <li>12. Oppose legislation that erodes the ability of cities to condition and deny projects that inadequately mitigate impacts to the community, including infrastructure, public safety, and schools.</li> </ol>
<b>ELECTIONS</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The City supports legislation that encourages and expands civic engagement and voter participation in elections.</li> <li>2. Oppose legislation that weakens voters' right to petition through the initiative and referendum processes.</li> <li>3. Support legislation that provides resources and support for municipal elections.</li> <li>4. Monitor legislation that affects the California Voting Rights Acts.</li> <li>5. Monitor legislation that lowers the voting requirements for passage of local special purpose agency funding propositions.</li> </ol>
<b>GOVERNMENT TRANSPARENCY</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The City supports government transparency, public access to records, and legislation that facilitates these principles while still allowing for necessary municipal operations and services.</li> <li>2. Oppose legislation that impacts the ability of special districts and joint powers authorities to self-regulate.</li> <li>3. Oppose legislation that expands the Public Records Act without funding to carry out the new requirements.</li> <li>4. Support legislation that increases information provided to the public through the Political Reform Act.</li> </ol>

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	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>5. Support legislation that improves the ability of local governments to utilize digital communication and archiving.</li></ol>
<b>EDUCATION</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. The City understands that access to quality education is a key factor in maintaining a strong and vibrant community. The City supports state efforts to ensure that California schools have adequate funding to ensure that every child has access to a quality education and all schools have the personnel and materials needed to create an environment where children can succeed.</li><li>2. Support legislation that ensures full funding of the State's Proposition 98 guarantee.</li><li>3. Support legislation that would increase funding for schools for programs and salaries.</li><li>4. Support legislation that would amend the Leroy F. Greene School Facilities Act to ensure that facilities funding is sufficient to cover all costs of new facilities, including the acquisition of land.</li><li>5. Support legislation that provides students access to educational resources and technology needed to be prepared for higher education or the modern workforce.</li></ol>