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From: Alan Weiner <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Saturday, June 19, 2021 4:04 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Agenda item 18

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Dear Friends,

It was the courage and foresight of our city council that brought Agoura Hills into the Clean Power Alliance and more recently to the 100% renewable tier.

That same courage and foresight will confirm our city's climate leadership by an **immediate gas-free mandate** for all new construction and major retrofits.

We live here and now in the climate crisis, and we know it's past time to be fossil-free. We don't have time to "recommend" or "suggest" or "incentivize" going gas-free. We need the mandate.

Many thanks,
Alan Weiner, chapter lead

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From: jon walter mocey-hanton <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Saturday, June 19, 2021 6:46 PM
To: Comments
Subject: public comment on agenda item 18 - lets please go gas free!!

dear city council members

i support the immediate gas free mandate for all new construction and major retrofits in the city of agoura hills and i would like to ask you all to vote affirmatively to make this vitally important progressive and forward thinking choice for our city methane "natural gas" is a fossil fuel and a major contributor to the climate crisis. burning gas in our homes is one of the top drivers of premature death and asthma greenhouse gas emissions from burning gas in buildings are second only to those coming from the transportation sector it is cheaper and healthier to build and live in buildings without gas president bidens vice president harris' and governor newsoms goals for economy wide net-zero emissions by 2050 or sooner require an immediate transition to all-electric buildings agoura hills has already chosen one hundred percent renewable electricity lets stay in the climate lead!! and show our neighbors that we are serious about reducing our carbon footprint most new homes built in the united states in recent years do not have gas hookups over forty cities up and down california have already taken this step

be on the right side of history for the sake our cities future the health of its residents and the sustainability and longevity of our planet and all of its inhabitants

please do the right thing
thank you

from
jon walter mocey-hanton
liberty canyon resident

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From: Shannon T <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, June 22, 2021 11:28 AM
To: Comments
Subject: Agenda item 18

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Dear City Council Members,

I grew up in Cornell and moved back here when my father was ill. Then less than a year after he passed, we lost the home he left to us, in the Woolsey fire. Now I am back on the land where I grew up. I am determined that my community will face the challenge to transition completely away from fossil fuels toward a clean, safe future.

My wish is that you are on the same side as me and so many others around the world. Change is not easy but the alternative if we don't change is unthinkable. So please listen to your conscience and to science when it comes time to vote on agenda item 18--and on every item that provides opportunity to shift away from fossil fuels toward a clean, safe, healthy future. Thank you so much.

Sincerely,
Shannon Toma

- I support the immediate gas-free mandate for all new construction and major retrofits.
- Methane ("natural gas") is a fossil fuel and a major contributor to the climate crisis.
- Burning gas in our homes is one of the top drivers of premature death and asthma.
- Greenhouse gas emissions from burning gas in buildings are second only to those coming from the transportation sector.
- it is cheaper and healthier to build and live in buildings without gas.
- President Biden's, Vice President Harris's, and Governor Newsom's goals for economy-wide net-zero emissions by 2050 or sooner require an immediate transition to all-electric buildings.
- Agoura Hills has already chosen 100% renewable electricity. Let's stay in the climate lead.
- Most new homes built in the U.S. in recent years don't have gas hookups.
- Over 40 cities up and down California have already taken this step.

From: David Friedman <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, June 22, 2021 12:53 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Gas Free Construction

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1. The use of gas is harmful to the environment and to our health. It spreads from neighborhood to neighborhood, city to city, state to state, and around the world. When COVID-19 starting spreading we shut down certain types of businesses and created a statewide mandate to ensure the health and well-being of the citizens of California. Knowing that gas emissions cause climate change and other health related illnesses, why wouldn't we act in the same manner and create a mandate to help save lives and the planet? We must start somewhere (which we should have done 50 years ago). Do we want to continue to procrastinate until we haven't a livable planet.
2. The choice of where we go from here is in the hands of commissions like in Agoura Hills. If we don't make these changes today we may as well say our goodbyes while we still can. That may sound like doom and gloom but the fact of the matter is, once again, we should have started this 50 years ago. We are at the point where we can't wait any longer.
3. In regards to lawsuits, let them sue us. This is how it works in the United States. You want your way so you sue the party that is trying to stop you. The thing is that we have morality and a strong social conscience in our favor. We have the faith of the human race in our hands and in the courts. The Gas Company, like so many other companies, only care about the money they put in their pockets. That is their only motivation. Our health and well-being is not their concern That in itself boggles my mind because their health and well-being is at jeopardy just as much as is the rest of us. If they want to survive, which I don't blame them for that desire, they should get into the renewable energy game. After all we are a capitalist society and they have just as much right to compete, but, as with any great society, they can compete without causing harm to others. As one great song writer, Bob Dylan, once said, "The times they are a changing". It is time for change before it is too late. We must start here and now.

David Friedman

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From: Alan Weiner <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, June 22, 2021 5:14 PM
To: Comments
Subject: a few more notes from Alan Weiner

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Dear Friends,

Thanks for the opportunity to weigh in on gas-free new construction. And thanks for your courage.

We should note that opposition to gas-free construction comes essentially from the gas industry. Some examples of their tactics:

- suing cities that go gas-free
- suing the California Energy Commission
- using scare tactics with lawmakers, regulators and utility customers
- using customer money to create and fund a front group, "Californians for Balanced Energy Solutions"
- joining other utilities to form the "Consortium to Combat Electrification"

We are not intimidated. We have science. We have truth. We have public concern. What we *don't* have is more time.

We don't have time to "recommend" or "suggest" or "incentivize" going gas-free — we need a **mandate!**

I looked at the staff report attachment A. It contains a few errors:

Petaluma requires **all buildings** to be all-electric. Approved 5/3/2021

Oakland requires **all newly constructed buildings** to be all-electric. Approved 12/1/2020

San Mateo County requires that no gas or propane plumbing is installed in new buildings, and that electricity be used as the energy source for water and space heating and cooking and clothes drying appliances. Approved 2/11/2020.

San Francisco recently expanded on their building electrification ordinance, now requiring that **all new construction** be all electric starting June 1, 2021.

Attachment A omits the following cities, included here to show that gas-free new construction is an important trend statewide with health, climate, and economic benefits.

These all require all-electric residential and commercial buildings with some exemptions.

Millbrae

Los Altos
East Palo Alto
Burlingame
Campbell
Los Altos Hills
Cupertino – no exemptions
Los Gatos
Healdsburg
Brisbane
Saratoga – no exemptions
Mill Valley
Pacifica
Santa Rosa
Milpitas
Alameda
Palo Alto
Morgan Hill
Mountain View – no exemptions
Marin County
Davis
San Jose – limited temporary exemptions
Menlo Park
Santa Monica
San Mateo
San Luis Obispo
Windsor
Carlsbad

p.s. Agoura Hills is a climate leader.

p.p.s. 100% renewable electricity for our city was a mandate.

Amen.

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Alan Weiner



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From: Fran Pavley <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, June 22, 2021 6:14 PM
To: Comments
Cc: Illece Buckley Weber
Subject: Agenda Item #18, June 23rd City Council Meeting : City's Climate Action and Adaptation Plan

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Dear Mayor and City Council,

RE: Support for Subcommittee Recommendation to Mandate Electrification of all new commercial and residential buildings, with exemptions, as needed.

I have been closely following your work on the City's Climate Action and Adaptation Plan.

On tonight's agenda you are primarily focusing on whether to incentivise or mandate electrification of all new residential and commercial developments. In my opinion, as a former Mayor of Agoura Hills, and the author of many of the State's Climate related policies, I support the recommendation of the May 13, 2021 "Environmental Responsibility Subcommittee". Mandating, not incentivising or encouraging, would be the most meaningful strategy towards accomplishing the goals under your Climate Action and Adaptation Plan. Our City's support for the "100% Renewable Energy" goal as a member of the So Ca Clean Power Authority is consistent with that vision. I am also a supporter of the Subcommittee's thoughtful recommendation that reasonably includes an exemption for replacement homes that have suffered from a natural disaster such as a wildfire or earthquake. Additional exemptions, for commercial buildings such as possible exemptions for restaurants or other uses should be considered on a case by case basis by the City Council, when needed. The City Council should retain the authority to grant exemptions or amendments to the CAAP. In the future, the City may want to incentivise commercial owners and residents to use electric powered appliances, heaters, etc. Creating a market for using clean renewable energy and storage will reduce emissions, and drive down prices, by reducing importing natural gas in pipelines from out of state.

The City Council always has the authority to agendaize this item and amend it as its being implemented in the years ahead. The State of California through the CEC and PUC is moving in this direction with the support of the past and present legislature and Governors. Transitioning to electrification from natural gas, sooner than later, is to be commended and a smart investment.

One of our City's first ordinances was to ban wood shake shingled roofs that almost all of our homes had at that time. We had a big fire in October 1982. The shake roof lobby and developers had convinced the LA County Supervisors to allow all of our homes, before we incorporated, to have the less expensive wood shingled roofs even when living next to natural open space. Our Council voted to ban shake shingled roofs for all new construction in the City limits and existing business and homes had to transition to fire retardant roofs when 25% or more of the roof was being replaced. This was very controversial at the time, but the right thing to do for the long term best interests of our City. The decision became a model for other cities.

You are faced with a similar, but more important decision. I support your Council's Subcommittee's recommendation.

Fran Pavley