

Ana Gonzalez

From: Robin Datel <rddd@dcn.org>
Sent: Tuesday, July 19, 2022 10:20 AM
To: City Clerk
Subject: Please vote "Yes" on the resolution endorsing Climate-Safe California

Dear Woodland Mayor Vega and City Council Members Fernandez, Garcia-Cadena, Lansburgh, and Stallard,

Thank you for your climate-friendly efforts past, present, and future.

I urge you to adopt the proposed resolution endorsing the Climate-Safe California policy platform. In our current political situation, it has proven very difficult for our federal government to provide the climate leadership that America needs. This also has grave implications for international efforts to fight the climate crisis.

This circumstance makes appropriate climate-safe actions by states and localities even more important.

By endorsing Climate-Safe California, you would be encouraging state-level action based on the latest science and designed to address the uneven impacts of climate change and climate change policy on various socioeconomic groups, types of workers, and communities.

The four key parts of the policy platform are

- accelerating fossil fuel phase-out
- scaling up nature-based carbon sequestration
- investing in community resilience
- funding climate action now

Endorsing the resolution means that you generally agree with Climate-Safe's overarching goals and concepts and want to send a signal to Sacramento that you favor a strong well-funded statewide commitment to push back on the existential threat of climate change.

Economic sectors important to Woodland, such as agriculture, food processing, warehousing/distribution, and construction are going to need resources to help them phase out fossil fuels and become more climate friendly. Examples of these resources include state-sponsored research and technical assistance, grant programs, subsidies, and investment in new infrastructure.

Your vote for Climate-Safe California is a vote for resources for a climate-safe Woodland.

We at the UU Church of Davis are committed to helping our Yolo County communities be safe and thriving places as they cope with climate change. We hope you will endorse Climate-Safe California.

Sincerely,

Robin Datel, Facilitator
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Unitarian Universalist Church of Davis [also serving Woodland]

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From: Karen Urbano <woodlandleague2122@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 19, 2022 10:21 AM
To: City Clerk
Cc: Christine Shewmaker; RobinDatel Datel
Subject: Climate Safe CA Campaign

Dear members of the Woodland City Council,

Please find below a letter from the League of Women Voters of Woodland in support of Climate Safe CA. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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Dear Woodland Council Members

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Letter to the Editor on February 20th

Your opinions

Endorse Climate Safe California to help put California on a path to zero emissions

The League of Women Voters of Woodland (LWVW) will be encouraging the Woodland City Council to endorse the Climate Safe California campaign scheduled to be addressed in coming weeks by the City Council.

Climate change and its impacts is an area the LWVW has been concerned with for over 10 years. In June of 2011 the LWVW adopted a [position on climate change](#). Both the [CA LWV](#) and [US LWV](#) have positions on climate change which include acknowledging the urgency of the matter and urging local leagues to act.

In their climate position the LWVW identified a number of areas for action and concern including human health, energy, transportation, urban forests, agriculture and water. They also encourage “local, regional, national and international municipalities to adapt and mitigate the effects of climate change.”

Before the council is a proposal to endorse the [“Climate-Safe California” campaign](#). This resolution calls upon the state of California to enact an array of polices to put the state on track for net negative CO2 emissions by 2030. The campaign also calls for a just transition and ensuring that low income and communities of color are not harmed. It should be noted that endorsing the [platform](#) indicates basic support for the overarching goals and concepts however does not indicate support for any specific legislation.

The impacts and crisis nature of climate change have become ever more clear over the last few years. Last year the IPCC declared due to climate change that we are at “Code Red for humanity.” We could list many of the disaster that have impacted us locally and the planet in recent years including increased wild fires and resultant smoke and climate change driven droughts and floods. The list would be too long if we were to list all the individual disasters, but the evidence is clear, we must act to reduce emissions and quickly.

The Climate Safe CA campaign outlines a good suite of policies the state can enact to address the crisis. In line with our climate change position we ask the Woodland city Council to support the resolution when it comes before the council. Individuals and businesses can endorse the campaign as well and we encourage you to consider that.

We acknowledge the past work the City of Woodland has done on climate change including the Climate Action Plan but also note the urgency of the matter requires attention and further action at this time.

The LWV of Woodland looks forward to engaging with the City Council on other items relating to climate change in the near future. We encourage the citizens of Woodland to broadly engage on climate change and invite you to join the Woodland League in that endeavor.

— Karen Urbano, president League of Women Voters of Woodland

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Ana Gonzalez

From: Beth House <housebower@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 19, 2022 1:24 PM
To: City Clerk
Subject: Agenda Item #8, July 19 meeting; Endorsement of Climate Safe CA

Dear Woodland City Council Members Fernandez, Garcia-Cadena, Lansburgh, Stallard, and Mayor Vega:

I am writing again to ask that the Woodland City County formally endorse the Climate-Safe CA policy platform consistent with the endorsement of the Yolo County Board of Supervisors and other communities.

Endorsing the platform will empower our community by providing a blueprint of science-based actions we can begin to take now as we strive to transition away from fossil fuels. There is a wealth of knowledge, research and information in the platform that I believe is essential to embrace, especially now that funding for climate change at the federal level is in question. The more tools we as a community have as we navigate how to address this massive climate change issue, the better prepared we will be to ensure our local businesses and families are in the best position to survive and thrive in the years ahead. Your voice holds the power to help us all work together.

In the spirit of community,

Beth House
Woodland

Ana Gonzalez

From: Christine Shewmaker <blugoose@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Tuesday, July 19, 2022 1:35 PM
To: City Clerk; Ana Gonzalez
Subject: Comment on item 8 - Woodland City Council agenda 7-19-22

Dear Woodland City Council:

I write in support of item 8, the resolution for Climate Safe CA. This reiterates my support for this resolution that was expressed in an email for the June 21st meeting, then item 5. It is heartening to note that many in attendance at the public sustainability committee on July 9th both backed the Climate Safe CA campaign *per se* and also advocated for other actions the city could take to both mitigate and adapt to climate change.

A few specific thoughts

The urgency of the situation

Over the last 15 or more years at least I have been communicating with the Woodland City Council on climate change. Each time it seems there is some new and worsening symptom of the crisis we will and do now face. This time it seems even worse – there is the horrific heat wave and associated megafires in the UK and Western Europe for one. Drought in the Western US is getting ever more severe as exemplified by the very low level of Lake Mead and the overall crisis on the Colorado River. As one council member said when the item was first discussed on June 21st, “there is no water – and that is scary” – yes it is scary! The most recent IPCC (UN) reports on climate highlight that we have very little time to act and must aim to lower GHG emissions very rapidly. The UN Secretary General, Antonio Guterres, [recently warned that humanity faces “collective suicide”](#) if dramatic actions are not taken. Again I urge you to support the Climate Safe CA resolution and use it as a starting point to explore specific actions the city of Woodland can take.

Cost of EVs

At the June 21st meeting one of the council members expressed concerns about EVs and noted they cost 100K. While some passenger vehicle EVs may cost that much, the majority of passenger vehicle EVs do not. The higher price tag may be true for non-passenger vehicles such as buses, semis, etc. and I am not sure which type of EVs the council member was referring to. For passenger EVs on line one sees that the overall average cost is 50 to 60K. Specifically [the Chevy Bolt site](#) states the MSRP for a 2023 Chevy bolt EV ranges from 26+ to 29+ K. Also the [Tesla site says the base model](#), Tesla 3, is close to 47K. These are just two examples. Also there are a number of rebates, some focused on low income individuals, and CCAs (Community Choice Aggregators) such as VCEA (Valley Clean Energy) are offering or will in the near future offer rebates as well. So that does not mean transitioning to an EV passenger vehicle does not cost, just for the majority it is less than 100K. Also, long term the maintenance cost is less than an ICE passenger vehicle.

Need to be able to make public comment that is heard or read without being there in person.

In my letter on June 21st I noted I was a tich annoyed that my letter could not be read out loud. After watching that meeting I was definitely a bit more than a tich annoyed that my letter and those of others was not read out loud and/or that we could not leave a voice mail. While I realize it may take time to get hybrid Zoom set up, in

the meantime I think the City of Woodland should allow either voice mails or read emails or both. There are lots of reasons beyond the pandemic why folks do not come and the pandemic taught us how to be more inclusive and we should learn from that. The impact of a read or voiced comment is much greater on the discussion than mentioned letters in folders.

Thank you

Christine Shewmaker, Ph.D.

Woodland Resident

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From: David Moreno <David.Moreno@yolocounty.org>
Sent: Tuesday, July 19, 2022 3:26 PM
To: City Clerk; Mayra Vega; Vicky Fernandez; Tania Garcia Cadena; Tom Stallard; Rich Lansburgh
Cc: Ken Hiatt; Dotty Pritchard
Subject: Woodland City Council - Climate-Safe California
Attachments: Woodland City Council - Climate-Safe California.pdf

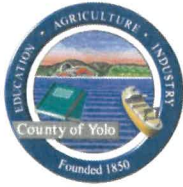
Dear Mayor Vega and Council,

Please see the attached letter of support on the Climate-Safe California campaign.

Best,

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July 19, 2022

The Honorable Mayra Vega
Woodland City Council
300 First Street
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Dear Mayor Vega and council members:

I encourage you to support endorsing the Climate-Safe California Campaign resolution tonight and to call upon the State of California to enact solutions that will make our state more sustainable and safer by reducing emissions that jeopardize our health, natural environment, key industries, including agriculture, and economy.

Given the catastrophic nature of wild fires, an enduring and persistent drought, and a host of other disastrous events and forces that threaten our future on the planet, I encourage you to recognize the urgency implicit in policy initiatives that can, at a minimum, lessen the impact of carbon fuels on our future.

Moreover, through sound scientific analysis and prudent planning we can better offset the impacts of reducing our carbon footprints in ways that safeguard the vulnerability of traditionally under-served populations who may be adversely affected by key public policy and economic changes.

It is incumbent on those of us in policy making positions to anticipate, plan for and remediate these impacts whenever possible. The decisions will be difficult and the challenges formidable, but we must move ahead now to protect and preserve the futures of our children and grandchildren.

As you know, the County of Yolo has already embraced the principles contained in the Climate-Safe California campaign. Our ability to work together and to collaborate and cooperate with one another on restoring our global balance cannot be over-stated. I encourage you to move forward tonight on this vitally important work.

Best,

Supervisor Gary Sandy
County of Yolo
Third District

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From: Juliette Beck <juliettebuxtonbeck@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 19, 2022 4:08 PM
To: City Clerk
Subject: Support for Agenda Item 8: Climate Safe CA Resolution

RE: Item 8 - Support Climate Smart CA Resolution

Dear Woodland City Council,

I am submitting this public comment on behalf of YoloSol, a media collective formed in the summer of 2019 by a group of community members, parents and UC Davis students that organized a free summer camp for Yolo County youth and families during the pandemic. Many families affiliated with YoloSol are active participants in the Youth Climate Strike movement and other local social, economic and environmental justice initiatives.

I recently had the great pleasure of attending the Sustainability Forum and was extremely impressed with the quality of the dialogue and readiness of Woodland community members to lead our county in the work of a rapid, inclusive, just, and equity-driven transition off fossil fuels.

I strongly urge your support and adoption of the Climate Safe California resolution on your agenda today. The leadership provided by your Sustainability Advisory Committee is exemplary and serves as a role model in our community.

In addition to the follow-up recommendations submitted by the committee, I urge you to consider:

- The importance of including youth in all decisions that impact their future.
- Assessing the impact of City Council decisions and projects on future generations i.e. implement "Future Generations Planning"

For example, today's agenda includes the approval of a medium density sub-division at Spring Lake. Have the transportation impacts of this housing development been adequately considered and mitigated? Will public transportation be available to future residents or will this development increase dependency on personal cars and result in increased vehicle miles traveled overall?

- Expanding the definition of just transition to include agricultural workers who are among the most impacted by climate change, including the drought, exposure to toxics and dust, and extreme temperatures. Agricultural workers should also have a seat at the table where climate policies are being discussed. A just transition empowers marginalized communities to be part of policy making to ensure that climate change doesn't worsen existing disparities (i.e. in public health and income) and instead starts to close these gaps.

Please also ensure that the City of Woodland works closely with the Wintun Nations to recognise that the City of Woodland is nested in the Wintun homeland bio-region and the Wintun people are the original experts in sustainability.

Participation in regional efforts for just transitions and climate resilience will ensure that we take a systemic approach to the climate issues. The impacts of extractive industries on the longterm sustainable use of the region's land and water resources also should be considered as part of responsible, future generations planning.

Thank you for considering this input.

Respectfully submitted,
Juliette Beck
Yolo Sol