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Dear CDLAC / CTCAC board,

Please Approve the REACH codes for East Palo Alto, , Los Alto, Redwood City and San Mateo.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the approvals you are considering. This board have moved forward on requests for validation of REACH codes presented to you. Your efforts are instrumental in getting more cities to move with new sustainability standards moving us closer to the goal set forth in B-55-18 of California being carbon neutral by 2045. This is not an easy goal to hit. Enabling cities to move to an all-electric building infrastructure brings us closer to that goal by addressing one of the two major sources of Green House Gases (GHGs), buildings and transportation.

The four cities before you for approval of their REACH codes, (Redwood City, East Palo Alto, San Mateo, and Los Altos represent diversity in populations and household income. The REACH codes can span the diversity. It has been stated that many cities in San Mateo County look to East Palo Alto as an indication if a certain proposal is feasible. Having East Palo Alto be part of this group will be helpful in convincing other cities to move forward on REACH codes.

The youth of our area have been highly active in supporting sustainability improvements like REACH codes. They recognize they will inherit the Earth we leave them. If we are not good stewards, we will hand them a planet that may not be habitable by humans. They may be part of a mass extinction and are concerned they will have no place to live. A telling moment came during the hearing for the REACH codes in Mountain View. Mayor Abe-Koga said she was voting for the REACH codes because of her children. They both expressed concern they would have a planet to live on.

Climate change is affecting us today and will affect future generations. Each REACH code approved is another step to the carbon neutral world we need to create. Thank you for listening