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Sent: Friday, June 10, 2022 11:30 AM
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Subject: FW: Statement for Tuesday 6-14 Agenda - Green Building Rqmnts

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June10, 2022

RE: The Amendment to Green Building Requirements

TO: Mayor Fineman, Council members Steve Burdo, Ford Greene, Eileen Burke, Brian Colbert

I strongly urge the council to adopt the "All Electric Construction in Newly Constructed Residential", amending Title 9 Building Regulations and amending Chapter 9-19 Green Building Requirements and add "Substantial Remodels" to this amendment.

"Replacement on burnouts" need to be added to building requirements too. But I understand this step would require solutions to affordability issues for some property owners. Maybe a tax credit or an exemption to residents that are in a financial situation that rebates and incentives are not enough? Nonetheless, I believe that there should be discussion toward a pathway of actualization. If not, this amendment without replacement of burnouts does little to reduce Greenhouse Gases (GHGs).

I reviewed all the SA building permits (<https://1drv.ms/x/s!Ale-LQJeggA2iHSI7vz-A03I7N0n>) from 1/22 - 6/22. It clearly shows that replacing burnout gas appliances, water heaters, HVAC systems is by far the GHG reduction opportunity.

In 2019, I needed to replace my broken gas water heater. I chose to go with an electric heat pump. At the time, there were only a few plumbers that had an understanding of how to install them. That has changed.

At the beginning of this year I had to replace a broken gas range top. I replaced it with an electric induction. I did have to correct some outdated and dangerous outlets when making the switch. It added to the project cost but it needed to happen with or without making the switch. The induction's temperature control is immediate just like gas. It is easier to clean and the absence of gas fumes has been noticeable. There are models available for every budget and even CHOICES for folks that are not willing to part with their higher end brands like wolfe, viking, etc. I applied and was granted meaningful rebates for both the induction and the water heater.

There are endless reasons WHY we need to move forward with these amendments. The 2022 report by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change sounds yet another alarm bell, CODE RED, urging us to wake up to the fact that the severe consequences we are already experiencing are getting worse at a more rapid pace. <https://www.commondreams.org/news/2022/04/04/campaigners-say-ipcc-report-reveals-bleak-and-brutal-truth-about-climate-emergency>

San Anselmo has based its carbon reduction goals on 40% below 1990 levels by 2030. Unfortunately, this has become an irrelevant date. **World leading scientists are telling us that the current needs are to be NET-NEGATIVE BY 2030.** Since 2017, San Anselmo has failed to achieve its goals. The current pace for reduction has been only 1% per year. Not good enough.

It could not be clearer that we need to use every tool that we have to reduce GHGs. Our future depends on the actions we do or don't take today.

Thank you all for serving and looking out for the safety and resilience of our Town. Please vote in favor of the amendments.

Jinesse Reynolds
Sequoia Park
CC: Sean Youra, Town Manager Dave Donery

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