

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORTS & COMMUNICATIONS II
Office of the City Clerk

City Council of the City of Napa
Regular Meeting

September 15, 2020

FOR THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NAPA:

AFTERNOON SESSION:

3.C. Budget Conscious Climate Actions.

- 1) Email from Norma Guzman received on September 15, 2020. *
- 2) Email from Lori Stelling received on September 15, 2020.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR:

5.I. Saratoga Vineyard Subdivision, a 20 Single-Family Lot Project Located on the North Side of Saratoga Drive between Capitola Drive and Silverado Trail.

- 1) Email from Norma Guzman received on September 15, 2020. *

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From: [Norma Guzman](#)
To: [Clerk](#)
Subject: 3.C Comment
Date: Tuesday, September 15, 2020 3:52:34 PM

[EXTERNAL]

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

The cheapest way to make Napa greener is to do 2 things:

(1) Rezone single family zones to allow more homes by-right, and more neighbors per square feet. Planning staff can draft ordinances to make this possible. Denser, more walkable communities would allow our 80-yr old neighbors and our 8-yr old neighbors to walk to parks, cafes, clinics, and services without getting in a private auto.

How to zone for denser? Make it by-right to build up to 10 units where one single family home currently stands.

Also, detached subdivisions, such as the one later in today's agenda on Capitola (8.1), could house more people and bring more customers to downtown businesses if this land were zoned denser. Rather than 20 homes, this project should have 100 homes if built vertically. I trust that Planning staff are aware that denser, more walkable properties, especially near downtown, is the best use of land.

(2) Second, please make bicycle lanes more attractive by allowing volunteers and donors to do "quick build" improvements. For example, it is cheap and fast to glue toilet plungers (yes plungers) to buffer kids on bikes from cars. This also makes sidewalks feel safer, more protected.

Thank you and please make these simple, budget friendly changes to make Napa greener and safer.

Norma

From: [Mary Lueros](#)
To: [Clerk](#)
Subject: Fwd: Budget Conscious Climate Actions + Racism Resolution
Date: Tuesday, September 15, 2020 4:57:13 PM

Sent from my iPad

Begin forwarded message:

From: Lori Stelling [REDACTED]
Date: September 15, 2020 at 4:55:29 PM PDT
To: Liz Alessio <lalessio@cityofnapa.org>, Doris Gentry <dgentry@cityofnapa.org>, Scott Sedgley <SSedgley@cityofnapa.org>, Jill Techel <jtechel@cityofnapa.org>, Mary Lueros <MLueros@cityofnapa.org>
Subject: Budget Conscious Climate Actions + Racism Resolution

[EXTERNAL]

Dear Napa City Council Members,

I very much enjoyed watching Napa Climate NOW!'s presentation on Budget Conscious Climate Actions from home today, between work meetings. As a parent who cares deeply about the future of my 13 year old son and all youth, as someone with a health conditioned that is worsened by the pollution impacts of climate change, and as someone who has had a life-long love of the great outdoors, I cannot urge you more strongly to move forward on climate action now. As a local meditation teacher, I bear witness to the impact of climate crisis on our community every day. I encourage you to spend staff time on this critical issue, partnering with local organizations who are ready and willing to help, for the health and well-being of our community and the wider world.

I also encourage you to support the Racial Discrimination Resolution, sending a strong message to our community that we are committed to ending systemic racism, step by step. I am off to another meeting, so I'm unsure at what point on the agenda this item arose.

Thank you for your time and your dedication to your community.

Sincerely,
Lori Stelling
Napa Climate NOW! Working Group Liaison
20+ year Napa Resident

From: [Norma Guzman](#)
To: [Clerk](#)
Subject: Re: 8.1 public comment
Date: Tuesday, September 15, 2020 4:09:21 PM

[EXTERNAL]

Sorry this is item 5.I.

Thank you!

On Tue, Sep 15, 2020 at 4:01 PM Norma Guzman [REDACTED] > wrote:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this comment.

I am disappointed to see low-density, detached homes near downtown.

I live close to this site and have seen deer and bats far from their natural habitats. It saddens me to see Napa grow horizontally, taking away natural habitats and increasing the risk of fire.

I understand that this site is surrounded by homes already, but this project would best serve the community if this provided 5 times as many homes.

A better use of this land would be to build one or two 5-story, mixed-use buildings with a corner store, bakery, or cafe. A casual cafe could be the social center for this community. It could be the place where senior neighbors come to see their friends, and take a break from their isolation. A corner store could allow for neighbors to walk to buy a loaf of bread, a sandwich, so that they do not have to get into a car or order delivery.

Earlier in today's meeting, we heard a presentation on how to make Napa greener on a budget. Upzoning and allowing more neighbors, and allowing more neighbors to access every day goods on foot and on bike, is the best way to accomplish this.

Thank you,

Norma