



CITY OF NAPA

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MEETING MINUTES - Draft

CITY COUNCIL

Mayor Scott Sedgley
Vice Mayor Mary Luross
Councilmember Liz Alessio
Councilmember Bernie Narvaez
Councilmember Beth Painter

Tuesday, January 4, 2022

3:30 PM

City Hall Council Chambers

3:30 PM Afternoon Session
6:30 PM Evening Session

3:30 P.M. AFTERNOON SESSION

1. CALL TO ORDER: 3:30 P.M.

Present: 5 - Councilmember Alessio, Councilmember Narvaez, Councilmember Painter, Vice Mayor Luross, and Mayor Sedgley

1.A. Roll Call:

2. AGENDA REVIEW AND SUPPLEMENTAL REPORTS:

City Clerk Carranza announced the following supplemental items:

Item 3.A.:

- PowerPoint Presentation from Students Emily Bit and Alisa Karesh of Napa S4CA.
- Emails from John Pearson, Susan Crosby and Jim Wilson on behalf of Napa Climate Now!.

(Copies of all supplemental documents are included in Attachment 1)

3. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:

3.A. [462-2021](#) Napa Schools for Climate Action (Napa S4CA) Presentation

(See supplemental documents in Attachment 1)

Students Emily Bit and Alisa Karesh of Napa Schools for Climate Action provided the informational report.

Councilmembers provided individual comments.

Mayor Sedgley called for public comment.

Celeste Mirassou - urged Council to stand with S4CA and declare a Climate Emergency.

Jim Wilson - urged Council to adopt a Climate Emergency Resolution.

Linda Brown - supported S4CA's request for Council to adopt a Climate Emergency Resolution.

Chris Benz - supported the request for a Climate Emergency Resolution and spoke regarding Climate Action Now!'s Climate Champion Awards.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR:

Approval of the Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Luros, seconded by Councilmember Narvaez, to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Alessio, Narvaez, Painter, Luros, and Sedgley

- 5.A.** [487-2021](#) City Council Meeting Minutes
- Approved the December 7, 2021 and December 21, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes and the December 14, 2021 Special Meeting Minutes.
- 5.B.** [486-2021](#) Ordinance Mandating Reduction of Disposal of Solid Waste, Recyclable Material, and Compostables
- Approved the second reading and final passage, and adopted Ordinance O2022-001 amending Napa Municipal Code Chapter 5.60 and amending Title 5 to add Chapter 5.61 "Mandatory Municipal Solid Waste, Recyclable Material, and Compostables Disposal Reduction" to comply with the requirements of SB 1383; and determining that the actions authorized by this ordinance are exempt from CEQA.
- Enactment No: O2022-001
- 5.C.** [491-2021](#) Fiscal Year 2020-21 Annual Tax Report for City of Napa Community Facilities District No. 2017-1 (Gasser Soscol Gateway)
- Received the City of Napa Community Facilities District No. 2017-1 (Gasser Soscol Gateway) Annual Tax Report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021.
- 5.D.** [473-2021](#) Emergency Replacement of Oak Street Storm Drain
- Determined there was a need to continue the emergency action to execute and implement construction contracts for the replacement of the Oak Street Storm Drain from Franklin Street to Brown Street, and determine that the actions authorized by this item are exempt from CEQA.

5.E. [454-2021](#) On-Call Private Development Review and Engineering Plan Check Consulting Services

Authorized the Public Works Director to execute on behalf of the City agreements with three engineering consulting firms: (1) Willdan Engineering; (2) Coastland Civil Engineering, Inc.; and (3) CSW/Stuber-Stroeh Engineering Group, Inc., for on-call private development review and engineering plan check consulting services, each in an amount not to exceed \$300,000.

5.F. [475-2021](#) On-Call Construction Inspection/Management Services

Authorized the Public Works Director to execute on behalf of the City amendments with two construction management consulting firms: (1) TRC Engineers, Inc., formerly known as Vali Cooper & Associates, Inc. (Agreement No. C2017 295), and (2) Harris & Associates, Inc. (Agreement No. C2017 299) for on-call Construction Inspection/Management Services in the increased amount of \$500,000 for each amendment for a total contract amount not to exceed \$1,500,000 for each agreement through December 31, 2023.

5.G. [476-2021](#) On-Call Geotechnical Services

Authorized the Public Works Director to execute on behalf of the City amendments with two geotechnical consulting firms: (1) Miller Pacific Engineering Group (Agreement No. C2017 389) and (2) Geocon Consultants, Inc. (Agreement No. C2017 390) for on-call Geotechnical Services in the increased amount of \$200,000 for each amendment for a total contract amount not to exceed \$500,000 for each agreement through December 31, 2023.

6. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

6.A. [444-2021](#) Proclamation of Local Emergency to Respond to the Coronavirus (COVID-19)

City Manager Potter provided the report.

Brief Council comments and questions ensued. City Manager Potter responded to questions regarding potential changes to Council meeting procedures to allow for virtual participation or limitation of capacity in Council Chambers.

A motion was made by Councilmember Painter, seconded by Councilmember Alessio to continue the Proclamation of Local Emergency authorizing the City Manager to take actions necessary to respond to the Coronavirus (COVID-19); and ratify actions taken by the City Manager in implementation of the Proclamation of Local Emergency. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Alessio, Narvaez, Painter, Luros, and Sedgley

7. COMMENTS BY COUNCIL OR CITY MANAGER: None.

8. CLOSED SESSION:

City Attorney Barrett announced the Closed Session item.

- 8.A. [1-2022](#) CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL—EXISTING LITIGATION
(Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)): Napa Superior Court Case No.
19CV001042.

CITY COUNCIL RECESS: 4:15 P.M.

6:30 P.M. EVENING SESSION

9. CALL TO ORDER: 6:30 P.M.

9.A. Roll Call:

Present: 5 - Councilmember Alessio, Councilmember Narvaez, Councilmember Painter, Vice Mayor Luros, and Mayor Sedgley

10. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

11. AGENDA REVIEW AND SUPPLEMENTAL REPORTS:

City Clerk Carranza announced the following supplemental items:

Item 14.A.: Submitted emails from Deborah Macdonald, Kristina Young, DJ and Diane Smith, Bob Massaro, Reed Onate, Oscar De Haro, Lizbeth Amezcua Perez, Jose Hernandez, Jorge Gonzales, Alexandra Pearson, John Pearson, Teresa Foster, Conchita Marusich, Christina Benz, Hugo Nevarez, and G. Anthony Phillips.

(Copies of all supplemental documents are included in Attachment 2)

12. PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

13. COMMISSION INTERVIEWS AND APPOINTMENTS:

- 13.A. [472-2021](#) Planning Commission Membership

(See supplemental documents in Attachment 2)

Mayor Sedgley opened the item and welcomed all applicants.

City Clerk Carranza announced that applicant Robert Onate withdrew his application. She also announced that applicants Heather McCollister and Michael Rupprecht advised the Clerk's office that day that they were no longer able to attend the interviews; however, they still wished to still have their applications considered.

City Clerk Carranza also reviewed the proposed interview process and shared that applicants Paul W. Kelley, Kara Brunzell, and Beverly Shotwell would be participating via video conference, and applicant Ricardo A.

Hurtado was participating in person.

Interviews began with each applicant providing a brief, three minute, introduction and statement, in the following order:

1. Paul W. Kelley
2. Kara Brunzell
3. Ricardo A. Hurtado
4. Beverly Shotwell

Council questions of individual applicants followed.

Each Councilmember voted, by paper ballot, to identify the three preferred candidates to be appointed to the Commission.

City Clerk Carranza announced that the greatest number of votes were received by Paul W. Kelley and Beverly Shotwell with 5 votes each, and Ricardo A. Hurtado with 4 votes. She also announced the vote of each Councilmember for the candidates was as follows:

Mayor Sedgley: Kelley, Hurtado, Shotwell

Vice Mayor Luros: Kelley, Brunzell, Shotwell

Councilmember Alessio: Kelley, Hurtado, Shotwell

Councilmember Narvaez: Kelley, Hurtado, Shotwell

Councilmember Painter: Kelley, Hurtado, Shotwell

A motion was made by Councilmember Narvaez, seconded by Vice Mayor Luros, to reappoint Paul W. Kelley and Ricardo A. Hurtado, and to appoint Beverly Shotwell to the Planning Commission for terms effective immediately and ending on December 21, 2023, with Paul W. Kelley designated as a Design Professional. The motion carried by the following vote:

14. REPORT ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION:

City Attorney Barrett announced there was no reportable action taken in Closed Session.

15. COMMENTS BY COUNCIL OR CITY MANAGER:

Councilmember Narvaez acknowledged that local radio station KVON changed to an all Spanish station and that KVYN changed to an all English station.

16. ADJOURNMENT: 7:43 P.M.

Submitted by:

Tiffany Carranza, City Clerk

ATTACHMENT 1

**SUPPLEMENTAL REPORTS & COMMUNICATIONS
Office of the City Clerk**

**City Council of the City of Napa
Regular Meeting**

January 4, 2022

FOR THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NAPA:

AFTERNOON SESSION:

3. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

3.A. Napa Schools for Climate Action (Napa S4CA) Presentation

- PowerPoint Presentation from Students Emily Bit and Alisa Karesh of Napa S4CA.
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- 2) Email from Susan Crosby received on January 4, 2022.
- 3) Email from Jim Wilson on behalf of Napa Climate Now! received on January 4, 2022.



Napa Schools for Climate Action

Emily Bit and Alisa Karesh

Who are we?



Emily Bit

Senior – American
Canyon High School



Alisa Karesh

Senior – Napa High
School





Introduction

What is Napa Schools for Climate Action?

- Composed of students, teachers, local leaders, and concerned citizens
- Working towards a goal of reducing Napa County's emissions to net zero by or before 2030



ATTACHMENT 1



Our Mission

*“No school should be
a silent witness to
the climate crisis.”*

ATTACHMENT 1

No more gas stations in American Canyon

Pierre R. Washington Jun 23, 2021 Updated Jun 25, 2021

Business Journal

Napa Valley city considering ban

Johnsburg, Calumna, the city of American Canyon is considering its own restriction on new gas stations. On Feb. 2, the city council conducted a workshop to discuss whether to impose a moratorium on new fuel stations.

American Canyon High School, junior in favor of the fuel station moratorium. Action.

“As a citizen, I always want what’s best for the town and the citizens who reside in it,” she told the City Council during the Zoom meeting. “Inviting toxic fumes and waste is not what’s best, by any means.”

Business

American Canyon temporarily puts brakes on new gas stations

Barry Eberling Mar 9, 2021 Updated Jun 30, 2021

Executive order directs state to require that, by 2035, all new cars and passenger trucks sold in California be zero-emission vehicles

High school students involved with the group Napa Schools for Climate Action have been vocal.

“Cleaner energy is the key to the sustainable future we hope to have,” Napa High School junior Alisa Karesh said.

emphasis on gas-powered zero greenhouse gas gases are produced than are

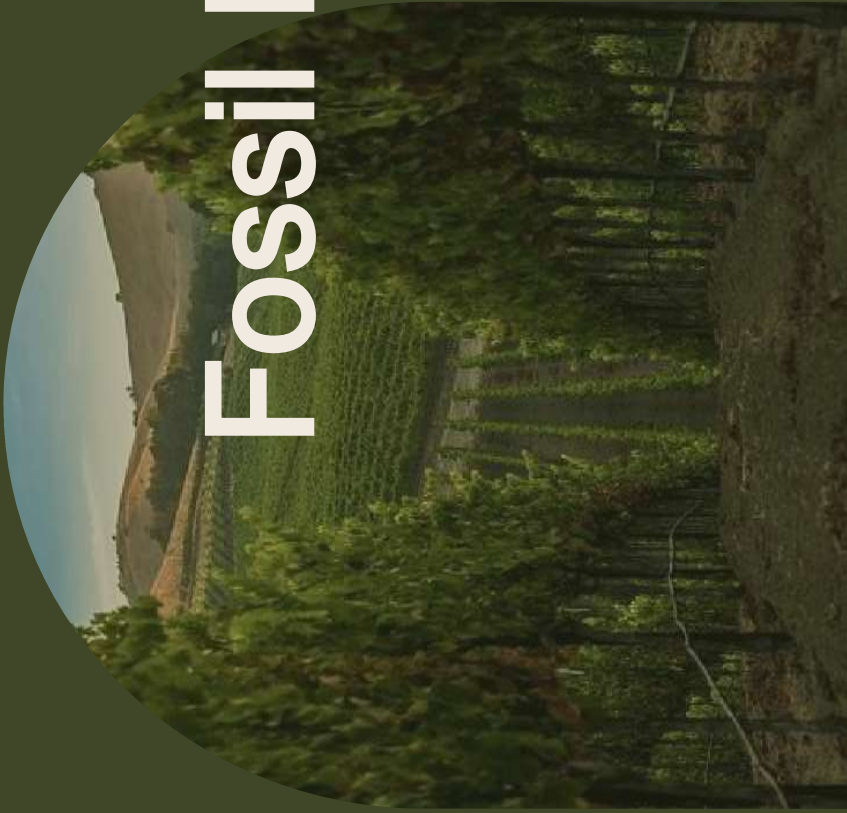
Fossil Free Future

“By the time we’ll be college graduates and by the time we’ll be old enough to fill your positions, it will be too late,” Karesh told council members.

American Canyon

American Canyon considers temporary moratorium on new gas stations

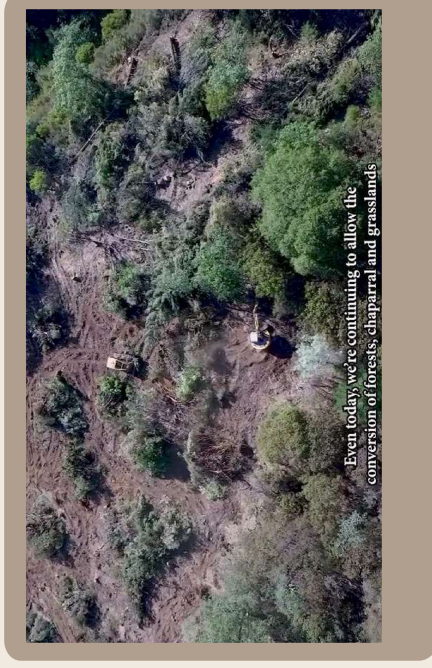
Barry Eberling Feb 6, 2021 Updated Jun 23, 2021



Fossil Free Future

1. Reduce Napa County's reliance on the fossil fuel industry
 - a. Corporate/societal issue *not* a consumer one
2. Stop wrongdoing *before* we can progress
3. No new gas stations – restrictions on fossil fuel related development

S4CA Assisted Production



Are we losing faster than we are
gaining?



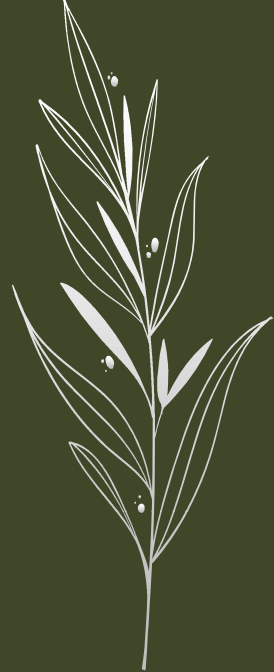
The Resolution

Therefore, be it resolved: that the Napa City Council adopts a resolution ordering a temporary moratorium on approving any forest and woodland removal until such time as the county strengthens the water quality & tree protection ordinance.



Our Asks

Not solutions, but
next steps towards a
brighter future.



**Be conscious of our climate and our
youth (who will inherit this climate +
Earth) when making decisions.**



**Adopt a Resolution declaring a
Climate Emergency in Napa,
pledging to decrease emissions to
Net Zero by or before the year
2030.**



**Pledge your support to/adopt the
Resolution on Protecting Napa's
Forests and Woodlands to Combat
Climate Change.**

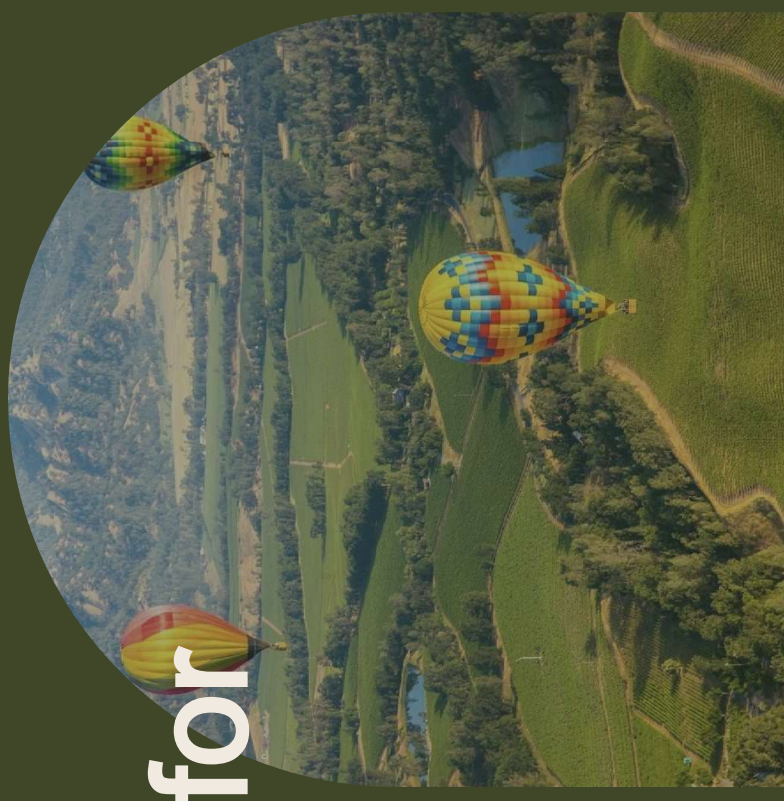


**Implement a ban on new Gas
Station permits/development in
Napa.**





ATTACHMENT 1



Thank you for
your time!

emily.bit04@nvusd.org
alisa.karesh04@nvusd.org



@napas4ca

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From: [Mary Lueros](#)
To: [Clerk](#)
Subject: Fwd: Please Support Schools 4 Climate Action Requests
Date: Tuesday, January 04, 2022 7:23:23 AM

Mary Lueros

Begin forwarded message:

From: Lori Stelling <[REDACTED]>
Date: January 3, 2022 at 11:54:11 PM PST
To: Scott Sedgley <SSedgley@cityofnapa.org>, Liz Alessio <lalessio@cityofnapa.org>, Mary Lueros <mlueros@cityofnapa.org>, Beth Painter <bpainter@cityofnapa.org>, Bernie Narvaez <bnarvaez@cityofnapa.org>
Subject: Please Support Schools 4 Climate Action Requests

[EXTERNAL]

Dear Napa City Council Members,

As I'm not currently attending public meetings in-person due to COVID, I just wanted to take a quick moment tonight to encourage you to support and take action on the requests that the students from Schools 4 Climate Action will present to you tomorrow. The time is now to quicken policy implementation on declaring a climate emergency and taking immediate and steady action to stabilize warming and give our children the chance at a livable future.

As I've shared in previous public meetings, I view the S4CA presentation, and similar presentations and demonstrations taking place in cities and towns across the world, as a "last ditch effort" by our youth to save their future. They understand what is at stake, that our time is up, and we must take smart, swift action now.

I urge you to meet this moment and make real climate policy change your legacy as public leaders. From my view, addressing our climate emergency is deeply intertwined with addressing issues of racial and social inequality. The most vulnerable on Earth are already experiencing the greatest climate impacts.

Please give our youth a glimpse of hope by taking real climate policy action in 2022.

Thank you for all you do to support our children and protect your community.

Lori Stelling
20+ year Napa Resident

From: [Beth Painter](#)
To: [Clerk](#)
Subject: Fwd: in support of the January 4th student presentation
Date: Tuesday, January 04, 2022 10:02:53 AM

Begin forwarded message:

From: susan crosby <[REDACTED]>
Subject: in support of the January 4th student presentation
Date: January 4, 2022 at 9:48:43 AM PST
To: lalessio@cityofnapa.org, ssedgeley@cityofnapa.org,
bpainter@cityofnapa.org, mluros@cityofnapa.org,
bnarvaez@cityofnapa.org

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[EXTERNAL]

Dear City Council members,

Today, Napa's student group for climate action will appear before you. They will ask you to support their work to slow and eventually end climate change. The destruction of lives — and the environment that supports life, itself — is playing out in California and around the world. The case cannot be overstated. We need to do everything we can NOW to pivot to ways of living that will create stability and sustainability. That first and last means **locally**, the only area in which we have much say.

I'm a grown-up who's lived most of her life already, and lived it in a world that was not under an existential threat. I can only imagine how the young must feel as they watch the unraveling of natural systems and weather events. They know they will have to live in that new and tragic world. Please listen to these students with your hearts and your minds. Let them leave today's meeting knowing they have been heard. Their request for declaring a Climate Emergency Resolution is 100% in line with reality. There's no question that we will have to build new ways of living in the world. The sooner we acknowledge that fact, the more resilient, and the less traumatic, our future lives will be. And the more we can save.

PS

With the new spike in Covid infections, please provide Zoom access to your meetings again. In fact, you should consider meeting from home, too. We like the Council members we have!

Thank you for your consideration,
 Susan Crosby

From: [Jim Wilson](#)
To: [Scott Sedgley](#); [Mary Luros](#); [Liz Alessio](#); [Beth Painter](#); [Bernie Narvaez](#)
Cc: [Steve Potter](#); [Tiffany Carranza](#); [Alisa Karesh](#); [Emily Bit](#); [Lynne Baker](#); [Marilyn Knight-Mendelson](#); [Linda Brown](#); [Chris Benz](#); [Jim Wilson](#)
Subject: Napa Climate NOW! support of Schools for Climate Action asks
Date: Tuesday, January 04, 2022 1:08:35 PM
Attachments: [NCN Letter to Napa CC for S4CA.docx](#)

[EXTERNAL]

January 4, 2022

Dear Mayor Sedgley and City Councilmembers Alessio, Luros, Painter and Narvaez,

We are writing to you on behalf of Napa Climate NOW!, an organization of concerned citizens in Napa County, to urge you to adopt a Climate Emergency Resolution.

Such a resolution will put the city of Napa in good company with more than 2,000 cities and counties in the Bay Area, California, and around the world who now recognize that the pace of climate change is accelerating, posing a major threat to our homes, lives, and livelihoods. For instance, the City of Calistoga’s Climate Emergency Resolution, passed in August, calls for "immediate climate emergency action at all levels of government" and commits to joining "a growing list of communities committed to a goal of net zero climate pollution, measured in terms of net contribution to excess trapped heat, by or before 2030."

As you are aware, last summer, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change declared in its Sixth Assessment Report that it is “unequivocal” that humans have caused climate change, and reaffirmed that we are rapidly approaching the point of no return as global temperatures continue to rise and the earth’s natural systems which buffer the planet against further warming break down. UN Secretary-General António Guterres referred to the report as a “code red for humanity.” This is a true emergency that impacts every jurisdiction, large and small, at every level of operations – housing, air quality, health care, infrastructure, social and environmental justice, open space, industry, and of course, operating revenues.

There is nothing comfortable about confronting this challenge, and it will take courageous action to reverse course. This means making a meaningful commitment to doing no more harm, and to achieving net zero climate pollution by 2030. Climate change should now be one of the filters through which all policy decisions going forward are considered. It is, in short, a true emergency.

Our kids get it. Their entire lives are being shaped by it. Indeed, as the increasing wildfires, intensifying storms, deepening droughts, and unparalleled die-offs of ocean and land species are signaling, all of our lives are being shaped by it, even as we wake up, go to work, and go about each day as if things were normal. The problem with exponential change is that it is difficult to see day-to-day, but it means that yesterday is no longer a good indicator of what’s coming tomorrow.

There is particular power in declaring this as an “emergency.” All of the other jurisdictions that have wrestled with this language and its implications have come to the same conclusion. The city of Calistoga is a case in point, providing for specific goals and actions within its resolution. By taking the lead on this important issue, the City Council of Napa will further empower the business community and its citizens to take the necessary steps forward.

In conclusion, we strongly endorse the Schools for Climate Action in its request for Napa to pass a Climate Emergency Resolution. NVUSD has already done so, and the science supporting urgent action with a goal of net zero climate pollution by 2030 is clearly on their side. Please take this step to reassure our next generation that Napa respects their right to inherit a livable world. We stand ready to assist you in any way we can to implement such a resolution in a way that benefits the residents of Napa.

Sincerely,

Lynne Baker, Co-Chair, retired nurse and grandmother

Marilyn Knight-Mendelson, Co-Chair, retired teacher and mother

Jim Wilson, Steering Committee Member, retired quality assurance manager and grandfather

Linda Brown, Steering Committee Member, third-party sustainability certification executive and mother

Chris Benz, Steering Committee Member, retired wine maker and grandmother

ATTACHMENT 2

**SUPPLEMENTAL REPORTS & COMMUNICATIONS
Office of the City Clerk**

**City Council of the City of Napa
Regular Meeting**

January 4, 2022

FOR THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NAPA:

EVENING SESSION:

14. COMMISSION INTERVIEWS AND APPOINTMENTS:

14.A. Planning Commission Membership

1. Email from Deborah Macdonald received on December 6, 2021.
2. Email from Kristina Young received on December 7, 2021.
3. Email from DJ & Diane Smith received on December 9, 2021.
4. Email from Bob Massaro received on December 18, 2021.
5. Email from Reed Onate received on January 2, 2022.
6. Email from Oscar De Haro received on January 3, 2022.
7. Email from Lizbeth Amezcua Perez received on January 3, 2022.
8. Email from Jose Hernandez received on January 3, 2022.
9. Email from Jorge Gonzalez received on January 3, 2022.
10. Email from Alexandra Pearson received on January 3, 2022.
11. Email from John Pearson received on January 4, 2022.
12. Email from Teresa Foster received on January 4, 2022.
13. Email from Conchita Marusich received on January 4, 2022.
14. Email from Christina Benz received on January 4, 2022.
15. Email from Hugo Nevarez received on January 4, 2022.
16. Email from G. Anthony Phillips received on January 4, 2022.

From: [Mary Lueros](#)
Sent: Monday, December 6, 2021 3:46 PM
To: [Clerk](#)
Subject: Fwd: Beverly Shotwell Application for Planning Commission

Begin forwarded message:

From: Deborah Macdonald <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Beverly Shotwell Application for Planning Commission
Date: December 6, 2021 at 3:45:05 PM PST
To: mlueros@cityofnapa.org

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[EXTERNAL]

Dear Mary,

I am writing in support of Beverly Shotwell's Application to serve on the City of Napa Planning Commission.

I have known Beverly for approximately 10 years. We served together on some volunteer nonprofit activities. Importantly, we served together on the City of Napa Cultural Heritage Commission from 2014-2020.

Beverly has the knowledge, skills, and experience to be a great Planning Commissioner. She is insightful and passionate and always adds so much value to any discussion of the issues. She genuinely cares about our city, its inhabitants, and its future. While serving with her on the CHC, I found her ability to quickly get to the heart of the matter and work to achieve consensus to be a considerable asset to the team. She consistently grasped the key issues, provided penetrative analysis and asked questions no one had thought of. I am certain she would be a considerable asset to the Planning Commission.

It is without reservation that I recommend Beverly Shotwell to an appointment to serve on the City of Napa Planning Commission.

I am available to answer any questions you may have either via this email address or a [REDACTED]

All the best,
Deborah Macdonald

From: [Kristina Young](#)
Sent: Tuesday, December 7, 2021 10:18 AM
To: Scott Sedgley; Liz Alessio; Beth Painter; Mary Luross; Bernie Narvaez
Cc: [Tiffany Carranza](#)
Subject: Letter of Support - Beverly Shotwell, Planning Commission Application
Attachments: Shotwell PC Rec.pdf

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[EXTERNAL]

Dear Mayor Sedgley and Councilmembers,

I am writing to whole heartedly support Beverly Shotwell's application for appointment to the Planning Commission.

I have known Beverly for almost 20 years and can attest to her boundless energy and enthusiasm for the City of Napa. She has already served the City in numerous official and volunteer roles over the years and will bring a wealth of local knowledge to the position.

Her work with the Cultural Heritage Commission has specifically prepared her understanding of how we can respect our community's past as we walk into this exciting next phase of the City's growth.

She brings a deep civic pride, regard for procedure and protocol, and years of experience as a local homeowner and business person in the local wine industry.

We could have no one more committed to the health of our community than Beverly Shotwell.

Thank you for your consideration,
Kristina Young

Kristina Young
Studio KLY LLC
www.studiokly.com

From: [Steve Potter](#)
Sent: Thursday, December 9, 2021 3:15 PM
To: [Clerk](#)
Subject: FW: Beverly Shotwell for City Planning Commission Appointment

From: DJ [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, December 9, 2021 1:51 PM
To: Sedgley, Scott (External) [REDACTED]; Mary Luros <mary@maryluros.com>; Liz Alessio <lalessio@cityofnapa.org>; Bernie Narvaez <bnarvaez@cityofnapa.org>; Beth Painter <bp@bethpainter.com>
Cc: Steve Potter <spotter@cityofnapa.org>; Vincent Smith <vsmith@cityofnapa.org>; Diane Smith [REDACTED]
Subject: Beverly Shotwell for City Planning Commission Appointment

[EXTERNAL]

All,

We have become aware that Beverly Shotwell has applied for a position on the Napa City Planning Commission and we wanted to let you all know that we strongly support her candidacy.

As you know, DJ has Chaired the Napa Valley Opera House Board of Trustees since January 2018. As you also know, the Board has gone through the process of selling the Opera House and dealing with many complicated and difficult issues like covid, including successfully dealing with the City loan.

As a member of our Board, Beverly has been a steadfast, always knowledgeable and always positive part of all of our Board deliberations through this long, complex and difficult slog leading to creation of our new Endowment. As a volunteer like all of us, she has always done the homework, and given us her solid and straightforward counsel throughout this long three year process!

In addition, Beverly's serious interest regarding the historical aspects of our City, as well as common sense approach to issues can only be a positive as the Planning Commission has to balance new growth and development with important aspects of Napa's historic past.

Finally, Beverly is best at listening to and factoring in all interests in terms of what will be the sometimes contentious and complicated issues that we rely on the Commission to deal with. And she is a hard worker to boot!!

Again, in our opinion, Beverly would be an outstanding appointment that would serve our community well.

As always, we thank you in advance for your serious consideration of our views.

DJ & Diane Smith

[REDACTED]
Napa, Ca. 94558
[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Mary Luros](#)
Sent: Saturday, December 18, 2021 8:48 PM
To: [Clerk](#)
Subject: Fwd: Paul Kelly

Begin forwarded message:

From: Bob Massaro [REDACTED]
Subject: Paul Kelly
Date: December 17, 2021 at 11:34:03 AM PST
To: Mary Luros <mluros@cityofnapa.org>

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[EXTERNAL]

H Mary

I hope this finds you well. I know that you are incredibly busy, both with your family, your practice, and your position as a Council Member.

I have enjoyed my first year as a Napa City Planning Commissioner. I hope I have served our community well. I tried hard to do so.

I wanted to recommend Paul Kelly for another term. He is truly without ego, and has no agenda other than to serve our community as a Planning Commissioner. During my first year he served as Chair, and I was most impressed with both his thoroughness and his thoughtfulness. He came to every meeting very well prepared. I was impressed the entire year.

I know that you have many qualified candidates to chose from. No matter whom you chose, I am sure our Planning Commission will be well served.

Kind Regards

Bob

p.s. My best regards to Jason also. You two always look quite happy on Facebook ;-))

From: [Reed Oñate](#)
Sent: Sunday, January 2, 2022 8:33 PM
To: [Vincent Smith](#)
Cc: [Paulette Cooper](#); [Patricia Baring](#); [Tiffany Carranza](#)
Subject: Re: Interviews during the January 4, 2022 City Council Meeting
Attachments: ReedOñate_appWithdrawal_PC_1-2-2022.pdf

Categories: Unverified Contact

[EXTERNAL]

Dear Vincent,

Please see attached my letter of withdrawal for the planning commissioner position.

best wishes in 2022,

Reed Oñate

On Thu, Dec 30, 2021 at 2:14 PM Paulette Cooper <pcooper@cityofnapa.org> wrote:

Good afternoon Planning Commission applicants! (Bcc'd)

Thank you again for your interest in serving your community. As previously communicated, the City Council will be interviewing and making appointments to the Planning Commission at the 6:30 p.m. evening session of our January 4, 2022 City Council Meeting.

We look forward to seeing you all next week for your interviews.

Follow this link to access the regular City Council meeting agenda:

[City Council of the City of Napa Regular Meeting](#)

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you!

Best regards,
Paulette

Paulette Cooper
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1/2/2021

Via Email: vsmith@cityofnapa.org

City of Napa
c/o Vincent Smith
Community Development Director

RE: Napa Planning Commissioner Application Withdrawal

Dear Mr. Smith:

It has been an honor and pleasure to serve the Napa community since beginning as a planning commissioner in October 2019. Unfortunately, due to some pandemic related job changes I must withdraw my application for commissioner renewal. I do hope that my role as one of five commissioners has helped with the successful implementation of city goals that promote community health and welfare. Having attended hundreds of commission hearings in a variety of professional roles over the years it was a pleasure to see the professional staff in action at the Napa Community Development Department. It was a personal accomplishment to serve in the commissioner role and I hope one day to be able to return to public service.

Happy New Year 2022!

Sincerely,



R. Reed Oñate

[REDACTED]
Napa, CA 94558

From: [oscar de haro](#)
To: Clerk; [oscar de haro](#)
Subject: Statement in support of Ricky Hurtado for re-appointment to the City of Napa Planning Commission
Date: Monday, January 03, 2022 12:59:39 PM

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Please accept this statement in strong and unequivocal support of Ricky HURtado in his quest for s second term on the Planning Commission.

Ricky Hurtado demonstrated an enormous amount of dedication and work ethic in attending to and participating in issues and requests that came before the Planning Commision.

Among his commendable work are Ricky's support of the Design Review Permit for Density Bonus to construct 77 units of affordable housing on Shelter Ave. His support of the revenue-generating Oxbow Entertainment Center and his contributions to the discussion of the General Plan.

Ricky is conscientious of the health of Napa neighborhoods, specifically, by not voting for the Cell Tower on the Imola Best Western.

In short, Ricky is reasonable and responsible and possesses bilingual/bicultural skills and knowledge which are an asset to and for the Spanish-speaking segment of the Napa Community.

Thank you.
Oscar De Haro

From: [lizbeth amezcua](#)
Sent: Monday, January 3, 2022 2:55 PM
To: [Clerk](#)
Subject: Public Comment for 1/4/22 Council Meeting

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Dear City Clerk,

It is my pleasure to recommend Ricardo Hurtado for reappointment in this upcoming term. Ricardo has not only been a mentor through my education but a leader for the Hispanic community in the Napa Valley. Through his year in the community has shown leadership among all social groups and a role model to those who do not have a voice. Ricardo is not only a community member but a son and husband to a lovely family. His pride and joy has always been advocating for those whose voices are often not heard.

Ricardo's leadership shines while working for local organizations such as UpValley Family Centers, COPE and now OLE Health. His experience while working with diverse ages and backgrounds have allowed him to gain knowledge of what the community needs. He is able to bring a public health perspective into the Planning Commission. In order to continue discussing social issues among all socioeconomic groups in Napa County we need Ricardo to continue being part of the Napa Planning Commission. As a Latina myself I have faith in Ricardo that he will continue to advocate for; La comunidad, Raza and the Napa Valley Residents.

Ricardo is a role model for many first generation families, I have no doubt that he has built a legacy among our Napa Valley Community and continues voting for the best of the interest of what is right. Please feel free to contact me if you have any further questions.

Sincerely,

Lizbeth Amezcua Perez
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From: [Jose Hernandez](#)
Sent: Monday, January 3, 2022 3:20 PM
To: [Clerk](#)
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To The City Clerk,

My name is Jose Hernandez, I was fortunate enough to be mentored by what I consider my Big Brother Ricky Hurtado during my 10th and 11th grade years at Calistoga High school. I am very grateful for Ricky because he has done so much for our Latino/a community in Napa Valley, I've grown up and till this day aspire to become someone like Ricky to my community. I believe that Ricky has every potential to make a positive change for out Latino/a community with his willingness to face adversity and challenge in our fast changing environment. #SiSePuede!

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To whom it may concern,

Please consider my comments in the decision making process for Ricky Hurtado's re election term to serve on the Napa Planning Commission -

I have known Ricky for several years now both on a professional and personal level; a common theme that has always been present is his love for our community and his determination to see this town be as inclusive as possible and not forget those who make Napa what it is. Ricky goes above and beyond in ensuring he stays in tune with it's residents, their accomplishments, but most importantly, their challenges. Understanding the challenges folks face is a fundamental practice in the architectural planning of our city, I can truthfully say, Ricky is an individual who listens well, and works even harder. I am proud to know a Napa native like Ricky.

Thank you.

Respectfully,
Jorge Gonzalez

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Hello -

I am submitting the following comment in support of the Napa City Council re-appointing Ricardo (Ricky) Hurtado to serve on the City of Napa Planning Commission.

Having known Ricky for almost 15 years, I can personally speak to his unwavering commitment and focus to ensuring the long-term prosperity and success of the Napa community. As one of the youngest members on the planning commission, Ricky serves an important role by bringing a unique voice to planning, zoning and development. Ricky has served on various nonprofit and nongovernmental boards since 2021 and has spent the majority of his career working in the nonprofit field. Now as Community Outreach Manager with OLE Health, Ricky also brings a public health perspective to the planning commission, a perspective now more important than ever to have on this commission. Ricky is deeply committed to the long-term sustainability of the Napa community, with multiple generations of his and his wife's family residing in Napa. His community-focused background allows him to take into account multiple opinions, understand implications, and make recommendations based on the best outcome for the community as a whole. I strongly endorse Ricky to be re-appointed to serve on the City of Napa Planning Commission. Thank you for your time.

Alexandra Pearson
2009 Napa High Graduate
B.S. Chemical Engineering, UCLA
MBA Candidate, UCLA Anderson School of Management

From: [John Pearson](#)
To: [Clerk](#)
Subject: Public Comment for 1/4/22 Council Meeting re: City Planning Commission
Date: Tuesday, January 04, 2022 8:15:03 AM

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I'm writing to recommend that you re-appoint Ricky Hurtado to the City Planning Commission. Since his appointment a year ago, he has demonstrated his strong commitment to the important role of the Commission and in representing the Latino community.

Moreover, he has been engaged in making a difference by serving on various boards, including nonprofit and nongovernmental boards since 2012, and has been working in the nonprofit field - helping those most in need. In his current role as the Community Outreach Manager with OLE Health, he is able to bring a public health perspective to this Planning Commission as well.

John Pearson
[REDACTED]

From: [Teresa Foster](#)
Sent: Tuesday, January 4, 2022 12:10 PM
To: [Clerk](#)
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The Latino community needs a voice and if Ricky Hurtado remains on that commission, he will continue to be that voice we need. Thank you,
Teresa Foster

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I am writing in support of Ricky Hurtado to be reappointed to the City of Napa Planning Commission. I have worked with Ricky for a number of years and have seen first-hand his dedication to the community. Ricky is a problem solver and deeply committed to serving our city. He supported the 77-unit affordable housing project on Shelter Avenue because he knew that Napa was in tremendous need of affordable housing. He voted in favor of passing a use permit for a childcare center, seeing the serious lack of childcare facilities for Napa's working and low-income families

As one of two Latinos on the Planning Commission in a city where Latinos make up 37% of the population, we need Ricky's voice more than ever. He is bilingual and understands the issues of the Latino community. He also works as the Community Outreach Manager of Ole Health, bringing his public health perspective to the Planning Commission. Ricky is there to make sure that all Napers are included in the planning and growth of our city. He understands the complexities of Napa's growth as it balances the needs of high income, low income, older residents and young families. Thank you for this opportunity to voice my support for Ricky Hurtado's reappointment to the Planning Commission.

Conchita Marusich

City of Napa resident

Vice Chair, Napa County Democratic Central Committee

From: [Christina Benz](#)
To: [Clerk](#)
Subject: Agenda Item 13A for 1/4/22 Council Meeting--Planning Commission Membership
Date: Tuesday, January 04, 2022 1:00:27 PM

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Dear Mayor and City Council Members,

I am writing in support of reappointing Ricky Hurtado to the City of Napa's Planning Commission.

Ricky has two qualifications that are critical as the City finalizes the General Plan update: 1) he served on the General Plan Advisory Committee and is intimately familiar with the issues and concerns that form the basis of the draft Plan and 2) he is a very involved member of Napa's Latinx community and able to provide access to the viewpoints and priorities of Napa's Latinx residents.

I hope you will recognize the value of his service and reappoint him to the Planning Commission.

Thank you,
Chris Benz


Napa, CA 94559

From: [Hugo Nevarez](#)
To: [Clerk](#)
Subject: Public Comment for 1/4/22 Council Meeting
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Hello,

I hope this email finds you well and that you're off to a great start of the new year. I'm writing this email in support of Ricky Hurtado, who's been serving on the City of Napa Planning Commission since January of 2021.

When it comes to the future of our city, I consider extremely important to have young and diverse representation in the decisions that affect our future. I have witnessed Ricky's dedication and commitment to the community and openness to learn and have difficult conversations to ensure that our minorities are heard. After all, Napa's demographics are rapidly changing, and it is only fair to adapt to these changes.

Not only do I feel represented by Ricky as a young Latino who's active in the community, but by getting to know him, I'm 100% sure that his genuine kindness allows for inclusivity in his point of view and keeps those that are most in need as a priority in his decisions. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Thank you.

[Hugo Nevarez](#)
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I am writing to urge you to retain Ricky Hurtado as Planning Commission member.

While I am not a resident of the City of Napa, I am the Chair of the Napa County Democratic Central Committee and I have seen what Ricky does for his community.

He has shown for years his dedication to the citizens of Napa be they the workers in the vineyards and hospitality as well as the business owners or those citizens with environmental concerns. His concern for the unhoused and underhoused is commendable. Napa needs the kind of leadership that Ricky has shown for years. As a young Latino he inspires other Latinos to be involved in their city and he does this by representing them as one of the first Latinos to sit on the planning commission. Ricky has demonstrated an understanding that growth will come to Napa but that it needs to be done in a way that protects the environment and the need to include the minority community needs.

I strongly urge you to vote to keep Ricky Hurtado on the Napa City Planning Commission.

Sincerely,

G. Anthony Phillips (he, him, his)
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