

From: Deirdre Fennessy [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, September 18, 2021 7:36 PM
To: Distrib- City Clerk <City.Clerk@cityofsanrafael.org>
Subject: CLimate Emergency Resolution

The Grand Jury report makes it abundantly clear what mitigation and adaptation measures have been made and need to be made to protect Marin County from the worst ravages of climate change. So much work has been done, but not implemented. Declaring a "CLIMATE EMERGENCY RESOLUTION." CER, will motivate people and departments to get the work done. The climate emergency is here. The sooner we make adaptations and mitigations, the less damage will be done to our environment and residents. The longer we wait, the more expensive it will become and harder to implement.

The quotes below from the Grand Jury report pave the way for what needs to be done, but it does not give a timeframe for implementation. Without a timeframe nothing will happen. The CER, declaring an EMERGENCY, will prompt people to **act** for their own good and that of their neighbors.

Please pass the CER now.

Respectfully,
Deirdre Fennessy, MEd, Resilient Neighborhoods Ambassador, resident of Mill Valley

Quotes from the Grand Jury Report that Outlines what needs to be done:

The Grand Jury recommends restarting Marin's climate change adaptation planning process and believes that it should follow the roadmap set forth in the California Adaptation Planning Guide. The goal would be to create a single, comprehensive, multi-jurisdictional adaptation strategy for all of Marin.

What the Marin County government needs is an overarching leadership structure that would coordinate the climate-related efforts not only in the Department of Public Works and the Community Development Agency, but also in Health and Human Services, Parks, Agriculture, and all other departments affected by climate change.

It is critical to acknowledge that efforts to combat climate change—especially adaptation efforts—will require much more focus, investment, and coordination moving forward if we are to protect our communities and our standard of living. A dire need for funding has not confronted the county yet because Marin has yet to complete its adaptation planning or develop any timeline for implementation; but as it tackles the large public works projects that will be needed in the future, adequate staff resources and funding expertise will become critical.

Beyond planning and policy development, there is currently no Marin organization on the horizon that will bring together the cities, towns, and other Marin agencies to collaborate on implementing climate change adaptation measures or, in the future, to finance and build the large multi-jurisdictional public works projects that will grow out of adaptation plans. There needs to be such an organization or forum.

Marin Climate Adaptation Task Force-- A task force to create a countywide adaptation plan that can be adopted by cities, towns and other agencies throughout the county.

Marin County Office of Sustainability and Resilience-- An office reporting either to the County Administrator or the board of supervisors to unify mitigation and adaptation efforts within county government.

From: Margaret Fisher [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, September 19, 2021 7:53 PM
To: Distrib- City Clerk <City.Clerk@cityofsanrafael.org>
Subject: Climate Emergency Declaration for the City of San Rafael.

Dear Mayor and City Council Members:

I am writing you in support of creating a Climate Emergency Declaration for the City of San Rafael.

We are now in a state of a climate crisis, which is evident in so many ways. Most close to home are the extreme weather conditions that we are seeing here in CA, from temperature extremes never before recorded to the overwhelming fire systems that CAL Fire has said they have never previously encountered.

People who live, work and do business in San Rafael have a front row seat to the imminent crisis.

We must identify the crisis and put all our resources across all agencies to begin to address the climate crisis. The first step implementing solutions is to articulate a clear mission, by creating a Climate Emergency Declaration.

Adopting a Climate Emergency Declaration puts the City in alignment with other local jurisdictions in Marin and adds our voice to the chorus calling for rapid climate action at the local, State, and Federal levels. The Declaration's new goal of zero net GHG emissions by 2045 fits State, National, and UN timelines to get the job done. The Declaration includes specific processes for keeping climate action front and center in City decision-making.

We need to work with all levels of government and the economy to meet this huge challenge.

Thank you!

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, September 19, 2021 10:48 PM
To: Distrib- City Clerk <City.Clerk@cityofsanrafael.org>
Subject: Re 9/20 Agenda Item 6a: Climate Emergency Declaration

Dear Mayor Collins and Council members,

Thank you for considering adopting a Climate Emergency Declaration for San Rafael.

I have been concerned about environmental issues since I was in college in the early 60s. Now those issues I was concerned about pale in significance to what we are facing today.

For this reason, I formed a group of Marin environmental leaders to work on supporting Climate Emergency Declarations and Resolutions across the County. These documents declare to all our residents that we are in an emergency situation that all of us (e.g., individuals, businesses, institutions, cities, states, countries) need to deal with now.

So far five of our Marin cities and our County have passed a CER and we sincerely hope that San Rafael will become the sixth Marin city. Your action will go a long way to encourage our other cities to follow suit.

Together we can accomplish amazing results.

Marilyn Price

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