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San Anselmo Town Council Unanimously Adopts Aggressive 2030 Climate Action Plan

(San Anselmo, CA) On June 11, 2019, the San Anselmo Town Council unanimously adopted a new Climate Action Plan (Plan) to guide its local emissions reductions and climate emergency preparedness efforts through 2030.

“With the fire season kicking in dangerously early and more heat records being broken this week, the residents of San Anselmo are demanding action on climate change. Our Town Council responded with a unanimous vote in support of aggressive, timely efforts to stem and prepare for climate impacts,” said Ellie Cohen, member of the Town’s Sustainability Commission and lead editor of the [San Anselmo Climate Action Plan 2030](#).

“By adopting ambitious greenhouse gas emissions reductions and developing sequestration targets as well as measurable adaptation, hazard mitigation and ecological conservation measures, the Town of San Anselmo is continuing to demonstrate local climate action leadership while aligning with urgency of recent UN IPCC climate science findings, the Paris Climate Agreement and the vision of California”

The Plan calls for a wide range of actions ranging from reducing car emissions and miles driven to increasing renewable energy, community resilience to extremes, and natural climate solutions for both sequestration and adaptation. These efforts are designed to result in:

- 54% GHG emissions reduction by 2030 from a 2005 baseline (or 45% below 1990 level; higher than current CA goal of 40% below 1990 levels by 2030).
- Carbon neutrality no later than 2045 (same as Governor Jerry Brown’s Executive Order B-55-18).

The Plan also calls for instituting a “[Framework for a Post-Carbon Community](#)” (adapted from the City of Fremont) to guide the annual Plan update process to help ensure a robust low-carbon economy that creates good jobs and benefits the whole community. California as a whole is a great example with state emissions declining 9% since 2006, while the economy has grown 16%.

San Anselmo will be working to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 2030 through the following:

- **Low Carbon Transportation**
 - Increasing the number of zero emission electric vehicles (ZEV) from 244 to 3000 by 2030 by building out the electric vehicle charging infrastructure and encouraging ZEV ownership through incentives, public education, and development requirements, complementing the State’s goal to put 5 million ZEVs on the road by 2030.
- **Energy Efficiency**
 - Incentivizing building efficiency upgrades and energy reductions through financial benefits and streamlined permitting
- **Renewable Energy**
 - Promoting and expanding use of 100% renewable energy including rooftop and parking lot solar to residents and businesses, Marin Clean Energy’s Deep Green and an Advanced Community Energy (ACE) system for community-based, resilient and cost-effective clean energy production and storage.
- **Waste Reduction**
 - Implementing and incentivizing the Town’s new Single Use Foodware Ordinance, which bans “Styrofoam” products, plastic bags and many single use plastic items; and considering a local mandatory recycling and composting ordinance.
- **Water Conservation**
 - Encouraging reduction of indoor and outdoor water use, to reduce electricity used for water transport and increase resilience to drought, and also encourage the use of greywater, rainwater and recycled water.
- **Sequestration**
 - Promoting and investing in natural solutions that also enhance community resilience to climate extremes by promoting the planting and protecting trees and plants, restoring habitat, and managing for healthy soils to pull carbon out of the atmosphere.

The Climate Adaptation Plan 2030 also guides San Anselmo’s **adaptation** efforts to increase preparedness to climate-driven emergencies such as wildfires, smoke hazards, floods and heat extremes in concert with the Town’s Local Hazard Mitigation Plan and General Plan. The Plan also calls for investing in eco-friendly development and natural infrastructure to reduce climate change impacts.

Ms. Cohen’s presentation to the Town Council can be found here:

<https://www.townofsananselmo.org/DocumentCenter/View/24840/June-11-2019-Presentation>

The San Anselmo Climate Action Plan 2030 can be found here:

<https://www.townofsananselmo.org/1303/Climate-Action-Plan-2030>