



June 26, 2020

Mayor Darrell Steinberg
City of Sacramento
915 I Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Mayor Christopher Cabaldon
City of West Sacramento
1110 West Capitol Avenue
West Sacramento, CA 95691

Chair Anne Stausboll
Mayors' Commission on Climate Change

Re: Support for Mayors' Commission on Climate Change Recommendations

Dear Mayor Steinberg, Mayor Cabaldon, and Chair Stausboll,

On behalf of the Council of Infill Builders, a statewide organization of developers and other real estate professionals committed to improving California through infill development, I write to express support for the recommendations of the Mayors' Commission on Climate Change for achieving carbon zero by 2045.

The Council of Infill Builders supports the bold, transformative actions outlined in the report to boost infill development as a critical climate strategy, improve public health outcomes, and create a more equitable and resilient future for all. Specifically, our organization strongly supports the goal of focusing 90% of the cities' growth in established communities by 2040. Such infill development will result in more vibrant, equitable communities with reduced vehicle miles traveled needed to meet long-term climate goals. Additional goals related to improved access to green space (within a quarter-mile of all residents by 2030) and a baseline tree canopy of 25% by 2030 (35% by 2045) will greatly improve quality of life in infill areas.

In addition, we support the goal of all new construction to be all-electric by 2023, which saves developers costs from natural gas connections and reduces harmful indoor air pollution for future residents. Furthermore, the goals of having 30% of all trips be by active transportation by 2030 (40% by 2045), combined with 30% of all trips to be by public transit or pooled shared mobility by 2030 (50% by 2045), will help revitalize existing neighborhoods, reduce traffic, improve public health, and support infill development.

We also support the Commission recommendation that the cities pursue early actions over the next year to demonstrate the benefits of reducing emissions and build momentum for their full suite of strategies.

We thank you for your leadership and commitment to addressing climate change in Sacramento, West Sacramento, and throughout the region. Thank you for your consideration, and please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Curt Johansen", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Curt Johansen
Chairman, Council of Infill Builders