

# THOUSAND OAKS CITY COUNCIL



## Supplemental Information Packet

**Agenda Related Items - Meeting of October 26, 2021  
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**2:30 p.m.**

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Judith Hauer		10A	In favor	We can make a difference one person, city, county , state, country at a time. Our people want to improve the environment . Please support locally on this global issue.
Randall Edwards	Thousand Oaks	10A	In favor	Thank you, City Council, for all your work towards adopting a Climate and Environmental Action Plan. It is imperative that we implement measures to mitigate current environmental hazards (such as reducing greenhouse gas emissions), protect against future harms (such as developing clean energy infrastructure), and protect the environment for all our citizens. As a long-time resident and parent, I am grateful for your efforts and courage. Please stay the course.
Jessica Forgus	Westlake Village	10A	In favor	Please help drive climate action for our community! It's important that we have business, government and community members take part in change.
Mark Mendelsohn	Ventura, work in Thousand	10A	In favor	I urge the City to act quickly to adopt a strong and comprehensive plan to address climate change.
Kathleen Wheeler	Ventura	10A	In favor	Kudos to the Sustainability dept for their work on the CEAP. Please know that the community supports continued action as the climate crisis becomes daily more evident. While I live in Ventura, I am still following with great interest my neighboring city's moves to address the greatest threat of our time. Thank you for showing courage and persistence as local leaders. The stakes couldn't be higher--you know what the right thing to do is. You have more support than you realize for doing it!
Kira Krukowski	Thousand Oaks	10A	N/A	I would like to show tremendous support for the city's sustainability department. I love seeing Thousand Oaks as a leader in combatting climate change and all of the negative effects it has on our environment, and ultimately, our quality of life. Please consider adopting and expediting REACH codes, incentivizing electric retrofitting of existing housing, encouraging green building practices, and developing micro grids. As for transportation, we need more electric vehicle stations, and the promotion of public transportation options. Throughout the city, we need a tree planting, growing, and protection program, ways to capture and store rainwater, and ways to educate residents about organic gardening methods. We also need a "dark sky ordinance" to reduce light pollution, laws against single use plastics, and the ban of rodenticides to protect our beautiful wildlife. I love living in this city. I love all of our open space, and the beauty and peace it brings to me and other residents. I would like to protect these assets for current residents as well as future generations. Thousand Oaks can be a trendsetter that other cities look to when it comes to sustainability and a wonderful quality of life. Thank you for caring about our city and ultimately, the earth.
Frances Lee	Moorpark	10A	In favor	I appreciate and congratulate the members of the City Council for the work they have done on the CEAP along side the General Plan, and the time they have spent to engage the members of our community about the impacts of climate change and how we can build a more resilient community. Implementing measures that will move us toward a clean energy economy and away from fossil fuels, will give us and our natural world the best possible protections from climate changes.

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Mary Freed	Thousand Oaks	10A	Opposed	The current CEAP draft does not address the need to plant thousands more street trees ( primarily native oak & sycamore) to shade the streets & homes & provide habitat for both native birds and migrating birds. We need smaller electric buses that operate like the trolley in Oak Park. We need condos & town homes, not apartments so that young couples can build equity & stay here to raise their families. We need hundreds of EV charging stations in shopping centers. We need dependable Buses from the Oaks Mall, Rancho transit center, &Newbury Park Library to the Metro Stations in Moorpark & Camarillo so people can commute via Metro Link or Amtrak. We need more City services for our homeless residents. We currently rely on a few Organizations & Congregations to provide food & services.
Victor Cee	Thousand Oaks	10A	In favor	I really enjoyed contributing my thoughts at the CEAP events and commend the city for its forward thinking. I hope that the city will recognize how much its citizens want transportation reform. transportation is responsible for 62% of Thousand Oaks' GHG emissions. Like many small US cities TO has been built around automobile transportation. It is abundantly clear that this is an unsustainable luxury of the past. We need to upgrade our cycling routes to provide a real alternative for residents and students. Protected bike lanes and intersections will allow more people to take part in active car free transportation.
Max Ghenis	Oxnard	10A	Opposed	The CEAP is an opportunity not only to reduce emissions locally, but also to support systemic change. Last week, the Oxnard City Council voted unanimously to endorse H.R. 2307, the Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act, which would levy a corporate polluter fee and rebate the proceeds as a monthly dividend to all Americans. Economists and climate experts agree that we a corporate polluter fee is essential to meeting the climate goals we've set, and it's a crucial time to support one given the reconciliation negotiations and the COP26 summit. Please consider following Oxnard's lead (and Santa Barbara's, and over 20 other cities in California) in adopting a similar resolution to complement local action in the CEAP.  Max Ghenis Group leader, Ventura Citizens' Climate Lobby
Elizabeth Rice	Camarillo	10A	In favor	Honorable City Council Members: Please find the courage necessary to take bold climate action. The waves created by your choices ripple out not only in the city, but throughout the county and far beyond. There is no longer room to shy away from bold action. Your leadership is CRITICAL. Thank you for your service. Elizabeth Rice  David Attenborough: "Every month that passes, it becomes more and more incontrovertible, the changes to the planet that we are responsible for that are having these devastating effects. ... If we don't act now, it will be too late. We have to do it now."

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Rudolph Gonzales	Thousand Oaks	10A	In favor	<p>Southern California Edison (SCE) appreciates being involved in the stakeholder outreach process and the opportunity to comment on the Thousand Oaks Climate and Environmental Action Plan Draft Strategies. SCE commends the City of Thousand Oaks for updating their CEAP. The urgency to act on climate change grows more serious each year. While more work remains, we are encouraged by the City's progress in the areas of building decarbonization and transportation electrification. SCE urges the City Council to adopt strong GHG mitigation measures for the final version of the CEAP that include both building electrification and transportation electrification. Adopting a building energy reach code and supporting the expansion of EV charging infrastructure are critical to reducing GHG emissions and improving local air quality.</p> <p>We are committed to serving the needs of California's clean energy future. Our Reimagining the Grid paper outlines how we are planning to change the way we design, build, and operate the electric grid. We are modernizing and hardening our distribution system, leveraging sophisticated hardware and software to manage an increasingly complex and intelligent grid. This will not only help enable greater adoption of clean energy technologies, but it will also make the grid more resilient to threats exacerbated by climate change such as wildfires and heatwaves. We are investing between \$4-5 billion annually to build a grid that will support the clean energy future. Additionally, customer-owned resources like rooftop solar and battery storage can offer an additional level of resiliency. We estimate about half of single-family homes in our service territory will have some combination of solar and storage by 2045.</p> <p>There are additional benefits to a clean energy future beyond reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. As we electrify vehicles and buildings, the economics of energy will change. The increased load will allow us to spread the fixed costs of delivering electricity across more electrons, putting downward pressure on electricity rates. By 2045, SCE estimates the average customer spend across all types of energy combined will decrease by one-third on average. We are working on programs and incentives to help customers access these clean technologies. Our Charge Ready program will help install up to 38,000 new electric vehicle charge ports across Southern California. Our Charge Ready Transport program is help fleet operators install charging infrastructure so they can electrify their fleets. Our Low-Income Building Electrification Pilot will retrofit qualifying customers' homes at no cost. We are actively working on additional programs and incentives to help additional customers transition their homes and business off of fossil fuels.</p> <p>Importantly, California has an urgent need for immediate actions to mitigate further climate change impacts, which our communities are already experiencing. Without additional action, the state will fall short of achieving its GHG reduction goals. The City of Thousand Oaks has an opportunity to be a leader in our region and the state and should prioritize the actions focused on significantly reducing GHG emissions to meet the City's and state's climate goals.</p> <p>Thank you for considering our comments. We would like to also thank City of Thousand Oaks staff for the ongoing partnership with SCE. We look forward to continuing to collaborate with the City to achieve the goal of a carbon-neutral future, which will benefit all Thousand Oaks residents from greatly reduced GHG emissions, cleaner air, better quality of life, and new economic opportunities.</p> <p>Rudy Gonzales, Principal Manager Southern California Edison</p>
Ann Church	Newbury Park	10A	In favor	<p>What drew our family to Newbury Park 22 years ago was truly just one thing... the community's connection, embrace and access to natural beauty. Right now, the city of Thousand Oaks has the chance to be on the forefront of environmental protection by adopting this embracing, well crafted plan. How cool would it be if the City of TO focused on urgent climate action. We can no longer take our beautiful natural environment in Thousand Oaks for granted but need to recognize how delicate and intrinsically connected we all are to our beautiful surroundings. I urge you to adopt the CEAP.</p>

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Dr. Richard Elsley	Thousand Oaks	10A	In favor	<p>Dr. Richard Elsley</p> <p>I am a long time resident of Thousand Oaks, and the founder of the Conejo Valley Chapter of Citizens' Climate Lobby. It has become vividly clear to all that the climate of our world is changing.</p> <p>We are seeing massive wildfires, extreme weather events like longer droughts, larger rainstorms, more flooding and frigid arctic weather. We see rising temperatures that endanger outdoor workers, and cause crop failures,</p> <p>We see rising sea levels and warmer oceans that spawn damaging hurricanes and destroy coral reefs.</p> <p>It is also clear that the primary cause of these changes is humans burning natural gas, gasoline &amp; coal, releasing vast amounts of greenhouse gasses. It also releases pollutants that are causing asthma in young children.</p> <p>We need to transition to a sustainable, renewable economy.</p> <p>I commend the City's Sustainability Department for its award-winning efforts to transform Thousand Oaks into a healthier, greener, more prosperous place for us to live.</p> <p>In 2064, our grandchildren will thank us for leaving them a better world.</p>
Kat Selm	Thousand Oaks	10A	In favor	<p>I would like to praise the work of the Council on having the foresight in 2014 to start visioning our climate and environmental action plan. Adopting and enacting a strong CEAP that reduces our emissions will be one amazing action, adding to your legacy of environmental achievements. In 2020 you voted unanimously to ban the use, distribution and sale of polystyrene; polystyrene contributes to an abundance of land and marine debris and leaches toxic chemicals into the environment. In your wisdom, you joined the Clean Power Alliance, cutting our community emissions by 28% and our municipal emissions by 20%, giving residents more energy choices. You have made decisions over the years that have put our Hill Canyon Treatment Plant on the map as a state of the art facility; winning numerous environmental and sustainability awards. You recently contracted with a waste hauler that will provide green waste bins to every residential customer in the city, reducing our methane contributions at our local landfills. You have made these decisions by looking to the future and planning for a more prosperous, fiscally sound, and environmentally sustainable Thousand Oaks. Tonight I urge you to provide the same vision and insight to the adoption of a strong CEAP that boldly cuts our emissions and ensures a resilient future for Thousand Oaks in the face of climate change. Climate models for our region initiated by Watershed Coalition Ventura County and the Desert Research Institute, predict a future of more dry days, which in turn means a higher likelihood for wildfire activity and drought. As well as increasing rainfall intensities, which can change how water is captured and stored and lead to increased flooding. Climate models throughout the world are being shown to be on the conservative side when compared to actual conditions on the ground. This may mean that the future of resource sustainability in the Conejo Valley is even more at risk than scientists have predicted. In times of crisis and uncertainty we look to our leaders, those we respect and admire to shepherd us through the darkness and to provide moral leadership. This is your time to provide bold leadership that tells the people of your community that you care about their plight, you care about the environment that your fellow community members want to share with their children, and that you care about the long term livability of the location which you steward. Thank you for your environmental leadership to date and I look forward to you adopting a strong and effective CEAP that puts Thousand Oaks on a trajectory to significant emissions reductions and a livable future for all.</p>

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David Gilbertson	Camarillo	10A	In favor	<p>Dear Council Members,</p> <p>Although I live in the nearby City of Camarillo, I volunteer with the Conejo Valley and Ventura Chapters of Citizens' Climate Lobby. I appreciate the City of Thousand Oaks taking action to address the existential threat of our climate crisis by adopting the Climate and Environmental Action Plan (CEAP) Draft Strategies (MI 2606).</p> <p>Continuing the status quo does not equip our communities for the extreme weather that is now becoming frequent as a result of a warming planet. Comprehensive climate legislation on an international, national, statewide and local community basis is required to address the escalating impacts of global warming. Wildfires and extreme drought events impact us all and do not conform to governmental jurisdictions.</p> <p>Jeremy Symons' 10/9/21 article in The Hill reveals that, "American taxpayers are paying a hidden climate tax as the government shoulders huge costs of recovery from climate disasters. The most recent stopgap funding bill included \$28.6 billion for much-needed relief from recent disasters, including this year's colossal wildfires and severe drought. As climate change accelerates, Congress writes these disaster checks for more money, and more often."</p> <p>Fiscally responsible management is taking action now to reduce the rising costs of climate change. Inaction simply grows the price tag and leaves future generations burdened with paying the bill.</p> <p>My family and I support the T.O. Climate and Environmental Action Plan and the climate action advocacy of the Conejo Valley Climate Coalition.</p> <p>Respectfully,  David Gilbertson  Citizens' Climate Lobby  Conejo Valley and Ventura Chapters Congressional Liaison</p>