

Lisa Driscoll

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To: Lisa Driscoll
Subject: Support for Measure X Climate Equity and Resilience Investment

To: Measure X Advisory Board (July 28, 2021 Meeting)
Re: Support for Measure X Climate Equity and Resilience Investment
From: Wei-Tai Kwok, Lafayette, CA

I write to urge Contra Costa County to allocate Measure X funding to protect vulnerable populations most at risk from the consequences of climate disruption. Poor and disadvantaged communities disproportionately have and will continue to suffer greater impacts of pollution from living down-wind from refineries and greater risks from living in low-lying flood-prone regions at risk from sea level rise. Such communities lack the resources and resilience to stand up to heat waves, drought and Public Safety Power Shutoffs.

In September 2020, the County Board of Supervisors declared a Climate Emergency Resolution to acknowledge that URGENT action must be taken NOW to prepare our citizens for the road ahead, and in particular to effect a Just Transition away from fossil fuels to a clean economy. The Climate Emergency Resolution must not be an empty piece of paper but rather a seriously led and resourced effort to mitigate the disruption and protect our most vulnerable communities.

Please vote to approve a \$500,000/year investment in supporting climate equity and resilience goals, to be managed through the Department of Conservation and Development.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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