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Matt Haney (and Budget and Appropriations Committee),

Dear Supervisor, Mayor, and Budget and Appropriations Committee

As a your constituent, I am writing to demand that at least \$136 million of the \$634 million stimulus money be put into a fund for equitable climate change mitigation and resilience. The Department of the Environment has ambitious plans but it will need resources and funding to get the job done.

The stimulus funds are intended to help us "build back better." Climate is not a "niche issue"-our children's health, and our ability to live, work and play in the future hangs in the balance. Meeting our climate obligations must be your top priority.

The rapid action we need to address the climate crisis requires expert, flexible planning at the local level, and that requires significant funding, as soon as possible. The Board of Supervisors unanimously declared a climate emergency in 2019. We now need follow through.

We need all San Francisco buildings and motor vehicles electrified in a way that all San Franciscans can afford and not be displaced. We need to address waterfront contamination and sea level rise—particularly in areas like Bayview Hunters Point and Treasure Island which are poisoned by a legacy of environmental injustice. We need to improve our public transit, and fulfill our commitment to healthy ecosystems and responsible production and consumption.

We can't avert climate disaster with hopes and prayers. We need real and increased funding to deal with this immediate emergency.

Thank you.

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From: <u>Joni</u>	
To: <u>Walton, Shamann (BOS); Wong, Linda (BOS)</u>	
Cc: Haney, Matt (BOS); Safai, Ahsha (BOS); Mar, Gordon (BOS); Ronen, Hillary; Breed, Ma	<u>ayor London (MYR)</u>
Subject: Climate funding Re: Budget & Appropriations Committee 4/14, item 1	
Date: Wednesday, April 14, 2021 1:53:37 PM	

Dear Supervisor Walton, Mayor Breed, and Committee members,

Please allocate \$136 million of the \$636 federal stimulus money to get our climate efforts off the ground. As a longtime resident of District 10 and a worried grandmother, I have seen the droughts and wildfires getting worse each year. The orange sky we woke up to on September 9th terrified me. Climate change is an emergency; you, the Supervisors, declared it so two years ago.

In a few weeks the gas ban on new construction will become law. That's a good start. But then we have to deal with the transformation of all of San Francisco's existing buildings from gas to electric - in a way that doesn't cause anyone to lose their home. This is a monumental undertaking that will require a whole lot of money.

The idea of "building back better" underscores the fact that all the other current crises are connected to climate and climate justice: health, economic disparities, massive job loss, evictions, diminishing public transit. Fighting climate change can help us all meet these challenges.

The federal stimulus funds are a good, one-time (though way-too-small) start - but we <u>have</u> to get on this. \$136 million of the stimulus money right now for the climate should be placed in a fund for equitable climate change mitigation and adaptation. That's 1% of the estimated 13.6 billion-dollar City budget for fiscal year 2020-2021. It is NOT too much to ask for, for the climate, which should always be a priority. A city's budget reveals that city's values, and San Francisco values <u>do</u> include protecting this world now and for the future - don't they? We must not just talk about it - we must <u>fund</u> the policies that ensure the health and well-being of all current and future residents. It's a climate emergency!

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

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From:	Dave Rhody
То:	Mar, Gordon (BOS); Haney, Matt (BOS); Safai, Ahsha (BOS); Ronen, Hillary; Walton, Shamann (BOS); Breed, Mayor London (MYR); Wong, Linda (BOS)
Subject:	Stimulus Money = Climate Climate Action 4/14/21 Budget Meeting
Date:	Wednesday, April 14, 2021 12:33:33 PM

Gordon Mar (and Budget and Appropriations Committee),

Gordon Mar, Mayor Breed, and Budget and Appropriations Committee --

A former San Francisco businessman and resident in the 4th District, I come to you to remind you of the commitment you made to us when you passed the Climate Emergency Resolution in 2019.

If you do not allocate a significant portion of the stimulus money on climate action -- including funding for SF Environment -- then you have lied to us about considering climate an emergency.

My colleagues at the Climate Emergency Coalition and the Climate Reality Project are asking for at least \$136 million of the stimulus money be used toward SF achieving its climate goals and toward climate justice.

Thank you. Dave Rhody Climate Reality Project San Francisco

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Myrna Melgar (and Budget and Appropriations Committee),

Dear Supervisor Melgar, Mayor, and Budget and Appropriations Committee

As a your constituent, I am writing to demand that at least \$136 million of the \$634 million stimulus money be put into a fund for equitable climate change mitigation and resilience. I am a young person born and raised in the SF Bay Area, and I have seen the increasingly dangerous effects of climate change over the last decade. We are not acting with nearly the urgency needed to stem this crisis.

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The rapid action we need to address the climate crisis requires expert, flexible planning at the local level, and that requires significant funding, as soon as possible. The Board of Supervisors unanimously declared a climate emergency in 2019. You need to follow through.

We need all San Francisco buildings and motor vehicles electrified in a way that all San Franciscans can afford and not be displaced. We need to address waterfront contamination and sea level rise—particularly in areas like Bayview Hunters Point and Treasure Island which are poisoned by a legacy of environmental injustice. We need to improve our public transit, including funding a free Muni pilot for the next three months, as proposed by Supervisors Preston and Haney. We must fulfill our commitment to healthy ecosystems and responsible production and consumption.

We can't avert climate disaster with hopes and prayers. We need real and increased funding to deal with this emergency.

Thank you.

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From:	Jo Coffey
To:	Wong, Linda (BOS)
Cc:	Haneystaff (BOS); Marstaff (BOS); Walton, Shamann (BOS); Safai, Ahsha (BOS); Ronen, Hillary
Subject:	Comment for Budget and Appropriations Committee Apr 14, 2021
Date:	Wednesday, April 14, 2021 11:10:29 AM

Honorable members of the Budget and Finance Committee,

I strongly support San Francisco's recognition of our current climate crisis, and the actions it has taken so far to address it: declaring a climate emergency in 2019, and requiring all-electric construction for new buildings in 2020.

The City needs to keep up the momentum, and it needs to commit adequate money. In the current budget for Fiscal Year 2020-2021, only a small percent is dedicated to climate programs. That is not at all reasonable.

I urge that you consider seriously the fiscal recommendations made by the San Francisco Climate Emergency Coalition.

Josephine Coffey 248 Dublin Street San Francisco, 94112 District 11

Aaron Peskin (and Budget and Appropriations Committee),

Dear Supervisor Peskin, Mayor, and Budget and Appropriations Committee

As a your constituent, I am writing to demand that at least \$136 million of the \$634 million stimulus money be put into a fund for equitable climate change mitigation and resilience.

The stimulus funds are intended to help us "build back better." Climate is not a niche issue-our children's health, and our ability to live, work and play in the future hangs in the balance. Meeting our climate obligations must be your top priority.

I'm one of the millions of young people facing the prospect of living in a world even darker than the world we currently live in. To be honest, I am frustrated that the climate crisis continues to be an afterthought when it comes time to make tough decisions, like in the budget. As if we get bonus points for addressing it. There are no bonus points, only consequences for not addressing it. However, because climate touches all aspects of our lives, I know that climate action can take a panoply of forms and can be tied to expanding existing public services in a climate-friendly way.

The FIRST thing we need to address is waterfront contamination and sea level rise particularly in areas like Bayview Hunters Point and Treasure Island which are poisoned by a legacy of environmental injustice. We also need to expand public transit and make it free. Programs like these address existing injustices while building permanent safeguards against the climate crisis and inequality into our system now.

Supervisor Peskin, Mayor, and Board, I know you have the courage to fight for our futures. We can't avert climate disaster with hopes and prayers. We need real and increased funding to deal with this emergency.

Thank you.

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Rafael Mandelman (and Budget and Appropriations Committee),

Dear Supervisor, Mayor, and Budget and Appropriations Committee

As a your constituent, I am writing to demand that at least \$136 million of the \$634 million stimulus money be put into a fund for equitable climate change mitigation and resilience.

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The rapid action we need to address the climate crisis requires expert, flexible planning at the local level, and that requires significant funding, as soon as possible. The Board of Supervisors unanimously declared a climate emergency in 2019. You need follow through.

We need all San Francisco buildings and motor vehicles electrified in a way that all San Franciscans can afford and not be displaced. We need to address waterfront contamination and sea level rise—particularly in areas like Bayview Hunters Point and Treasure Island which are poisoned by a legacy of environmental injustice. We need to improve our public transit, and fulfill our commitment to healthy ecosystems and responsible production and consumption.

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Thank you. Joan Anyon Sanchez Street San Francisco, CA 94114

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To:	Preston, Dean (BOS)
Cc:	<u>Safai, Ahsha (BOS); Mar, Gordon (BOS); Ronen, Hillary; Wong, Linda (BOS); Haney, Matt (BOS); Breed, Mayor</u> London (MYR); Walton, Shamann (BOS)
Subject:	Spend Stimulus Money on Climate! (Re: Budget and Appropriations Committee, 4/14, Item 1)
Date:	Tuesday, April 13, 2021 9:52:46 AM

Dear Supervisor, Mayor, and Budget and Appropriations Committee

As a your constituent, I am writing to demand that at least \$136 million of the \$634 million stimulus money be put into a fund for equitable climate change mitigation and resilience.

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The rapid action we need to address the climate crisis requires expert, flexible planning at the local level, and that requires significant funding, as soon as possible. The Board of Supervisors unanimously declared a climate emergency in 2019. You need follow through. You need to do better.

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Rafael Mandelman (and Budget and Appropriations Committee),

Dear Supervisor Mandelman, Mayor Breed, and Budget and Appropriations Committee members

Climate change presents an imminent threat to our lives and livelihoods. We must take urgent action to mitigate emissions and adapt to a changing climate, and this action will require adequate funding. As a your constituent, I am writing to demand that at least 1% of the City Budget (\$136 million as currently proposed) be allocated for a climate change mitigation and resilience fund. These funds are less than a quarter of \$634 million received from the federal government to "build back better."

The Board of Supervisors unanimously declared a climate emergency in 2019. It's time to put your money where your mouth is and appropriate the funding necessary to deal with this emergency.

Thank you.

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From:	Helena B
To:	Ronen, Hillary
Cc:	Haney, Matt (BOS); Safai, Ahsha (BOS); Mar, Gordon (BOS); Walton, Shamann (BOS); Breed, Mayor London (MYR); info@sfclimateemergency.org; Wong, Linda (BOS)
Subject:	Climate funding is key to building back better (re Budget and Appropriations Committee 4/14, item 1)
Date:	Tuesday, April 13, 2021 12:46:48 AM

Dear Supervisor Ronen, Mayor Breed, and Budget and Appropriations Committee,

As a San Francisco voter in District 9, I am writing to urge that at least 1% of SF's budget— \$136 million of the \$634 million stimulus money— be put into a fund for equitable climate change mitigation and resilience.

The stimulus funds are intended to help us "build back better." Climate is not a "niche issue"-- our children's health, and our ability to live, work and play in the future hangs in the balance. The potential for real equity for low income communities of color who are hit first and worst by the climate crisis hangs in the balance. Meeting our climate obligations must be your top priority.

The rapid action we need to address the climate crisis requires expert, flexible planning at the local level, and that requires significant funding, as soon as possible. The Board of Supervisors unanimously declared a climate emergency in 2019. You need follow through and make sure that the needed systemic action happens.

We need all San Francisco buildings and motor vehicles electrified in a way that all San Franciscans can afford and not be displaced. We need to address waterfront contamination and sea level rise—particularly in areas like Bayview Hunters Point and Treasure Island which are poisoned by a legacy of environmental injustice. We need to improve our public transit, and fulfill our commitment to healthy ecosystems and responsible production and consumption.

We need real and increased funding to make climate crisis mitigation and resilience a reality.

Thank you in advance for caring about our health and our future by funding equitable climate action,

Helena Birecki, D9 resident