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Subject: San Francisco's C&D Debris Recovery Ordinance Update: 7/19/21 Hearing at Land Use Committee
Date: Monday, July 19, 2021 7:47:28 PM

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Erica,

My team and I had to jump off the call today before the agenda item we wanted to be in support of was addressed. Please note that Zanker Recycling wanted to show our support for the City of San Francisco's C&D Debris Recovery Ordinance Update.

Thank you.



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San Francisco is a member of C40 Cities, a global network of cities committed to addressing climate change. We are consistently impressed with the city's leadership on climate action, which is crucial for its residents and businesses and for all of us as we work together on this global crisis.

This Climate Action Plan update in combination with the city's 2020 Hazards and Climate Resilience Plan provides strong leadership for climate mitigation and adaptation. We are impressed with the city's coordination with community members and partner agencies, and especially commend the city on its work to make equity a central consideration in this update, include consumption-based emission goals, and accelerate its net zero target to 2045.

The team reviewed the proposed update to Chapter 9 of the Environmental Code and we are glad to see the codification of the city's climate action goals stated in the legislation and the clear inclusion of monitoring and evaluation goals and processes. We support the update of Chapter 9 and commend the city on this thoughtful and ambitious update to your climate action plan. We look forward to continued strong work and ambition from the city.

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Dear Members of the Land Use and Transportation Committee,

I am writing as a resident of San Francisco writing in support of the C&D ordinance put forward by Supervisors Safai and Walton. Illegal dumping of debris is a huge health hazard particularly in the Southeast corridor of the city, which is already overburdened by pollution and historical inequity. Ensuring that the waste is properly disposed of in registered facilities will go a long way in reducing this harm.

In addition to ensuring that reclaimable materials are not dumped to decay in a pit, the improved reuse/recycling targets set by the ordinance (from 65% to 75%) have an important nexus with climate. The embodied carbon (i.e. the amount of CO₂ emitted in making a good) of construction materials is extremely high — up to 1 ton of CO₂/ton of material — so the more of it we can reuse or recycle, the lower our overall emissions.

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Subject: Comments: Amending the Environment Code to update the City's climate action goals
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Attachments: [NTC Comment Letter CAP.docx.pdf](#)

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To all it concerns:

Please see Nature in the City's letter of comment regarding amending the Environment Code to update the City's climate action goals.

Thank you!

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July 19, 2021

Re File no 210563: Further Strengthening the need of Environment-Code—Climate Action Plan

Dear Land Use & Transportation Committee and Supervisors:

I am writing on behalf of Nature in the City's staff, supporters, volunteers, and members—over 1000 people. Urban areas occupy less than 1% of the Earth's land area but are home to more than half the people. Despite their steel and concrete, crowds and traffic, cities like San Francisco are living systems with conditions that profoundly mark the quality of our lives. Functioning urban ecosystems help clean our air and water, cool urban heat islands, shield us from hazards, and provide opportunities for rest and play. They can also host a surprising amount of biodiversity.

While we can not reverse 500 years of history and pivot 180 degrees overnight, very rarely are we offered the possibility to have an impact to radically and historically change the direction of our city. The Climate Action Plan, Chapter 9 (Environment Code - Climate Action Plan) update you have in front of you is one such opportunity. Unfortunately, this Chapter 9 update is based on outdated science, and the stated goals follow the 2018 IPCC report recommendations for "average" global action—this falls far short and does not position San Francisco as a leader in the climate movement, such as the San Francisco Climate Emergency declaration promises. What's more, postponing the global goal of net zero carbon emissions by 2030 and getting to net zero emissions by 2050 now appears woefully inadequate to support human life and ecosystems as we know them on our planet.

Instead, our city's goal, especially as a vanguard city, should be net zero emissions by 2030. We can achieve this by spearheading climate change adaptations that include establishing vibrant green San Francisco open spaces, where biodiversity and urban populations can thrive. Protecting & restoring ecosystems, enhancing their ability to store carbon, and greening and beautifying for our wellbeing—these are all critical in light of the challenges we face due to climate change.

Putting healthy ecosystems to work can benefit every district in San Francisco. As a city, we have paid far too little attention to the physical and mental health benefits healthy ecosystems can provide.

More specific comments on sections:

Page 14: include SF Rec & Park Dpt. as well as SF Port explicitly in the language as part of interagency coordination. Our city's port manages our bay edge wetlands, estuaries, and coastal ecosystems. Our city's Rec & Park Dpt. manages the largest land and ecosystems in San Francisco. Not listing these agencies to collaborate and help develop the plan is simply not practical or acceptable.

Under Amendments to Current Law:

Broaden the definition of ways we as San Franciscans can help reduce greenhouse gas emissions with our natural ecosystem-based solutions under "Roots". It is now defined—"Roots: sequestering carbon

through ecosystem restoration, including increased urban tree canopy, green infrastructure, and compost application.” This statement is too limiting. Please use more inclusive language that incorporates the many existing tools we have that help solve the interrelated catastrophes of climate change and biodiversity loss.

SF’s available tools for “Roots”:

- Plant native and drought tolerant gardens in sidewalk gardens and private landscaping.
- Restore wetlands, creeks, and coastal ecosystems (examples: Mountain Lake, Heron’s Head Park, and Islais Creek).
- Prioritize green infrastructure, such as living roofs & walls, and replace asphalt and concrete with permeable and living and deeply-rooted indigenous gardens and native trees, especially oaks (school yards, medians & intersections, some slow streets have great potential for these actions).
- Promote backyard composting for residents and on-site composting for city agencies.

All these tools are available now and we have the knowledge and institutions to help lead the way for the city to address climate change and urban heat island effect while beautifying our city and providing wellbeing for residents and visitors. We need to reduce emissions now, with tools available now.

It is with high hopes and great appreciation that we urge you to amend Chapter 9 by setting appropriate goals and providing tools for residents and city agencies to implement the Climate Action Plan.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Amber Hasselbring". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

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