

CARP Comment 7/16/2019 – Damian Mason

I want to thank everyone who worked so hard on this plan and encourage City Council to adopt & implement it. We must imagine, embrace, and build new pathways to achieve net zero GHG emissions ASAP. In so doing we'll also help to grow a better future for us all.

"Alameda imports almost everything from off the island, our consumption-based emissions from the goods and services we buy are much higher per person than our production-based emissions. That means consumption-based emissions create one of the best opportunities for Alamedans to make a difference in their carbon footprints."

One key to this is Local production and Local consumption, starting with our food, this would be a big step to reduce our cities consumption-based carbon footprint towards our **new** Climate Emergency goal of zero emissions by 2030. Repair, reuse and buying local durable goods are good steps, but I find reducing food waste, feeding our kitchen scraps to my worm bin, and folks that have built compost bins, chicken coops, bee hives and planted fruit trees and raised beds for organic gardening the most exciting ways we can all make a big impact.

The City of Alameda can boost these efforts by turning all our public parks & city open spaces into maximum carbon sinks with pulse grazing livestock instead of gas mowers and leaf blowers. We can integrate Regenerative Garden Living Soil Labs in all of our K-12 schools. We can plant a 10 or more acre Food Forest along our Cross Alameda Trail or at the College of Alameda and install Climate Victory Community Gardens with surplus food donated to Alameda Food Bank. We could also make a Waste to Soil Bank at Alameda Point that would provide green jobs, and take our local wood chip waste & restaurant food wastes and convert it into carbon rich soil amendments for our parks, schools & home gardens.

Bioswales to slow & sink water are required for all new construction in CA, why don't we retrofit our aging hard, gray storm drains with green rain catchments planted with edible, medicinal and native plants helping us to adapt & be more resilient to both droughts & heavy rains at the same time as we store carbon in plants & provide local food & herbal medicines. Creating "living shorelines" around Alameda is another way to adapt & remove carbon from the air & water as we build & restore natural habitat we all can enjoy.

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Dear Mayor Ashcraft and City Council Members:

Re: Preliminary Public Hearing on Draft Climate Action and Resiliency Plan and Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration Item 2-A on the agenda for Special Meeting of the City Council, July 16, 2019

I submitted this comment online in May regarding this issue in the draft CARP report, but I have not seen it addressed in any of the lengthy documents online.

I wish to draw your attention to a problem that's hidden in the fine print of Chapter 3. On page 36, table 3-6 "New GHG Emissions Reduction Actions for Energy Use in the Buildings Sector," has a "Supplemental actions" box at the bottom of the table. In this Supplemental actions box, the second bulleted item reads "Draft zoning code amendment to facilitate reduction in energy use by exempting energy-efficient windows and doors from the design review process." I can find no explanation or justification for this action in the report.

The proposal to exempt energy-efficient windows and doors from design review is inconsistent with Alameda's Municipal Code Article II-30-37.2.b.18. This long-standing city policy already allows exemption from design review for window and door improvements not on a front or street side elevation, which do not alter the character-defining features of the building, and which are a good visual match for the original item being replaced.

However, to completely exempt ALL energy-efficient windows and doors from ANY design review will result in alterations which could damage the architectural integrity of Alameda's beloved historic buildings and neighborhoods. Furthermore, energy-efficient windows and doors are readily available on the market in dimensions, proportions, details and styles which are compatible with the original architectural styles of Alameda's historic buildings, so that compliance with Design Review is within reach of homeowners. In addition, Title 24 requires when windows and doors are replaced, that they be energy efficient. It is difficult to comprehend the reason for this proposed action. This supplemental action seems very poorly-informed and unnecessarily draconian, and it must be dropped.

In the Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration, section V of the "Evaluation of Environmental Impacts on Cultural Resources" does not address the potentially significant impacts that could occur to Alameda's historic buildings if design review of window and door replacement is axed. This section must be revised.

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Thank you for this opportunity to comment.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Elizabeth Krase Greene". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Elizabeth" being more prominent.

Elizabeth Krase Greene

Cc: Planning Board