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FOR PUBLIC COMMENT – Item 4 on the Regular City Council Meeting Agenda **Re: 2020 Earth Week: Student Letters of Appreciation**

Good evening Mayor Ashcraft & Members of the City Council:

As per our packet submitted yesterday, Community Action for a Sustainable Alameda (CASA) is delighted to present you with our 1st batch of 60+ letters from this year's

2020 Earth Week: Student Letter Writing Campaign.

While letters keep rolling in... we're submitting these to you now to CELEBRATE last week's 50th Anniversary of Earth Day, and to naturally coincide with tonight's upcoming items:

- 6B: Annual Report on the status of the Transportation Choices Plan, and
- 6C: Recommendation to accept 2020 Annual Report on the Climate Action & Resiliency Plan (CARP)

As you'll read when you review these forward-looking (one might even say "visionary" letters), following our collaboration with various City Staff, this year's campaign did not focus on forwarding a new foodware ordinance, nor asking local restaurants to comply with such new policies. Given the unprecedented moment we are in today -- this campaign simply invited Alameda students to highlight **two things** for you, our City leaders:

1. What they are "grateful" for on this 50th Earth Day?, and
2. How we can keep improving our local Alameda climate?

We have some beautiful student voices, and small, but powerful environmental stewards in town!

What you may find interesting is that their ideas, sketches, drawings and suggestions fall very much in line with many CARP priority goals – from bike paths & mode shift strategies, to EV's, cleaner air, keeping litter out of storm drains, and planting more trees - as we'll see highlighted.

CASA applauds the City's focus to continue moving forward on climate and resilience. As quoted in Forbes yesterday, "the battle humanity is waging against the coronavirus is only

the preliminary round, and after that, we have a much bigger opponent waiting for us called the climate emergency”. However, these letters should put a genuine smile on your face, and help each of us feel strong about the ongoing investment we’re making in Alameda’s climate leadership.

Happy reading, and happy belated 50th Earth Day!

Best,
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Madam Mayor, councilmembers, staff

Regarding slow streets:

Versailles and Encinal Avenue is not part of the slow street segment of Versailles; but "give an inch and they take a mile" happened to me yesterday.

Riding my bicycle westbound on Encinal Avenue, I stoppped at Versailles in front of Encinal Hardware Store in order to make a right hand turn onto Versailles.

I had to wait 15 seconds for an unmasked pedestrian walking on the wrong side of Versailles in the middle of that northbound traffic lane to clear the pathway for me to safely make a normal right hand turn onto Versailles.

So, Council, please remember that pedestrians can behave badly.

I do not know when the City Council authorized "Slow Streets". It was NOT part of agenda item 6a nor was it included in the 6-A attachments. I dislike the City making policy decisions without prior notice to the general public nor giving prior notice to the residents along Versailles Avenue.