Alameda General Plan Update First 239 Respondents

Exhibit 1: Who Is Taking the Surveys?



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Exhibit 2

How satisfied are you with the City of Alameda's efforts to address climate change and protect the environment?

Very Satisfied

Not Satisfied at All

Very Satisfied

n/a

I feel the answers are limiting. I think Alameda should be doing less for climate change per se and more to protect the environment but taking steps to eliminate the biggest environment impact: littering. We have litter all over the place in the West End. They should be fined. And the homeless encampment under the Constitution Way overpass is full of litter. I think that is a very greater environmental hazard than anything we will do to impact climate change.

The less you do on this file, the better.

Alameda has done a lot.

Great interest in "going green" and willingness to work regionally on Sea Level Rise resiliency.

Less is more on this front.

The less the cabal provides "leadership" on these issues, the better. Try fixing the roads instead.

Satisfied

Poorly worded question. City's existing plans are costly, in the wrong direction.

Unfortunately, I don't know about all the things that the City has been doing. I have not been impacted by adverse climate-related events in Alameda, and I appreciate the expanded sidewalks and bike lanes, so I'm satisfied.

I feel like Alameda does a lot better than most other cities in terms of encouraging people to be environmentally friendly. But what efforts has Alameda taken in trying to put pressure on a larger scale towards the corporations that are actually causing a great deal more of damage than any average individual does? I really dont know what the city is doing The City has made us aware of the effects of climate change and what it is doing about it. I haven't seen the plan yet

Mostly Satisfied

Focus on local issues, not global ones.

Too vehicle oriented.

I'm uninformed

I am concerned about proposed changes that may or may not be relevant or helpful yet cost residents and business owners more money or taxes.

Climate change is a myth. Waste of money.

I am against pollution, however I believe most climate change could be natural

Ocean levels have been rising for 20,000 years. This has happened before in cycles. It clearly has little to do with human factors. Simple levee work similar to that around the salt ponds will do.

City leadership allows people to trash our beach. Some commercial building and areas do not look too environmentally friendly. The main island is not well maintained outside of the nicer neighborhoods.

They need to stop the aggressive building policies.

More important issues like crime

The draft Conservation/Climate Action Element is guite an interesting read. I was aware of some of these projects, but many are new to me. I especially like seeing the mention of switching from parking miniumums to maxiumums (this is a huge environmental and monetary cost; current parking maxs also go against many other goals for valuing small businesses). Please consider more fully developing a pricing model for parking in and near the business districts-parking is a privilege, we should pay the true full cost for it when we drive. I also like seeing the city support a future BART tube/station in Alameda and advocating for road-usage fees. This looks guite thorough for many other types of environmental impacts, especially marine. However, I am unclear about the relative importance of each of these items. How can we say which will make a measurable impact vs. which just sound "green"? If we are serious about making a difference, should we consider identifying a smaller set of goals where we can make the most impact? I am not sure, but I wonder if there can be more power in agreeing as a city to challenge ourselves to a small set of big goals. (Finally, I must say it's kind of funny to see Corica Park called out as an environmental benefit given that a bunch of diesel construction equipment have been pushing around dirt there for the last year or two, so the golfers will have a different layout. I don't know the specifics, but I kind of hope the golfers will be paying an appropriate price for their next round of golf)

I've seen active steps that Alameda has been taking to address climate change issues.

Impressed about public process used in the forward thinking climate action plan

We're making average progress. We're an island, though, so we need to be moving faster/thinking bigger than average..

Impressed with Encinal Boat Ramp. Concerned about needed sea walls on Bay Farm.

more can be done, like siting buildings with jobs in alameda. If the city is all housing then residents must commute to their jobs off island. thereby increasing GHG emissions due to transportation

I think this problem is largely not solvable at the local level.

climate change is a ruse and we should not plan based on that. you know how i know? you would not be continuing the overdevelopment and cow towing to developers if so.

Actually, I'm not really sure what's being done.

Any action plan requires frequent updates to reflect quickly changing climate.

Things like recent care taken in protecting seals. It demonstrates the awareness of our leaders

I don't have enough info at this time about what the City has done to make a decision

I need to learn more about this.

I don't know what you are doing or if anything even can be done. What climate issue are you talking about?

Somewhat Satisfied

I applaud the fact that Alameda has made reducing our carbon footprint and adapting to climate change top priorities, but I think we can do more to reduce GHG emissions. Specifically, I would like to see Alameda ban natural gas in new buildings and phase it out in older buildings. Natural gas is dangerous (the recent explosion in Baltimore proves this), it worsens air quality inside of buildings, and it contributes to climate change. Please consider following the lead of other CA cities and banning it.

All the development on the west island is completely car oriented

We are still giving too much space to cars through free parking and excessively wide streets without any dedicated infrastructure for other mobility options (bikes, scooters, etc...)

protected areas are great, but could be maintained more and expanded for walking/jogging/bike access

I like that Alameda Municipal Power uses renewable energy, but it still feels like we could be doing a lot more

Need to address flooding of tunnels, removal of existing housing within flood plain, substantial increase to urban forest.

I'm not familiar with climate change efforts; just street art saying that we need to do something.

No one is doing enough to address climate change - we all need to do better

What is Alameda doing to address climate change?

Strong support of vehicular transit mode is a killer. 40% + of greenhouse gas emissions are related to vehicle use.

The city says that it is committed to fighting climate change, but AMP policies relating to home solar are not supportive of a critical way to provide solar energy without harming the environment with large solar array installations

Many people I talk to still don't compost. Bike lanes are very good in some areas but there could be more of them. Adaptation measures in response to sea level and groundwater rise are too vague, need more clear action.

too much housing planned. not enough ability to quickly exit the island in emergency

car pollution is out of control - we need to reward low-carbon traveling more

more green incentives for residents

More attention needs to be placed on the areas that are predicted to be in the future flood zones.

City properties could/should adopt lower water use vegetation, living roofs and city vehicle fleet should be green

Sea-level rise is being addressed piecemeal, too much respect for parking and cars, bikes/pedestrian/transit insufficiently prioritized.

We've got more non-car transport infrastructure than we used to, be we need more and we need it as soon as possible. We're also playing catchup from years of neglecting the housing crisis.

More needs to be done on banning plastics, helping get more bike throughways without stops, making sidewalks walkable, improving transit, increasing multifamily housing.

Maximizing development without increasing egress as well as medicating eventual seawater rise

I'm actually not sure how you are addressing climate change so I can't really comment on if I'm satisfied or not

amount of new multi housing will increase numbers of cars per household adding to carbon emmission

Alameda needs to focus on infill development and better mobility options to build a denser, more sustainable city.

All-electric new construction should be mandated. Buildings need to be retrofitted to all electric ASAP. Need to accelerate shift from driving.

The answer options are a bit unfair. I don't know what's being done, so I am inclined to say I am not satisfied, as a lack of knowledge indicates the city does not emphasize its efforts anough. But who knows, maybe a lot is being done?

Getting solar panels was almost impossible. After 2 months of waiting on AMP, it finally got done when I contacted the mayor and literally had a Channel 5 van on it's way to do a story. AMP is clearly ant—solar and needs to be replaced with PG&E. Solar should be encouraged.

Ah, so much work to be done, isn't there! Really, development and planning needs to forsee all the major changes we will face here with sea and ground water level rising quickly and storm surges getting worse every year. We need radical change.

Still too many cars on the streets, waste of food happening, disposable products being used in all restaurants. I'd like to see regularly organized community clean ups led by the city. And for AUSD to really embrace being green.

We need to address low lying areas and flood mitigation

I believe Crown Beach can be better maintained.

Climate change is a world wide issue that is going to have direct local impact

We need to do more to plan for sea level rise given our lack of elevation

I don't really know what the city is doing.

I honestly do not know what's being done or has been done.

It seems some work has been done to protect from erosion and storm surges but I would like to see more work done to alleviate the "heat island" effect, especially out on the base. More trees and drought/tolerant native plants to help green spaces and provide shade.

I'm not even sure what Alameda is doing to protect the environment. Berkeley is generally ahead of the curve when it comes to creating environmentally-friendly legislation and I haven't seen Alameda come close to what they've done.

We need to plant more trees and plants and work to create less pollution and waste.

Our grid for electricity is poor. It's unsustainable. We need more green energy like solar panels or wind turbines on the west end to have enough electricity to power alameda. This year was major blackouts and we will only have more people in the future. We need more charge ports in parking lots in the future for electric vehicles with public preferred parking in shopping malls

This does not seem like an issue a city can really address, although we need to try.

Let's ban single use plastic, add even more bike paths, and facilitate greener homes/schools with solar, insulation.

Need to deal with sea level rise and groundwater. So much of the island is close to the bay, need some preventative measures such as not allow housing to be built so close to the water's edge; mitigation of water coming close to existing housing for example.

we should increase coastal clean up efforts, discourage use of cars,

Not enough discussion about sea level rise and specific measures to protect Alameda, like seawalls and levees. Bike lanes and other politically expedient efforts make for good copy, but more tangible measures are needed. Now.

There is a need for far more aggressive removal and discouragement of cars, such as on Park St and Webster, and new developments. More and better info on impact of sea level rising - and any realistic plans to respond. Matching development with sound, effective management of traffic. A lot more electric car chargers all over the island!

Alameda needs a comprehnsive plan w/ clear goals.

Sea level rise is real, Alameda will need to address this. Also, it is embarassing that the city of Berkeley has a system to pump bay water in case of earthquake/fire and Alameda does not, when our water supply is MUCH more vulnerable.

This is an emergency and time is short, but it's largely outside of Alameda's control; I am concerned that the city has not done enough to educate the citizens and lay the groundwork to respond to the changes that will come.

We just have a lot to do.

The biggest thing that cities can do to address climate change is to increase density, particularly in an urban area like Alameda. Alameda is not doing that. The first phase of Alameda Point should/could have been much denser.

In this place and time, we should lead not follow

It seems we are building on fill. Not earthquake safe or rising sea safe. We need an evacuation plan, even on a yearly basis to ride with the rising water.

We'd like to see specific, concrete plans to protect against rising sea levels.

AMP should be driving the solar and electric car movement in Alameda. Good steps, but does not seem to be 'all in'

Outcomes are not meeting stated objectives (esp. SOV use). Different actions need to be considered.

I think thi is a topic that will continue to need work as we move forward

Go all electric. All new housing, all electric (plus solar panels), program to convert older housing. We have space for wind generators off shore and at Alameda Pt. = Long term thinking.

Alameda should be a regional leader in climate mitigation and adaptation efforts. We must also recignize the significant threat that earthquake pose to Alameda and the climate impacts an earthquake would have. Mitigating the risk of earthquakes and the threat they pose to maintaining housing and architectural character must also be prioritized going forward.

I've yet to see a plan to fix the potential overtopping of the levy's on Bay Farm, that have forced all of us to now get flood insurance.

Too many cars on the road still...need to improve public transportation options to be AFFORDABLE and CONVENIET, right now, it is NEITHER!

I probably don't know what is being done, but telling us what and when and why more will help. Think we need to move faster

While I appreciate the city creating a more bike-friendly community, there's no doubt that people will still use their cars for longer journeys and errands. The city hasn't really addressed ways to alleviate traffic at the bridges and tunnel. All those idling cars just create more pollution. I would also like to see the bus service more robust and reliable and connect to the ferry terminals.

Instead of adding more people and traffic, we need less housing a corporate offices.

Alameda wolf feel being packs of climate change in rising sea levels. There should be a lot more done with all this waterfront development that will overwhelm the infrastructure and cause more destruction

We need more info, discussions and solutions

The city needs to drastically reduce the number of vehicles that rely on fossil fuels as motive power within the city limits.

Alameda's emphasis on single family homes and driveability is going to make it impossible for us to make real strides on climate control.

Some token actions on straws, bags but why turn down grants for sea level rise?

Mitigation will be big: new sea level developments should be able to withstand significant amounts of flooding and sea level rise. The ICC report should be taken as a lower bound, since it is conservative. Building something 2 feet above sea level makes no sense when you know it will rise 8 feet.

The city seems to be behind on many things.

I don't feel incredibly knowledgeable about this area in Alameda existing work - but I feel that generally our city has a vibe of being responsible and fiscally smart.

I know there are plans for some stuff but rapid action is needed. Clean energy, more electric car charging, improved sea walls etx

Raw sewage leaks into the lagoon at the end of Oak. But I think work is being done on that? Also, where does our recycling REALLY go? Now that China no longer accepts much. Can we do more a city with our recycling?

Building more large multi unit buildings will bring in more traffic and people that will raise emissions and carbon footprints. STOP BUILDING!

All I see is more construction and less infrastructure to accomodate the tenants and their cars.

Would like to see work expedited to improve bicycle commuter safety and on-island public transportation options

Sea level rise is probably the biggest threat. I'm not seeing anything being done to address it.

Not Satisfied At All

Horrible! Everywhere you look, local land is being converted into retail, housing and hotels. This is causing our population to grow and develop on the land that once attracted people to this town.

you are creating a traffic and pollution nightmare with all the housing you have already approved let alone what you are planning. you have no concern for the environment or disabled people with all your bike lanes and no jobs on the island, everyone has to commute. you are cementing that situation in place. this does not have to be a bedroom community and could bring in more revenue rather than keep raising the sales tax which disproportionately affects the poor

Our leaders are constantly approving more development and not preserving the limited open space we do have.

Climate change is the biggest issue at stake and California is at the forefront of this. We have issues with rising water and now lightning and fires. What are ways we can encourage residents to use electric cars, solar, ban single use plastic, etc

We need a comprehensive plan for reducing the city's emissions, public and private, and investing in controls for rising sea levels and rising temperatures

How utilities are managed and providing greater incentive for green energy.

Climate change is happening in real-time. Cities like Foster City are far ahead of Alameda in addressing real changes we need to undertake, such a seawall construction and limited development in known FEMA flood zones.

Climate change is a huge problem. I see a lot of effort being made but I wish we could do much more. With Alameda's size and clearly-defined boundaries I see an opportunity to be a leader in climate change mitigation strategies. We could be an example used all over the country of how well things can work! (Bikes? Electrical generation/efficiency/etc? Food waste reduction? GHG emissions?)

I am an entrepreneur in the renewable energy/renewable resources space. I see Alameda Point as a key location for education and manufacturing jobs.

What efforts?

sea level issues

A larger effort to go green. Compost and recycling in more locations.

Seriously unsatisfied that a council so concerned with "climate change" would vote to hold a measure to repeal Article 26 and therefore allow potentially unlimited upzoning on the Island.

I have no idea what the plan is.

plant more trees, don't allow homeowners to cut trees down unless they replace them somewhere, preserve more wetlands, raise homes in flood plains when they are being remodeled

Given how much sea-level rise we're expecting, Alameda needs to be either putting up seawalls or figuring out how to gracefully slip beneath the waves.

I have not heard of any action taken in regards to rising sea level

Alameda is not using the base for businesses, has increased residential housing substantially in the last 10 years to the detriment of the enviornment

Preparation for sea level rise is important

Given how most of Alameda is just feet above sea level, I would have expected more plans to be in progress to address rising sea levels.

The climate is terrible, our recycling program is bad

This answer is biased. I'm not satisfied but I don't feel that Alameda should be doing more. There needs to be a regional approach to this. Managing it city by city makes no sense.

What is Alameda doing about climate change?

The honest answer is 'I don't know.' I am not aware what the city is doing, so I can't answer this question (no option of 'i don't know' or 'skip question')

A plan is needed now for sea level rise. There have been obvious increases in just the past 10 years.

Have not heard of any plans for mitigation of the flooding that will occur with sea level rise.

They should work with all the HOAs on the island to see how solar power can be installed. Most HOAs do not allow. Construction adds a lot of emissions, AMP could work with businesses and residents to have a more efficient source of energy.

Growth is too much for our city

Not doing enough-Wake up

Improving traffic needs significant attention. Making vital streets into single lanes is irresponsible. I am not going to start riding a bike in my 60s to get around town. You have made a mess out of Shoreline Dr. Now I hear Otis and Central are coming up on your hit list to make traffic even more of a nightmare.

Traffic lights not timed or using sensors to reduce idling. No shore improvements to protect from rising bay water. Unending development seems to be the only agenda.

I don't see any evidence of serious work about our long-term concerns. I want Alameda to be livable in 2060.

The city is building too many new multi unit dwellings that will increase population and traffic. More people and vehicles equal more pollution.

Over development, subpar maintenance of current neighborhoods, no tree planting program, open space is NOT a priority

I haven't heard of efforts to protect our city.

Exhibit 3

CC-4: Policy from the Conservation and Climate Action Element:

NET ZERO GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS. Take actions to make Alameda a net zero GHG community.

Actions:

• **Partnerships.** Continue to partner on greenhouse gas emission reduction and adaptation strategies with other agencies, including, but not limited to, Caltrans, AC Transit, Bay Conservation and Development Commission, Water Emergency Transit Agency, East Bay Regional Park District, Port of Oakland, East Bay Municipal Utility District, Pacific Gas & Electric, and the US Department of Veterans Affairs.

• Alameda Climate Action and Resiliency Plan. Implement and update as necessary Alameda's Climate Action and Resiliency Plan (CARP) for reducing greenhouse gas emissions and preparing and implementing adaptation strategies to address sea level rise, increased flooding, and public health. Annually review programs and projects to evaluate progress on greenhouse gas emission reductions.

• **100% Renewable.** Support powering Alameda with 100% renewable energy by promoting the generation, transmission and use of a range of renewable energy sources such as solar, wind power and waste to meet current and future demand.

• AMP 2020. Support Alameda Municipal Power's efforts to provide power from 100% clean, non-fossil fuel sources to all residential and commercial users in Alameda.

• **On-Island Generation.** Support development of on-island solar power generation and on-island wind power with appropriately sized generation, storage, and microgrid distribution infrastructure to be able to provide power for a range of uses, including essential functions.

• Energy Generation Facilities. Subject to Alameda Municipal Power's regulatory requirements, permit renewable energy generation facilities by right in zones with compatible uses.

Excellent

Good, but needs work

Bad

Excellent Policy

Yes. Good But more! This is a good start...but in 20 years what else could we do! seems appropriate

Enter

I think we should also consider the new, smaller, safer nuclear plants currently being developed

As a renter, I feel that I have limited options to live a more environmentally friendly lifestyle. I appreciate the City's efforts to make this a possibility for everyone. It might help to add regulations allowing tenants to have suitable professionals perform environmentally-friendly upgrades to a landlord's home, such as installing EV charging and bike parking where possible.

I really like the on-island generation

Great to move toward net zero. I'd love to see reductions though.

on-island energy generation is particularly important; emphasizing the phase-out (or at least the ddecreasing use of) natural gas should be added to the policies of natural

It does not advocate for sending taxpayer money to who knows where on carbon sequestration projects without proper oversight. Alameda should actually become carbon neutral before considering buying credits

So excited we're going in this direction! Thank you!

Our firm, Metrol-Carbon-Ventures, LLC as described in our website http://metrol-hydrogen-fuel introduces "green hydrogen" production (zero emissions) and hydrogen fuel use (fuel cell and internal combustion engines with zero emissions) as economically viable.

Investment in solar and wind power are great goals.

Love the idea of microgrids and a more resilient, carbonless energy infrastructure.

we need to do everything possible to go to net-zero, why not require solar generation car shades on top of all open parking lots for example, and solar power for all new buildings?

I like that you are focusing here and appreciate you aren't just trong to buy credits.

Island generation of power sounds exciting!

It's great that Alameda has one of the few municipally owned utilities and can pursue combos of policy and actual service/operations changes. On-island generation options sound useful, especially given the increasing potential for PSPS events.

This is a great start, I worry that it may not be enough

It balances mitigation and adaption, which and helps modernize the grid and protect from outages.

like all the options

Comprehensive

We should do this as soon as possible. Time is running out.

addresses most pressing issues

Continuing efforts in this area are essential.

good

Will have the most impact in reducing carbon footprint.

Very good policy, but how are you going to do it with building more and more houses and so bringing more and more cars and traffic and with that pollution and garbage!

Great!

these all sound great. hope it comes to fruition

Fantastic!

Electric via renewables is the only sustainable option.

Good policy but I'm concerned about the last one "permit regeneration by right"/ Could that mean we could have power plants nearby? We need a better explanation about what this actually means.

All of the above! We're dealing with a true climate emergency.

Given the threats of PSPS, rolling blackouts and earthquakes, we should have some renewable energy generation on the island and encourage residents to install solar + battery storage.

These sound good - but no details at to what the impact will be to residents to implement. Will it mean buses running down my street 24/7? Will it mean a wind tower in my yard?

The goals are realistic

They are All good steps helping the environment and therefor the island

Particularly love the self-sustaining idea and opportunity to lead the way in being a zero emissions city.

I'm hoping for a plan that keeps us independent and can supply us without going elsewhere.

A focus on renewable and "green" energy sources is a long term solution. And we get lots of sun on the island!

We need to be more self-sufficient, and combat climate change by reducing emissions as much as possible. Local power generation is a big step in that direction.

Good ideas for the long term, more short term are needed.

Good Policy, But Needs Work

I'd like to see more specifics on how we are going to reach net-zero GHG emissions by 2030, as the 2019 CARP says we will do.

Add BART to partnerships. Encourage solar on every housing and commercial unit in Alameda and plan for decreased revenue to AMP

Would like more efforts to encourage walking/biking as a viable option for more residents.

Yes micro grid. Unsure on where solar would be placed.

Lofty goals with scant evidence of performance to date - how many electric vehicles are in the City's fleet? How many solar panels are installed on City properties, or "Mount Trashmore"?

Much energy generation can also happen on roof of houses and business. If credit or incentives provided, would create a major power generation without the need to create an area solely for that purpose.

I don't know enough about this topic to be fully satisfied.

The rolling power outages in recent weeks have shown we are not completely ready for only renewable energy. We need to have available generating capacity using fossil fuels until battery and other less polluting technologies advance in sophisitcation .

The old Alameda Naval Base should be a stellar example of renewable energy and a solar & wind farm?

I support using as much renewable energy sources as practical, but realistically the access to energy from fossil fuels needs to be maintained for peak demand (like this heat wave) or as a back up.

Add coast guard and alameda municipal power company to partnership list. Add resiliency of micro grid to counter blackouts. Clarify what is meant by "renewable energy generation facilities by right"

Not everyone can have an electric car because older apartment buildings do not have plug ins

How to implement?

you're still not addressing the incredible increase in multiple housing.

Date needed for carbon neutrality. Actually we need to go beyond carbon neutrality to draw carbon dioxide from the air for a livable climate.

Power generation on Alameda doesn't make much sense. It is not a good location for these sources

Why not allow it everywhere?

Need better transportation options for those without vehicles

What is that last bullet? It does not make sense to me.

How does it get paid for?

Not enough detail or proposed actions, impact, etc.

Seems like something about increasing number of trees, restoring marsh, or other carbon mitigation could be a part of this plan and have other climate adaptation benefits

always room for improvement

Not sold on solar and wind power generation facilities

As a property owner on Bay Farm, I'd expect to see work on managing sea level rise.

Very ambitious in a good way.

Need more info on all these policies

solar PVs are great but not for everywhere. The solar PVs take up a lot of real estate that would be better used for other purposes. There is not enough consistent high winds to make wind generation here cost effective. Need to be realistic about this - power generation should be cost effective and really work

Would like to see more emphasis on conservation, so we use less energy overall, rather than just switching to another source.

I'm just guessing, but I don't think solar generation on the island is as efficient as buying it from elsewhere in the state.

Don't strive for 100% renewables, this is how we end up with power outages during hot days

It needs to be more specific about energy generation facilities and where they can be located.

Other than in-residence distributed generation, do we have the available space for on-island solar generation? And Wind presents serious risks to wildlife and views

Greenhouse gas reduction is important on a global level. Sea level rise is by far the biggest threat to Alameda

I really couldn't care less if Alameda wins a medal for being net-zero or not, but sure, as long as Article 26 of the Charter is preserved; repealing that is inapposite to "climate change" fighting efforts.

I have no idea what some of this means. It is all vague and generalized.

Living a block and a half from beach sea level rise issues are personally important. Love here long enough to remember when street flooding was severe and common

I need more context to understand 100%... also does this impact how alameda drive? What is impact to us?

The city never is honest about how development impacts QOL for it's citizens. Nor does it ever realistically gauge the impact of so many more residents. Your climate impact goals would seem more credible if you were honest about development and developers.

doesn't really save Alameda. glad to contribute to the bigger picture, but only Alameda can save Alameda.

I'm supportive of solar solutions, but the cost to set up is higher than the savings. What incentives could the city suggest to get people on board?

Create a solar powered public rail system.

Focus should be converting everything to sustainable or carbon neutral ASAP

Where's the deadlines? 2030 would be good

It is a source of pride to live in a city that has one of the few publically owned and operated electrical distribution agencies. However, with zero generation assets, claiming that its grid is 100% non fossil fuel is a bit of a shell game. fuel

I think we need slightly bigger picture. How are we using and polluting. More mixed use housing that cut down drive needed, more ferries, light rail through the island

Sounds a bit over reaching and may be costly for residents already overpaying to live here.

I don't see mention of converting city vehicles (as many as possible) to Zero emission

Needs an actual strategy for dealing with sea level rise- not just a plan to have a plan.

Pretty Weak Policy, Could Be Much Better

more jobs, less housing and pollution caused by traffic sitting at the tube to get off island

electric energy is not without costs. it creates pollution at the source. what is the nature of power

generation centers?

AMP has no oversight from the PUC and I don't pay for their "green" plan because there is no governing body to ensure they are using the funds appropriately. AMP needs to go.

More important issues like crime

Some of this is OK but we don't need the city getting into the power-generation business.

Good to work with other agencies but that is not a plan. Need specifics for our part.

Try addressing todays problems-Actually want to squeeze another 20,000 people on this Island-how do you expect them to get off the island-wait for two hours to get through the tunnel and then burn 10,000 gallons of gasoline waiting to get off the island everyday. Thank about today.

Just look at the North Face Campus in Harbor Bay..."award winning development"....couldn't keep North Face there, looks like it's now being dismantled...NO COMMITTMENT to carry on the movement!

Deadlines? Also, not specific as to how this applies to the common resident.

Seems like a lot of lip service at this stage.

AMP doesn't provide as much \$\$ to newer solar customers. Older customers get a better deal.

Bad Policy

Population and climate change are inextricably linked. Every additional person increases carbon emissions! Stop overcrowding alameda! It's disgusting

Fine as is. Policy suggested is overreaching, unnecessary.

Expensive tax

AMP already uses primarily clean power sources. And where will solar and wind power generation capabilities be located on the island? It takes quite a bit of space to generate enough power using those approaches.

Goes overboard

I have not interest in our community spending any money on zero emissions while we have homeless living in Alameda, high crime, and trash throughout our streets and neighborhoods. Zero emissions sounds great but it doesn't help the quality of our lives. I care more about feeling safe when I walk around my neighborhood at night. We should spend our money more wisely.

Costing us more money for nothing.

After seeing all the recent blackouts, 100% renewable is not practical yet

The earth has been warming for 20,000 years. Humans have only infuenced this for the last 1 or 2 hundred years. This is clearly more about very big and long term factors. Playing around with an electric car is great if you want to but the oceans have been rising and will continue to do so.

I hear new taxes. Pass.

BS. Stop the social and economic engineering. Hire police; fix the streets.

whole thing is BAD. especially "Alameda Climate Action and Resiliency Plan. " bogus. and AMP uses smart meters. let the people have their own solar.--how about that?

Need to determine net benefit.

Sorry, don't agree with this. Another excuse for war on the automobile. No.

Switching one problem for another. No nat gas heaters.

If this is working why is CA buying energy from other states?

Exhibit 4

CC-3: Policy from the Conservation and Climate Action Element: COORDINATED REGIONAL AND LOCAL PLANNING. Maintain consistency between local and regional plans to reduce greenhouse gas emissions regionally and locally. Actions:

• *City Government Leadership.* Promote climate friendly policies, standards, practices, technologies and purchasing in all City facilities and operations.

• State and Regional Programs. Support and participate in state and regional efforts to address climate change through greenhouse gas emission reduction, transportation system improvements, and increased housing supply near job centers and existing regional transportation infrastructure.

• **State and Regional Funding.** Advocate for and support state and regional efforts to provide funding for greenhouse gas reduction, transportation improvements and climate change adaptation at the local level.

• Sustainable Communities Strategy. Maintain consistency between the City's General Plan and Municipal Code and the regional Sustainable Communities Strategy.

Excellent

Excellent Policy

Good

Enter

Blah, blah, blah

Preferring consistency is good, but it's sometimes appropriate to opt for rational inconsistency.

This efforts needs to be at local, county, state, federal, and international levels.

Alignment of local, regional, national / city, state, federal is essential for economic growth and environmental protection.

This sounds like great coordination at the regional level with ABAG and MTC and at the state level. It's especially great to see both transportation and housing/land-use called out in these bullet points. Many Bay Area cities have implicitly chosen and a few have even an explicit choice to advocate for improving transportation instructure without also encouraging or allowing more housing near job opportunities. It's great to see Alameda say this explicitly and try to be a part of the solution through

Bad

Plan Bay Area, RHNA, and the related planning processes. I also encourage the city to be a part of reforming CEQA so that it promotes these goals, rather than provide opportunities for obstruction.

This is all necessary but not quite enough

This is not just a local city issue

Need to be involved in shaping BCDC policies to facilitate Alamedas climate adaptation

I like the focus on public transit and housing options to reduce emissions from people traveling to work.

repeat of previous question?

regional collaboration is essential, but if other towns fail, don't wait for them.

Makes use of coordinated planning - everyone depends on everyone else!

Do more!

Same - all of the above!

A coordinated regional approach is needed to tackle the challenges of climate change

Actions to date

These all sound great, but nothing here is specific or has any real details

We are all connected. Working together to make t least our part of the planet more livable for humans is critical to future generations. The planet will survive just fine, but humans may not be able to live on it if we do not take action now.

Provide incentives to people and they'll get on board.

Good Policy, But Needs Work

New businesses should submit plans for how they will be carbon neutral or carbon negative

n/a

Seems harmless enough. Go to meetings but don't do things that cost me more money to live here.

It's nice to be in line with regional efforts, but if we think that Alameda is unique (per the other survey), then its needs may differ from regional ones. We should be prepared to act accordingly.

Our high elevation on the island is what, 30'? We should be a model for furthering a gold standard that goes further than regional or state efforts, we're the ones who will end up underwater.

the potential DePave park should be emphasized - it is envisioned to be a model for carbon sequestration and adaptive re-use

Add to "increased housing supply near job centers" – green business development. Example: Penumbra on Harbor Bay Parkway area. Provide a link to regional Sustainable Communities Strategy

a little more work on current situation with environment

Actions to reduce GhG need to be prioritized. Likely we need to lead regional efforts and drag other jurisdictions along, not just "participate."

install more electric vehicle chargers, encourage purchase of these

Need more resources to support these efforts

would like to see more work controlling planning board decisions within the framework of this policy.

Very important to me: transportation system improvements, and increased housing supply near job centers and existing regional transportation infrastructure.

Can Alameda strive to be a leader in climate action in CA?

this is very vague

Need more info on all these policies

Good policy, but why be led by others. Lead yourself instead of just following state and regional policies.

Put Alamedas house in order first. Efforts get diluted too quickly when trjing to coordinate w region

See last answer

Too generic.

Again, lot of focus on greenhouse gasses, little on the imminent flooding.

Alameda could be a leader and a model, instead of doing only the basics. Lead the local, county and state vs just keep up.

I'm concerned about building codes and what this could do to the price of housing.

doesn't really save Alameda. glad to contribute to the bigger picture, but only Alameda can save Alameda.

Public transit needs a major overhaul.

The state/county guidelines for climate action should be the benchmark in all cases, but the City guidelines should be more aggressive so that we can lead and not just follow.

The massive constructions of housing worries me. I can create more traffic and more people means the they may trash the island

Promote good practices feels like bandaid. Need more than greenwashing

Pretty Weak Policy, Could Be Much Better

Not very developed. not sure what it ties into with other communities Lots of feel good wording and no plan! Too vague, what does it mean? lacks actionable examples We need much better public transportation. Something like New York subway or Washington DC metro. Start with bart and greatly expand it. It must connect directly to it. No shuttles.

There aren't any clear actions stated.

Addressing this point: increased housing supply near job centers and existing regional transportation infrastructure. We have a lot of vacant commercial space by Wind River. The city should incentivize companies to move to the island to reduce traffic and emissions. A huge majority of the community commutes off the island for work (evidenced by rush hour traffic), more housing is just going to increase that traffic and pollution since not everyone's office can be reached via ferry, bus or bike. I've also heard talk of okaying a huge housing plan for Southshore. Does that make sense? Getting rid of local retail so families have to travel off the island to purchase what they need? Sales taxes are also incredibly high here. This does not incentivize anyone to buy locally and would be a disaster if we had an emergency and couldn't leave the island for supplies.

Words like "promote" and "advocate" are no guarantee of badly needed action.

not enough measurable actions

Climate and environmental impacts are a direct function of the numbers of housing units being built in town. Current traffic density and the city's leaders seem hellbent on increasing the housing density. This can't be good for the environment and will only hasten undesirable changes to the climate.

Need to consider sea level rise in building planning. Need to build on transit lines. And get a Bart stop.

Hard to assess this as the lingo is so bureaucratic leaving too many things between-the-lines.

Bad Policy

Again, Population and climate change are inextricably linked. Every additional person increases carbon emissions... stop building and inciting greenhouse by encouraging a larger population through development. Shameful. Green washing this is! Hypocrisy!!!!

Not the city's problem.

Bad prioritization of citizens' needs.

Same reason

Too much emphasis on this compared to other world issues.

Same comments as before.

Waste of taxpayer money.

The planet has been warming up for 20,000 years. It is part of a recuring pattern. It has been hoter and with more carbon in the past. Humans have had very little influence for most of this current cycle. There are other factors and it is not us.

No new increased housing supply. Stop overbuilding and changing our amazing homes into a bunch of multi family dwellings!

More important issues like crime

Promote climate friendly policies, standards, practices, technologies and purchasing in all City facilities and operations.--like what? also here we go again with that "Sustainability" fake out. no.

Need to assess energy costs as well as savings.

The less "leadership" from council the better. Fix the roads.

No, I want less "leadership" from council, not more. Less power and discretion, not more.

Increased housing is a horrible idea. We already have no way of getting off the island if there is a disaster. Even during precovid rush hour you could barely get off the island.

Where is the money coming from to implement? Taxes? Is this why so many people are leaving CA.?

Exhibit 5

LU-14: Policy from Land Use and City Design Element:

PLANNING FOR CLIMATE CHANGE. Prepare for climate change and reduce greenhouse gas emissions regionally and locally.

Actions:

• Sustainable Communities Strategy. Maintain consistency between the City's General Plan, the Municipal Code and Plan Bay Area, the region's Sustainable Communities Strategy to reduce greenhouse gases.

• State and Regional Programs. Support and participate in state and regional efforts to address climate change through greenhouse gas emission reduction, transportation system improvements, and increased affordable housing supply near job centers and existing transportation infrastructure.

• Local Sustainable Development and Design. In Priority Development Areas (PDA's), plan for and support transit-oriented,mixed-use, compact development patterns, with higher residential densities, jobs, shopping, and transit within easy walking distance to reduce automobile dependence and greenhouse gas emissions.

Excellent

Excellent Policy

could also include more direct action directly affecting the island

Enter

I agree that properly solving this problem requires broad coordination. I also agree that denser neighborhood planning is an important component of creating livable, environmentally friendly communities.

I especially like the density focus with high-quality transit options. This is critical to helping people in their daily lives while also reducing car usage.

land use is as important as transportation - nice to see that here

This all looks great and is so exciting to see!

We desire to adapt our technology installations, including educational and manufacturing jobs, with these policies toward community development.

Bad

Especially support transit oriented development.

Similar to second plan above, same reasons.

What about providing other resources to help reduce dependence on automobiles? For example, why does Alameda not have a bike share system?

Reducing dependence on cars will also reduce traffic and improve air quality.

Part of partnering regionally on transportation is working to add another BART bay crossing, easier and safer ways to access the island from the west end - only a tube currently - and lots of new housing going in at that end. not everyone can take BART or the bus to work. Creating a system of island access that forces long lines of cars adds to air quality and safety issues.

Sounds good!

Yes we need higher densitys for several reasons but this policy will scare many people who feel higher density creates many social problems.

Same - all of the above!

I agree

Sounds good, need facts. Don't want high-rise buildings or anything that takes away the character and beauty of Alameda.

This sounds more comprehensive

Good Policy, But Needs Work

Would like to see more incentives for LEED-certified buildings.

I worry any new housing development will be more "luxury" buildings that will do nothing to help as we face a huge recession/possible depression

We should have specific target (numbers) were striving for. What is our baseline? How are we measuring improvement?

I think we need to be leaders here. As a smaller city with its own energy provider, we are much more nimble than our neighbors.

n/a

See previous answer.

The irresponsible amount of new housing developments isn't helping the cause...it's contributing to the problem.

Need to include adaptation in this policy. We're already past mitigation/reduction. What is the city planning to do to safeguard neighborhoods against rising waters? We should be promoting more aggressive approaches to adaptation on a regionally level rather than just working with current Bay Area plans.

Due to COVID-10, sustainable public transit has been greatly reduced. We should plan to increase again to an even higher level as soon as the health situation permits. Increasing incentives for home solar and natural gas use reductions would be an excellent add.

I can foresee the city's emphasis on maintaining the historical character of the city coming in conflict with efforts to increase compact development patterns. Right now due to zoning, Alameda has only a few shopping areas and people often need to drive to get to those places. I think more mixed-use zoning would be helpful to bringing shops and residences closer in proximity and reducing the need for cars.

no more retail

Much of Alameda is already built out. I support higher density housing in transit corridors for new housing, along with requiring solar electricity on them. No higher density housing should be built without it being energy neutral.

Just do whatever you can to prevent the repeal of Article 26. Everything else is gravy.

Alameda should consider policies which reduce car usage, such as higher parking fees, removing mandatory parking minimums from new buildings, and building housing in parking lots. These would go a long way toward reducing greenhouse gas emissions from cars.

Should speak to environmental justice issues and issues of racial and economic disparate impact

should there be mention/emphasis on cities hazard mitigation plan as additional vehicle to help prepare for SLR/flooding and zone housing/infrastructure away from vulnerable parts of the shoreline

I do not want to conflate housing issues with climate change.

Again, with the part about state efforts, please do more about putting pressure on corporations who are destroying our planet just to be rich.

implementation issues in light of COVID

PDA's can't be islands. they need safe, reliable & fast walking/biking/transit connections to rest of alameda + oakland/BART.

Very important to me: transit-oriented, mixed-use, compact development patterns, with higher residential densities, jobs, shopping, and transit within easy walking distance

too vague

Need more info on all thes policies

again, I would suggest leading yourself rather than indicating you'll follow others.

Alameda shouldn't be held back (and can be a leader) if the region's policies won't go far enough.

Increased density only reduces emissions if it complements existing public transportation, and is in areas where there are meaningful employment hubs. Alameda will need some better transit before you can have transit-oriented development. Right now, it is mainly via buses that are constrained by our existing traffic infrastructure. A good first step would be to get rail, or more points of access where the buses could still function with more traffic. Alameda also doesn't have any meaningful job centers so increased density near our current employment centers is probably not justified. Side note: under this policy, shouldn't the city be pushing housing density near Harbor Bay business park where we do have better access and there is a modest employment cluster? Seems like the council's focus continues to be on the old island, whereas there is very little high-density housing on Bay Farm island.

We'd like to see more specific actions taken to protect against rising sea levels, such as restoring marshland, etc.

higher residential densities will not result in lower greenhouse emissions, quite the opposite

Helping to reduce climate change is great. What about combating the results of climate change?

Issue to change people's habit willbe difficult

walkable is awesome but needs to address those that can't (or won't on bad weather days). More incusivity.

High density housing is not good for Alameda. We are not a job center. That is for Oakland, San Jose, and San Francisco to work on.

Impact to density and island congestion with increased high density goal

doesn't really save Alameda. glad to contribute to the bigger picture, but only Alameda can save Alameda.

Entice more companies and retail businesses to move here to address community needs and keep economy local. Having a Target on the island is a lifesaver, but the sales taxes are high. If I could get everything I needed from Alameda as a standalone community then I would use my car less and invest more in our local businesses.

Alameda is an island community. It needs to develop its own policies, while also listening to the needs of surrounding cities. Alameda is not San Leandro, Hayward, Oakland. As an island, our needs/concerns are different.

I like the dependence of less cars but transportation costs should me more affordable.

In addition to growth in PDAs, allow for growth along the primary 51A corridor via infill development. It's a lot easier to provide transit services on existing corridors than via the dead end to the Point, which is the primary PDA right now

Don't let people build at sea level unless their building can handle projected rise and floods. IPCC report should be used as a lower bound, since it is conservative.

We have a unique opportunity to honor the heritage of our past while building a sustainable future. While this vision for growth seems right, there are important struggles of growth that should be addressed.

Overall, currently an excellent plan. What are the possibilities of improving access to mass transit (BART) on the island?

Sounds good, but what does it really mean?

Pretty Weak Policy, Could Be Much Better

No one is addressing the elephant in the room: getting on/off the island!

"Affordable housing " = high density housing. We don't need more cars in Alameda. Traffic is bad enough. Address traffic and commuting issues before adding more residents

Hard no to higher density housing.

The real key phrase here is Priority Development Areas (PDA's). What / where are they? The big objection to all of the growth plans comes from people like me who live in SFH residential neighborhoods. You're scaring us.

No need to build more huge housing complexes. I do not agree with conflating climate change with added housing. Seems like an easy way for developers to get away with more building

Blah, blah. This is the minimum we should be doing and doesn't start to address the fact that most of Alameda might be under water in 50 years!

What about sea level rise?

This reads as though it were written twenty years ago and climate change were far enough off that reducing emissions is all we needed to worry about. Yes, we need to do that, but we also need to set up infrastructure to deal with the smoke from the fire, the rising water levels, extreme heat events, rolling blackouts, and on and on. I don't see enough urgency in these policies.

needs actionable proposals

High density housing is already planned - we don't need more

Homes near job centers will be unaffordable for many. Every unit should be below market rate for those who cannot afford market rate homes. When building new units, they should not allocate so few units to low income. All should be below rate.

Currently It's a flawed Policy that doesn't really take into account the existing population density, the limited egress and access to Alameda. Why didn't the city council listen?

What is considered affordable housing? \$2000+ a month is not feasible for many residents. Make rents based on a percentage of someone's income.

Sounds like there is an effort to jam more people on the island which cannot help with this issue.

Bad Policy

Repeat-Population and climate change are inextricably linked. Every additional person increases carbon emissions, stop overpopulation!

Utopian babble without credible solutions.

can't reduce dependency on cars until the public transit system works off island

This island is already densely populated. We do not need more people. This is a dangerous solution when you consider how difficult it would be to evacuate people from the island or provide services to them in case of an emergency.

State of CA too restrictive already

either plan for climate change , by limiting and decreasing housing, and population, or not. these statement make no sense ,

Same comments as before.

Humans have no ability to control how the climate changes.

No one ones high density post COVID19. I want nice neighborhoods with lots of open space. People will work from home more, don't want to be packed together on public transit and dense housing

This is a lot of public sector busy work about something that is not imprtant. The Earth has been warming up for 20,000 years. This is a recurring cycle. Humans have only influened this for about 150 years. We have made remarkable environmental progress. We did this before without you. We really cleaned up the Bay in the last 60 years. During about 3 years around 1970 we got 90+% of the lead out of the air. Give us a break with your plans.

No more housing, especially at Southshore. The area can't handle the increased traffic! Stop building!

Sea levels at Alameda point havent changed materially in 50 years. Want me to sent you the data?

While you're at it, why not just legislate that temperatures won't rise for 20 years?

I can't endorse without much more detail and a careful evaluation of intended, unintended consequences and overall impact of significantly increased density.

South Shore being converted to housing: earthquake risk, eliminating central shopping district, etc

Too many people on the island already.

"Sustainable Communities Strategy." no.

We don't know how workers will work in the future.

"support transit-oriented, mixed-use, compact development patterns"--code words for upzoning, infill, and war on single-family homes. No thanks.

"automobile dependence". Careful, your agenda's showing. I like my car, and I'm pretty sure many others do as well. A city government so enamoured with the "community", might want to consider that many of the "community" like their cars.

Wages in Alameda are significantly lower than SF. Businesses will find it hard to attract employees who seek a salary that is sufficient to live in the Bay Area. To bet on creating mixed use space to create jobs, jobs that will earn enough money to live here or anywhere in the Bay Area is not realistic. The surrounding areas pay is 25% less than the same job in SF. Compensation analysis is something I do for living. If people work on the island, they will drive there, not take the bus or bike. People choose to live here because it is not SF, I feel the city planners want this to be the next SF.

Stop over-developing Alameda, stop jamming in dense housing.

more density? This is an island. Can someone acknowledge that?

The last thing we need on our little island is higher population density! Anyone who commutes to work off the island will bear this out. Alameda is dense enough already.

Alameda is a suburb, and people move here because they want low-density residential housing. Stop trying to force high-density on us!

Planning for too many people without a real plan.

The climate has been changing since the beginning of time. Let's be wise and have clean the air and water.

Exhibit 6

LU-16: Policy from the Land Use and City Design Element:

CITY CHARTER AND MUNICIPAL CODE AMENDMENTS. Consider amending the City Charter to remove the citywide prohibition on residential densities over 21 units per acre to remove barriers to affordable housing, support an inclusive, non-exclusionary community, meet local and regional housing needs, and support environmentally sustainable, transit-oriented mixed-use development.

Actions:

• **Transit-Oriented Mixed-Use Development.** Consider amending the Municipal Code to remove existing prohibitions on multifamily buildings and residential zoning density limits in the transit oriented areas within a 1/4 mile radius of a daily commute transit line or ferry terminal in the Medium Density, Mixed Use, Community Mixed Use and Neighborhood Mixed Use areas. Regulate building size in these areas with height, setback, lot coverage, and/or floor area ratio standards.

• Architectural Character. Consider amending the Municipal Code to prohibit the demolition of residential buildings constructed prior to 1942 for the purpose of increasing the number of housing units on the property, unless the property is designated in the Housing Element as a Housing Opportunity Site necessary to meet the City's regional housing needs allocation or the structure lacks architectural merit. Permit increases in residential density within existing residential buildings provided that the structure is not demolished.

Excellent

Bad

Excellent Policy

Yes

Support measure Z

I support efforts that increase density and encourage more "eyes on the street", which is correlated with safer, more enjoyable neighborhoods.

Stop tearing down historic buildings and replacing them with Emeryville-looking stale housing developments

We need to shoulder our share of increases in housing, in particular affordable housing, while still protecting our unique historial housing stock

critical to allow sustainable development if we want to get a critical mass of people using bikes and taking public transit

won't this be moot if measure Z passes?

Mixed use is essential (in order to create jobs we must not be fighting zoning barriers). We want to provide new carbon fiber products for use in construction materials to affect architectural buildings and protection from sea level rise.

Higher density is great but must be accompanied by increased transit opportunities.

Density increases should be planned in conjunction with non-auto traffic and other transit enhancements off-island. This is a major barrier.

Remove barriers that have more positives than cons.

The focus on affordable housing is good, this policy helps address some aspects of environmental justice.

We live in an urban area: let's house people. However, before building, City should evaluate how pandemic is affecting the availability of buildings to be potentially used for housing. For example, is offices will be vacant, perhaps they could be designated as a housing complex (instead of using open land to build)

CRITICAL. If we face revenue shortfalls, expanding tax base is the only way to fund what the city needs.

Very important to me. Newly constructed German villages are walkable, mix use with traditional architecture

We need more housing!

WE NEED HOUSING

More climate friendly development.

please do not demolish historic buildings - they give Alameda their character.

Yes, 100%

May be needed if measure A gets voted away.

Excellent!

We must be able to increase housing density throughout the city. There is no need to protect housing built before 1942.

I don't know the in's and outs off hand but transit oriented housing sounds great

Good Policy, But Needs Work

I do not agree with the need to preserve architecture built before 1942. If someone wants to build greener, denser housing, I think that should be encouraged.

Demolition should be up to the owner. If they feel it would be better to demolish and redevelop, that should be their prerogative.

I don't know enough about this topic to be fully satisfied.

I understand and support the need for more density but imagining all those gorgeous old buildings getting torn down made me feel pretty sad. Is it not also a resource-friendly strategy to retrofit existing buildings rather than to completely tear them down? Or could we focus on adding density to places that don't have beautiful buildings that contribute so much to Alameda's charm? Seems like many Victorian homes have already been altered to accommodate multiple families, could we add more incentives to do more of that?

Need better resolution between increased density and limited paths on/off island

allow voters to select architecture designs. More moderate housing. I can barely afford to live here and i work here

Yes to repeal of Article 26, all of it. No to changing the Historic Preservation Ordinance in the way suggested. It needs some work on designating buildings for the historic list, but eliminating protections for year 1942 and older buildings is not the way forward. Rehabbing older buildings is important to the character of our city and is more environmentally friendly than demolishing them. Instead, incentives for rehabilitation and improving energy efficiency in older buildings should be encouraged, such as a Mills Act program.

I wouldn't want to remove the density limit on streets such as Grand Ave. It is very enjoyable to stroll down some streets and behold these historic gems. Can you address why you chose 1942 as your cutoff year for demolition?

have a quick ferry to oakland for bikes that is free, get more high speed ferries with lots of doors so they load quickly

I agree with the overall goals of removing barriers to building multi-family and higher density housing. However, I am unclear how these proposals would interact with Measure Z on the upcoming ballot and some other potential state-level legislation. I imagine it's worth pursuing all simultaneously, as these proposals have such unpredictable odds of success. To put it bluntly: my family has had such a difficult time finding housing in the Bay Area that I think Alameda should pursue any and all options to remove impediments from the city charter. We are now very fortunate to own a house on an R1-zoned street in the East End. We would be very open to more development here too, not just in designated priority areas. Please also keep making it simpler to permit and build ADUs. Duplexes up to quadplexes can also easily fit into these neighborhoods without major changes.

Seems very helpful for marginalized people but is this also a way for developers to make more of a fortune?

Need protections for existing residents/tenants in construction plan

We don't need to further limit where housing can be constructed. Barring special circumstances, new housing should be allowed if the density is increased.

housing design should start encouraging ways to deal with/live with flooding from storms/SLR and groundwater

There may be conflicts here between these goals

needs more specificity around architectural impacts

Will need more language to overcome objections from preservationists - and give them assurances demolition will not have a rubber stamp approval.

Confusing. Are you saying no demolition of old structures? Don't think we should have a blanket ban on that.

I'm not an expert here, I just advise a huge stakeholder input process including urban planning experts

Aren't these in vote for election

Concerned about community oversight of the procurement of this policy

You need strong regulations to curb too much buildings in neighborhoods, always brings more cars, more traffic, more congestion and more garbage.

Alameda needs to provide its part of housing for the bay area

maintaining a building shell while converting single family to multifamily still changes the character, use, and density patterns. Preserving single-family and extended single-family character and neighborhood composition is important

Why do we have to supply affordable housing?

Need much more information and discussion on increasing density so existing neighborhoods are expanded NOT destroyed

doesn't really save Alameda. glad to contribute to the bigger picture, but only Alameda can save Alameda.

Consider expanding the number of mixed use zones in the general plan as well

Should build really high on the point near the ferry.

Not certain if this belongs here but I would be interested in seeing the city outline "architectural significance" for new construction. I'm really disappointed with the look of the new construction on Alameda Point - doesn't really fit in with the feel of Alameda.

Probably best to leave things as is. Developers will take advantage.

Pretty Weak Policy, Could Be Much Better

Protect architecture stop pandering to developers mega money and Population and climate change are inextricably linked. Every additional person increases carbon emissions

Adressing the housing crisis should be prioritized over preserving architectural character. All buildings do not have great historical/architectural value simply because they were built before 1942 value

We need housing. It's out most pressing issue. We should be building housing everywhere.

This allows for replacement of older buildings for other puposes. The charter could be amended to specify regions for higher density, while liiting height of buildings. As property values increase, it will be more tempting/ profitable for developers to go up in height, turning places into concrete jungles.

This is written to be so confusing. We do not need to house everyone. Not everyone can afford to live in every city. I would love to live in Piedmont, but I can't afford it. We can't be all things to all people.

We should be permitted to demolish older houses to favor density and affordability. There isn't something special about houses from before 1942 that makes them more deserving of retention than houses built in any other year.

We badly need to add jobs to our community and provide affordable housing for those who work here. I do not see how building more market rate housing will achieve those goals. Rather, it stinks of pro-developer bias which has plagued us for years and years.

Amend the code to remove prohibitions on multifamily development regardless of where it is on the island, not just in transit areas. Definitely don't consider prohibiting the demolition of pre-1942 buildings. Some old buildings are terrible and there is a higher and better use of the limited land on this island.

need much more parking near ferrys

Hope those 2 ideas can work together....allow space for multi unit dwellings but not demolish old buildings/residences to do this. And being mindful that there is already approved housing going up....can we wait until that is in place before approving even more.

Need to have some insurance that the characte rof Alameda will not change

Charter should be broad, ordinances and codes should be strong. 1942/3 should not be the only criteria. Architecture uniqueness could also be a criteria, etc.

These items should be separated from one another. Density and historic preservation do not hinge on one another. Protect the pre 42s; it's why people move here. There are plenty of opportunity sites to do some dense housing. Definitely change the 21/acre guidance. It's a project killer.

We are already adding so much more housing. Infrastructure can't support more

This needs to be decided in the upcoming election

Not impressed with ideas for increase density.

Isn't this on the ballot? I understand looking forward to have high density housing for lower income or proximity of transit. But affordable definition not what it needs to be to be equitable. Don't want alameda to look like Dublin near Bart. Who can climb that many stairs anyway!

The 21 units/acre is a good max ratio and should continue to be the guideline.

vaguely stated

Bad Policy

Too many people for the commute routes already

Extremely bad idea. Would increase taxes, costs, drive businesses away.

too many people, not enough jobs

Already overcrowded and traffic can be horrible.
We need to preserve our open space, stop building cookie cutter units under the guise of low-income housing. We have a very diverse community that vary in economic status. I have been on PTAs, Sport League Boards (Baseball, Soccer, Basketball, etc.) there are programs and networks for any family who is need. Building new units they can't afford will not help them. The community and churches they belong to help them. I have seen that in the 15 years of having my children in school and the almost 30 years of living on the island.

Please don't year down houses built before 1942.

This will destroy Alameda.

Should keep Alameda's small town quality into the future

LIMIT HIGH DENSITY UNITS

We do not need to add people to the island. People add greenhouse gases, you know! We are already densely populated, and adding transit options does not mean people will use them. You cannot force people out of their cars, especially when transit takes significantly more time at not much less cost than driving.

do you know that this is an island? we are too crowded as it is. NO MORE HOUSING! NO MORE HOUSING!

Alameda will lose its character and unique features

I do not support high density housing.

You will destroy the charms of our city by continuing to increase high density housing.

Absolutely NO! Alameda does not need more high density housing. The island cannot support more people and more traffic. Wake up! More people will equal more waste, more congestion, and overpopulation.

Alameda is a small island. No room for transit hubs and the destruction they would bring to neighborhoods.

This is Measure Z, essentially. Let the voters be heard before enshrining this as policy.

People don't want dense housing and packed public transit post COVID19. Yuck

All our housing is affordable or else it will not be sold or rented. Perhaps you are talking about subsised housing for those you would pity.

Absolutely a bad policy! Do NOT amend the charter to increase building sizes and occupancy. Your agenda is clear. Most don't agree with it. Stop overbuilding and trying to change a town that we don't want changed in this way!

(Sigh). No. More persons equals more problems, including environmental. Absolutely disagree and find the suggestion that allowing uncontrolled upzoning is somehow climate friendly.

I don't think that making housing more dense will improve life in Alameda.

Not all old buildings need to be protected.

More important issues like crime

No more huge apartment buildings. There's barely enough resources here as it is. Crime is out of control.

Prohibiting housing-density increases is in direct opposition to reducing GHG emissions from driving. Let people build things; this is a living city, not a museum.

Let me get this straight: big worry about "climate change", but let's do away with things like Article 26 that control growth on the island? Do I have that right? Bonkers.

Again, potentially sacrifices the preservation of the essential elements of what makes Alameda so livable and unique for primarily market rate apartments.

Alameda is known for its architecture and all the history. That's partially what drew my family here from city life. Perhaps selfishly so, but I do not think any policy that takes that away should be on the table.

No, no, no. Alameda is an island 4 miles by 7 miles. It cannot support more density

Too many people on the island already. Do not want more housing.

We don't need density and it won't be sustainable

Awful policy. Need to address transportation and traffic issues first.

You could have saved yourself some typing and just wrote "Yes on Z?". All in all, a thinly disguised attempt. But I'll play along. Would anyone driving out to the Bay Farm ferry terminal think, "Hey, nice transit corridor." Of course not. It's a quiet residential neighborhood. It's occupied by evil Scrooge McDuck types, all greedily hoarding their nest eggs while snickering at the downtrodden Millenials (natch), but still, a neighborhood. But because it has a ferry terminal, it's a target for upzoning and infill. Blanketing the city with multi-story hotels and apartment buildings does nothing to address the immediate threats from climate change.

The entire state of CA needs to review the carrying capacity of various regions and communities. Alameda is an island. Do not turn it into Hong Kong.

I strongly support repealing Measure A, but I think this compromise of tying it to demolition controls of residential buildings built before 1942 is terrible.

Keep the look and population of Alameda as it is. We do NOT NEED more multi unit housing, and demolition of our existing, historical houses.

This really does not spell out specifics. But the descriptions provided seem to suggest allowing a lot of higher density housing even in single family areas that are ¼ mile from daily commute lines. This would cover a lot of Central Alameda as well as big parts of the East end (lines O, OX, and W are all daily commute lines and cover a lot of HIgh Street and Santa Clara for example). It also seems to open up the ability to demolish existing historic structures if they are in a Housing Opportunity Site. Will there be limits on that? How to we ensure that they don't expand any proposed sites in the future? This basically throws out the concept of single-family zoning if you are close to a bus line, and opens up the ability to convert other sites to higher-density without a lot of restriction. This would be great if you are a developer. Not so great if you live by one of these. It's like the late 1960s/early 70s all over again. Finally, the type and size of higher-density development allowed under this plan is very vague. Will there be limits on density that are clearly defined?

This small island needs to watch growth density. Quality of life with open spaces is better than being stacked on top of each other.

You need to listen to the citizens I'm tired of the overdevelopment going on in Alamedaerdeve;erdevelopment t

Do not amend city charter to increase density; this will lead to horrible long term ecological and community-ruining consequences

Presupposes that the housing limitation is the cause of the problem.

NO!!! and F*** no!

Getting on and off the Island has been a challenge. In the 39 years I have been a resident, the bridges and tunnels have gone way beyond their capacity. Also, it seems like Oakland wants nothing to do with helping smooth the flow, and may actually be taking steps to reduce Alameda traffic through their city.

I do not support ammending the charter to allow for building larger density housing

Demolition of heritage homes has led to development of very high-cost housing everywhere in this area, including Alameda.

we dont want overcrowding here

Absolutely not. Do not touch the Charter. Stick to your knitting--fix the roads.

No, no, no--a thousand times no. Keep Article 26. I don't want an inch more power given to council.

This is a horrible idea, adding more mixed use will kill all the small businesses. They can't compete with the big chains.

Council should not be involved

See prev answer. And none of you ever answer the traffic questions.

Hell NO. You are just regurgitating measure Z. Alameda can not support a significant increase in population. I'm sure you mean Webster, Park St and all the Ferry neighborhoods as your transit centers. Massive traffic will ensue because developers dont want to build the infrastructure to support it. City council is too easily swayed by special intrest and unions to do what is best for the citizens who are already here.

NO further development unless infrastructure issues are address and transparency is provided to the public!

Density again ! Look at what has been allowed. Hampton Inn at Harbor bay, The Extended Stay at Marina Village and on and on. The city ok'd ugly horrible designs. These are water front properties, and you allowed bad designs in every case.

We are an island with finite space. We shouldn't be expected to fill every nook and cranny. I'm generally supportive of dense housing near transit/business corridors but we are not Downtown Oakland or San Francisco- our transit connections are nothing like these cities. People don't move to Alameda to live in a dense city like San Francisco, I think our city needs to realize that.

Keep the under 21 unit mandate. There are many ways to develop new units and still be affordable but developers are greedy and the city only allows that a few units affordable.

I believe between current development and planned development, as well as large existing multi family complexes, Alameda is doing its fair share. Current development is generic in nature and will be unimpressive in a few years.

How will these policies will encourage new residents of using public transportation ? More people in my opinion creates more caos and crime

This policy is flawed. Alameda already has 3000 housing units planned & Approved w/o considering the addition of thousands more units in the transit corridors. Traffic congestion is now at an all time High.high

Alameda is too crowded already, and sufficient plans have not been introduced to deal with transportation.

Just an excuse for high-rise buildings and ruining our city. Sellout to the highest bidder.

Is there solid research that demonstrates that an increase in residential density "creates" affordable housing? Or is that an assumption. Aside from the 15% new build required by the state to be affordable, what is Alameda doing to make housing affordable? Just building dense housing does not automatically = affordable.

Never demolish a home for the purpose of building a multi-unit residence. Completely stupid.

No. No. No. How will these people get to work, on our already overcrowded bridges and two-lane tunnel? DO NOT LET THIS HAPPEN!

Do not amend the city charter! Stop trying to force high-density residential areas on us!

Too many people!

Too much housing already

Exhibit 7

CC-16: Policy from the Conservation and Climate Action Element:

ELECTRIFYING ALAMEDA'S BUILDING STOCK. Reduce greenhouse gas emissions from natural gas combustion and natural gas leaks by preparing and adopting citywide regulations limiting use of natural gas and encouraging the use of clean energy electricity.

Actions:

• **New Construction.** Encourage and incentivize construction of clean energy new buildings and limit the use of natural gas infrastructure.

• **Development on City Land.** Limit or prohibit the use and expansion of natural gas infrastructure on city land to the extent feasible and practicable.

• **Conversions to Clean Energy.** Develop regulations and incentives to facilitate the conversion of existing buildings with natural gas infrastructure to clean energy alternatives.

• **Rebate Programs.** Support programs that encourage homeowners/ commercial building owners to implement electrification retrofits.

Excellent

Excellent Policy

good

Excellent policy. However existing incentives to electrify home water heaters, for example, limit home owners to certain vendors who are able to charge a premium prices because homeowners are required to go through them. Incentives should be offered for lower cost installation options including home owner installation of

More rebate programs! Let's electrify all our homes.

Enter

Natural gas is great, but we won't get to net zero if we keep using it, and it is a major risk in the case of an earthquake.

I support incentives/rebates/other financial measures to encourage such work (versus legislation, etc.).

We really need to encourage the move to phase out natural gas. Some incentives would help my household make that move in our 1908 bungalow.

Bad

I really like the idea of rebate programs

Yes! Excellent policy and let's incentivize converting older buildings and require electric in new.

It is a no-brainer to require and even subsidize solar on all new construction. Solar on homes/businesses is more efficient than a centralized solar farm.

require solar on large remodels

YES

should also be thoughful about citing of any energy infrastructure away from areas already vulnerable to SLR

Comprehensive

gas needs to be phased out

Yes! I'm actually ordering a new electric stove. Encourage consumers.

Great!

Excellent. Move to solar and wind options.

Electrification retrofits and removing natural gas on a neighborhood basis would significantly reduce the threat of fires following an earthquake, which is a significant threat to Alameda neighborhoods.

Yes, this us good. My next car will be electric. I already have all electric appliances. Except for furnace. Will be happy to look at alternatives.

good with rebate programs

Especially, reducing or eliminating the use of combustion natural gas within residential units.

Yes! We must change, as the climate already is.

Good.

Good Policy, But Needs Work

This policy does not go far enough. We should BAN natural gas in new buildings, not just encourage people to not use it.

Add a removal of parking minimums on all new housing.

including planting of trees

Incentives are better than regulations.

More rebate programs needed to increase energy efficiency homes and power generation

My understanding is that natural gas is a byproduct of oil drilling, and that it actually burns pretty cleanly. I can get onboard with not running gas lines all over the City, but it seems fine to use electricity generated by natural gas power plants. I assume that electricity would not be considered to be "clean energy"? I also hugely prefer gas stoves to electric ones, as it allows the heat to be adjusted more quickly and easily. Will restaurant and home kitchens be required to use electric stoves?

"encourage" and "incentivize" is nice but it needs to be required

We still need to account for the fact that, as evidenced by recent rolling power outages, that fossil fuels still have a place as a backup source of energy. We should have a goal to wean ourselves off it, but not at the expense of bringing down the grid.

Stop the irresponsible new housing developments underway

I would lean away from subsidizing capital improvements for property owners and instead provide financial incentives by, say, raising the price of gas slowly over time over the next 20 years to send the right market signals

I'm concerned that the focus on electric will translate to a lot of batteries, which has its own set of problems. Can we encourage the use of clothes lines instead of electric dryers, for example? Can we encourage biking over electric vehicles?

I love the effort to encourage electrification of new and existing buildings with incentives. I wonder if we could also build in disincentives. This is the direction we need to go and it's much easier to avoid gas in the first place than putting in gas and retrofitting later.

It is important that the transition to clean electricity come from clean hydrogen as well as clean solar and clean wind. There is a bias against hydrogen technology because steam reformation of natural gas dumps CO2 into the atmosphere and therefore is dirty in production. Our technology is a clean alternative to the current dirty method. But the goal is to move beyond the cognitive bias that only solar and wind are clean-renewable-sustainable. The role of hydrogen can overcome the intermittency problem of solar and wind.

What about solar?

AMP has been doing rolling blackouts this summer. I think we should fix our grid to prevent blackouts in the future before we force more people into the grid.

All-electric new construction needs to be mandated. Voluntary measures/incentives are too slow.

Berkeley prohibits new residential construction from having natural gas installed. Alameda can and should do that too.

Electricity in the last few years has been quite unreliable. I'm unwilling to give up my gas stovetop when it will cost me the ability to cook and have heated water during the rolling black outs if we don't bring generation and storage to the island. The other policy needs to come first.

More resources for those who live here already and quality of life here has bee

So long as residents who currently have gas can keep it.

Conversion is better than new building. New buildings should be required to use renewable energy sources, but we don't need ti incentivize new building. We to fix what we have.

Create a plan that works with landlords and tenants that provides incentives for green improvements in multi family housing.

This sounds similar to what Seattle has done, but less aggressive. Seattle requires all new buildings to be fully electric. I like that this has incentives to get residents to electrify their homes. Building credit for weather proofing homes will be key to increase efficiency.

This focuses too much on new construction (which is impt). need incentives for non-new construction to

convert.

Give incentives for home improvements or give people a tax right off for doing home upgrades such as installing solar panels or having a gray water system in their home. Bio swale front yard design for water efficiency and irrigation. Toilet upgrades. LEED design improvements. We need incentives for very old alameda homes

ok

Need more info on all these policies

Am very much against prohibiting use of gas stoves in new construction.

Consider strategies and requirements that reduce the need for energy altogether. Trees for shade and light-colored roofs instead of air conditioners; hanging clothes to dry on clothes lines instead of using dryers, etc. The less energy we consume, the better.

Would like to see exceptions for certain uses including some types of restaurants.

Something to think about, that we often have power outages, yet no gas outages. gas outages

Could be much stronger in all aspects. With targeted transition dates for implementation. City owned land is our safety net as far as infrastucture.

New building codes are causing buildings to be over engineered and are increasing the cost of building and housing and also increases the amount of concrete and steel and other resources. The increase in the use of these materials also has an effect on the environment that should be taken into consideration.

Clean green building requirements , not encourage

How does this not put more strain on the electrical grid during the rise of temp.

doesn't really save Alameda. glad to contribute to the bigger picture, but only Alameda can save Alameda.

Respect that some people prefer to cook with a gas stove, but other than that I think this policy is ok.

Good policy, should also include a under grounding ALL utilities.

I want to know more about the rebates and incentives for home owners

Limiting natural gas usage makes sense to me.

Incentives are great, but regulations should provide flexibility as the future of clean energy continues to develop.

Everything must be done to keep the character of our city.

Needs more car charging requirements. If all cars are electric by 2035 we need lots of charging. Add that to new buildings

Needs work. Many of us heat our houses and cook with natural gas already. Get the local electrical sustainable power infrastructure in place FIRST, then start phasing out use of natural gas.

Pretty Weak Policy, Could Be Much Better

Appropriate renewable source electrification infrastructure should be addressed prior to banning natural gas for residential cooking/heating.

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN THE ELECTRICAL GRID GOES DOWN, AS IT DID THIS PAST WEEK? THERE WILL BE NO ALTERNATIVE FOR

The conversion to clean energy portion of this could cause mischief if REQUIRED. Make this language more about incentives. The rest can stand as good.

Gas stoves aren't anywhere near our biggest climate problems. Don't ban them. Rebates/subsidies OK.

Okay for existing buildings, but stop with the building new buildings!

What are "electrification retrofits"? "Clean energy" needs to be defined.

Want to cook with electric? Masochist.

Limiting natural gas for heating is fine, but don't prohibit gas for cooking. Cooking use is a tiny fraction of all gas usage and gas stoves are strictly better than electric.

Not enough detail and definitions especially when including potential mandates and wording like when feasible.

why do this?

This is dependent on reliable provision of electricity. We can't take that for granted anymore.

To re-construct homes removing gas would be an expensive proposition. Don't vilify people who like gas.

Bad Policy

Mixed use and less population works best.

Natural gas IS clean energy.

Electricity costs more than gas. Policy would increase costs for everyone.

Relying on one power source does not seem wise. What if an emergency takes out the electricity?

Nothing wrong with natural gas.

I support the use of natural gas in homes and commercial settings where it is logical to use gas (e.g., restaurants).

I am completely opposed to developing an energy policy that will not provide us with electricity during peak periods. The rolling blackouts we are having are ridiculous. I pay my electric bill because I want power 24x7. Yes, I can see losing power in an earthquake or an unplanned emergency. But hot weather? No, if we can't keep the lights on with solar and wind, I want more natural gas, not less.

Nope. Won't happen

Natural gas burns clean and is much cheaper than electricity.

I don't want rolling blackouts like we're seeing now all over CA

We are 20,000 years into a long term heating cycle. We have done this before. Humans have little and recent influence. Heat has been higher and carbon has been higher. It is gradiose to think we can stop this naturel cycle. Go to the shore and tell the tide to stop. City Hall must be very hard up for things to do.

More regulations? Fix the roads.

This doesn't materially affect the environmental problems we are facing

When I hear "incentivize", I think money. Does it really make sense to have these vanity projects while putting a lid on APD hiring? You need to re-examine your priorities.

Concerned that this will lead to mandates for homeowners to abandon natural gas or be penalized for using natural gas.

All future developments should be self energy powered through solar. Appliances should be self powered. Remember, this is the future we are discussing.

To outright prohibit the use of natural gas is bad policy if you are able to incentivize the use of electrical power.

all electric?? NO--the grid is not sustainable nor reliable yet you want to go to all electric? NO --am I behind the looking glass or something?

Electric mechanisms lead to bigger carbon footprint than non-electric.

If reducing natural gas infrastructure means only electric appliances, especially stoves, this is a problem. In a power outage people would be unable to cook.

Natural gas is the best way to cook. Stop trying to take away my natural gas stove--it has negligible effects on climate change! This is just virtue signalling, and I wish the city government would stop it.

Answered earlier.

Too much regulations

Exhibit 8

SN-15: Policy from the Safety and Noise Element:

DEVELOP SEA LEVEL RISE ADAPTIVE STRATEGIES FOR DIFFERENT AREAS OF THE CITY for public discussion and evaluation, including but not limited to: avoidance/ planned retreat, enhanced levees, setback levees to accommodate habitat transition zones, buffer zones, beaches, expanded tidal prisms for enhanced natural scouring of channel sediments, raising and flood-proofing structures, and/or provisions for additional floodwater pumping stations, and inland detention basins to reduce peak discharges.

Excellent

Bad

Excellent Policy

Climate change is accelerating decades faster than previous estimates, this is crucial

necessary for an island!

Enter

It seems better to me to plan for this now and to make gradual change so that we're ready for a rise in sea level, rather than putting it off till it's absolutely necessary.

We far behind other coastal communities in California in addressing actual substantive, physical changes that need to occur in the community. Foster City is a great example (https://www.circleofblue.org/2020/world/building-bigger-walls-in-san-francisco-bay-to-hold-back-rising-w aters/). It's entirely predictable that property values will suffer if people think their house will be underwater in the years to come.

Sounds good, but again, let's be sure to work with BCDC and the Coastal Commission to be using the best science and predicative tools we can.

If we spend our limited resources anywhere, it should be on adaptation measures like these (of course, waiting until as late as possible to make those investments)

plan ahead of the rising water levels

Yes! Finally! A plan that will help existing property owners in projected flood areas. This needs action NOW

Sounds good to me. Thanks for planning for this. We are actually considering a move away from Alameda because we are concerned about this eventual threat, and are trying to make a decision before

our littlest kids start school.

We see that architectural marine structures to mitigate sea level rise is an essential use of carbon (pollutive waste is turned into an economic and functional asset).

This is my biggest concern about living on the island long term.

Good idea. Floods and surges will occur naturally on their own. We should plan for them.

Thank you, any or all of these suggestions should be studied and the best practices implemented.

I don't know enough about it but trust this is necessary. How will you help homeowners raise buildings? Please be more specific on this. Grants?

Great, but, again, supporting a repeal of Article 26 is wholly bonkers in this connection.

Seems right on

Has this not been done yet? This is the single most important element of our future plan and should already have been discussed in detail. It will cost a fortune and we need to start NOW

With the rising sea level, this is a must.

YES

Includes planned retreat. We'll probably have a lot more of that than anybody wants, but that's life now.

This is going to be more needed than anything, also we could add supporting ways to enable cooler temperatures in homes (trees etc)

There needs to be a lot more conversation and action on this specifically as it gets more severe and will impact the entire island

We're a pretty low lying island and we need to think critically about sea level rise and how to mitigate that.

who will pay for all this?

yes but how

Concerned that I don't see this implemented.

very important !

No comment

Need to plan for inevitable sea level rise.

All sounds good. I do worry that the slew of new waterfront development will make it harder to address sea level rise if the minimal mitigations they put in place are insufficient.

Necessary policy

The lagoons are not explicitly called out within this policy and they should be. They are crucial to storm water management and discharge into the bay, but also quality of life. Lagoon 3 is of particular concern. It was designed in error and has yet to be corrected for adequate flow and reducing heavy metal build up and the overwhelming stink when it does not flow.

Do it

Need to prepare for rising sea levels.

Do it now!

Fantastic!

We are close to sea level and we need to be prepared for flooding. Look at what Venice Italy is doing. They have had some recent success in preventing flooding but it has been costly.

So very, very important!

Sounds great. I wonder, though, has this cabal considered that its campaign for Measure Z will only increase pressures on Alameda's infrastructure?

Alameda must accept the existential threat posed by sea level rise and explore every opportunity to adapt and respond to this threat.

Yes, we will eventually need more levees and pumping stations. Its unfortunate but necessary.

I'm not sure about policy but feel it's an idea that should be addressed

This is what we need. Policies not just about helping the world (great!) but serious policies about protecting this town from being lost.

Need more facts.

Will be needed

This will all be necessary in the coming years, as the planet continues to warm up. Let's try to do it in such as way as to not trash what we already have in place. there is time to do it slowly and well, instead of fast and sloppy. Measure three times, cut once...II

Good Policy, But Needs Work

Stop overpopulation and then work on this... titanic in the making!

Seawalls to protect existing homes should be added

I don't follow all of this to have a strong opinion on whether it's appropriate, but this seems like the type of thing we should be planning for with a 2040 planning horizon.

Vague regarding cost

Makes sense as long as private property isn't seized for the work and as long as the work doesn't go on endlessly to meet an ever-increasing projection of sea rise. I have seen air quality regulation get more stringent as soon as earlier improvements are met just to keep air quality jobs and bureaucracies going. There's a danger of that happening in this type of program.

I don't know enough about this topic to be fully satisfied.

Planned retreat is a poor option. The Netherlands have been engineering their way out of the ocean for centuries. All we have to do is maintain our perimeter.

We need to focus on nature-based solutions, not hardscape.

I think it's good to discuss these things, but also more action needs to be taken

you can't have this, and more housing.

Will anything be enough to fight rising tides for such a small, flat island?

Be prepared, but not obsessive

It's good to plan, but it's not real until there's action

Sea level rise is of great concern. I don't understand all the items in the list of solutions.

Sea wall planning needs to begin sooner rather than later

This is a good start but it needs acceleration

Sea level strategy that also looks at wildlife.

where are the actions? don't get scared now! retreat from vulnerable areas and focus on adaptation to groundwater rise/contaminated lands is essential for discussion. Need to flesh this out in final plan!!!

Prioritize it not getting to that point and encourage others to do so.

prioritize underprivileged areas. The lagoons and private residences that block public access to water should have to pay for their own climate safety, since no one else benefits from the water access they do.

I'd feel a lot better if it read "CONTINUE DEVELOPING SEA LEVEL RISE ADAPTIVE STRATEGIES FOR DIFFERENT AREAS OF THE CITY". Climate change is well past the R&D stage.

First, let's provide every resident a clear picture of the effect of sea level rise on their property. Current information is very confusing.

Its a start but not aggressive enough. Rise will be here sooner than we think

This seems like the right idea, but we want to see concrete steps given the urgency of the issue.

Unfortunately need to start to plan accordingly

Should be looking at implementation, not just discussion and evaluation.

Develop long-term funding strategy with investment beginning immediately.

What's the 200 year plan? Sea rise isn't going away, even with all of the measures indicated.

Sure, but, being so Pro-Z as most of you are, could you explain how adding more ppl to the island is better for ingress and egress, or flood prevention? I'm not seeing it.

This sounds good but not sure what this means in practice

Decisions about features like levees should be coordinated regionally. Focus on mitigating risk of flooding at access points like Island Drive and the Posey Tube.

Ingress and egress plan needs to be implemented.

Good start for an island community

Can you imagine the chaos that will be trying to get off the island on the west end is a tsunami is coming? That us where the city is heading since you are continuing to build out with no extra island exits. Pretty stupid on our leaders not thinking of that. But you guys only see dollar signs.

The city has already passed bills to upgrade pumping stations last year. The golf course already added fill to combat sea level rise. Looks like we're making progress but how is it fast enough?

IPCC report estimates of sea level rise should be taken as a lower bound, since it is conservative. New buildings should have to be able to handle increased flooding and sea level rise.

Undoubtedly rising sea levels will pose a massive problem to Alameda. While this policy doesn't fully address the problem and clearly still needs exploration, it is important for us to think about now.

Agreed, look to Holland for the best technology.

Look at the Netherlands approach

Pretty Weak Policy, Could Be Much Better

This is good aspiration but completely misses elements of partnership with others in the same 'boat' like Redwood Shores and the whole of Silicon Valley. Enhance partnership with ABAG or others tackling this seriously.

This is a natural cycle of heat and resulting rising ocean levels. There are low cost examples of levees in the Bay Area for salt ponds.

So what does it all mean and what are the potential negative imapcts or trade offs.

Need a regional solution. And, these plans sound very expensive. How will they be funded?

We need a specialized task force just for this or even another city staff person who is on the line to make it happen. Also insurance needs to be addressed.

If you're interested in getting feedback from the general public, write the descriptions in words easily understood by the general public. Do these recommendations apply to existing neighborhoods, specifically the north shore/estuary?

Where will the money come from?

I am dubious that mitigating the effects of (sea level change for one) global climate change will be of use. We need much more radical action than spending millions on seawalls and raising buildings.

Bad Policy

Not a priority. Priority should be safe evacuation planning. Leave Alameda if worried about sea-level rise.

When sea levels rise, let's deal with that problem. Until then, how about we spend \$ on more immediate issues. Like crime prevention.

Sea level has not risen in the bay in over 50 years - happy to send you the date (its publicly on line too)

how about just having new developments actually be able to drain and collect floodwater?

I can't believe that a couple years after FEMA raised the flood zone ratings for much of HBI, you guys are still talking about developing stategies. Stop talking, take action. Reinforce the levies.

Again, where is the money coming from to do this??