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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Public comment concerning #2021-990 (Resolution Supporting the Goal of Reaching 100% Zero Emission Vehicle Sales in California by 2030)
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I want to thank the Mayor for this referral. I think calling an end to gas car sales in the state is good and we should absolutely do that.

However, this item and resolution, I believe unintentionally, seem to encourage more car sales and continued car usage under the idea that it's the green direction we should move as a state. I don't believe encouraging more car sales of any type is a direction we want to go if we want to encourage less car traffic, more public transit usage, and promoting more walkable and pedestrian-safe cities in our state.

While banning gas/ICE cars is a good step, the greenest solution is no car at all. Switching to ZEVs shouldn't be seen as a panacea for the global fight against climate change. Getting people to bike, walk, use public transit, and even consider car share and carpooling will have a greater impact on reducing CO2 emissions than if people simply move to ZEVs from ICE vehicles.

We also don't want to induce any unnecessary demand for EVs by encouraging people to run out and replace a perfectly functioning well-tuned ICE car that may have many functioning years left with a ZEV. The carbon emissions created through the manufacturing of a new ZEV (or any car for that matter) can be more than the pollution output of an ICE car throughout the remaining life of that vehicle.

I do want to say that I know it's true that some people need to still own and use a car. This is especially true in certain parts of Alameda that are less walkable and that lack viable high-frequency transit options today (like most of Harbor Bay). There are also those that need to continue to rely on privately owned cars for accessibility reasons. I however would hope we can encourage those that can to consider ways of reducing their car usage or go car-free if possible before considering an EV. For many I know this won't be practical but since this resolution is directed at the state and that many other communities are better equipped for their citizens to make the switch away from cars, sooner than parts of Alameda, we should encourage that.

Our family was able to reduce from two cars to one and only use our one car for those times when other greener options are not more viable. And when picking an option for a new car, when our old ICE car finally kicked the bucket, we chose an EV to have a greater impact on reducing our carbon footprint.

I would ask the council to consider adjusting the language of this resolution to also promote greater use of public transportation and alternative modes of travel, including bicycles and

walking while also still encouraging that car sales in the state move entirely over ZEVs by 2030.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

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