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Hello Council,

On behalf of the 25 SSF Earth Club members from the Citizens Climate Lobby Student Team in San Mateo County we are in full support of the reach codes tomorrow.

Climate Change is REAL and We Need Bold Action Now-

As students in SSFHS we are constantly moving around campus, going from class to class from 8:30am-3:20pm. We feel the effects of climate change. For example, today students were soaked in rain and winds were at an all time high. Students stayed in classrooms because of the strong winds pushing us back from going home. Some students even walk home in this poor weather crisis. The unnatural weather patterns and natural disasters have devastated students, and much of our country: extreme droughts, heat waves, sea level rise, flooding, unruly wind– have all already damaged our Bay Area Community. Our generation as well as all future generations, depend on the change we cam make now. We need to dramatically reduce our carbon emissions and decarbonize our economy.

REACH Codes are an Issue of Equity-

Our community is constantly affected by the growing brunt of the unpredictable climate change. Citizens of our country should be prioritized and the residents and marginalized communities should have and build a more sustainable future. There are the less fortunate in the world and in buildings today, we operate/pollute for the next 50=100 years, maybe more. With this in mind, it is much more cost-effective and efficient to require them to be electric now more than ever, and for them to convert many years down the line.

South San Francisco Should be a Leader with Commercial REACH codes-

Two years ago, SSF led the San Mateo county by passing one of the strongest and effective residential reach codes for new residential construction, unanimously. We CAN finish the job and include commercial buildings as well, for the benefit of our residents and students.

Please listen to the voices of students trying to persevere our future generations.

SSFHS Earth Club members

