



# El Cerrito Democratic Club

## Newsletter – April 2022

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# 1. El Cerrito Democratic Club – General Information

## (General Membership Meetings – 4th Tuesday of the Month)

The El Cerrito Democratic Club (“ECDC”) provides a forum for area residents to discuss and take action on issues and campaigns of local, national, and international importance. Our general membership meetings are open to all and held on the fourth Tuesday of each month except October and December, when we typically have our annual dinner and holiday party.

In light of health and safety concerns around COVID-19, meetings are currently held via Zoom, with the agenda and Zoom link <http://tiny.cc/ECDCmemberMtg> published in each month’s newsletter. While safety precautions prevent us from meeting in person, we encourage you join the Zoom call a few minutes early to mix-and-mingle with fellow ECDC members.

If you would like, you may download and import the following iCalendar (.ics) files to save the monthly ECDC Membership Meetings in your electronic calendar:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/tZMocOmtqTMrEtSUk1uxwRjwEy1zJAfUcnOj/ics?icsToken=98tyKuGvqzwgH9OdsRGHRpwEGY\\_Cc-wtlxcj7duqRS0FjhEUAnhE\\_sTKJheFu3T](https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/tZMocOmtqTMrEtSUk1uxwRjwEy1zJAfUcnOj/ics?icsToken=98tyKuGvqzwgH9OdsRGHRpwEGY_Cc-wtlxcj7duqRS0FjhEUAnhE_sTKJheFu3T)

The El Cerrito Democratic Club and its activities are supported by the annual dues of its members. Please see the “Membership Renewal Reminder and Instructions” section towards the end of this newsletter for directions on how to join the ECDC or renew your membership for 2022.

Officer elections for the El Cerrito Democratic Club occur annually and were last held during the ECDC General Meeting on Tuesday, January 25<sup>th</sup>. Special thanks to the following volunteers:

### El Cerrito Democratic Club Officers (2022)

- President – Greg Lyman
- Past President – Janet Abelson
- Executive Vice President – Champagne Brown
- VP Membership – Neil Tsutsui
- VP Treasurer – Ed Crowley
- VP Publications – William Ktsanes
- VP Records – Jonee Grassi
- VP Programs – Carolyn Wysinger
- VP Media – Madeline Kronenberg

The specific duties of officer positions are described in section “VII. Officers” of the Bylaws posted on the ECDC website at <https://ecdclub.org/club-documents/>.

If you’re interested in participating more actively in the ECDC, please consider volunteering with the Club. Tasks and projects arise throughout the year; help is always greatly appreciated.

- William Ktsanes, VP Publications

## 2. Agenda and Zoom Link for the Tuesday, April 26<sup>th</sup> ECDC General Membership Meeting

**NEW** Zoom Link to Join the ECDC Meeting: <http://tiny.cc/ECDCmemberMtg>

Zoom Meeting ID: 875 7057 8180; Passcode: c5fQKR

Dial in by phone: +1 669 900 6833 or +1 408 638 0968  
Meeting ID: 875 7057 8180; Phone Passcode: 468602

Please note that the Passcode is different if you dial in by phone rather than join the meeting through the Zoom link above.

### Agenda

6:20 pm – Assemble and Mingle

6:30 pm – Call to Order

6:35 pm – Approve Minutes from the March 2022 Meeting (**Action Item**)

6:39 pm – Officer Reports: Treasurer, Membership, Programs, Publications, Media, Records

6:45 pm – DPCCC Report

6:50 pm – ECDC Diversity Committee Report

7:00 pm – Program: Endorsement Forum for County Supervisor (**Action Item**)

7:25 pm – Program: El Cerrito Climate Action Recommendations – *Neil Tsutsui*

7:45 pm – Volunteers Needed: DPCCC – Farmer Markets and/or Literature Walking – *Michael Nye*

7:55 pm – Volunteers Needed: El Cerrito Fourth of July Booth – *Greg Lyman*

8:00 pm – Good of the Order

8:10 pm – Adjourn

- Greg Lyman, ECDC President

## 3. Well Wishes for Janet Abelson

The El Cerrito Democratic Club extends its well wishes to Janet Abelson, longtime ECDC member, five-time past Mayor of El Cerrito and current El Cerrito city councilmember. Janet was recently diagnosed with sepsis, a condition occurring when the body's response to an infection damages its own tissues. She's recovering nicely and in good spirits but will remain hospitalized until this Friday. Cards and well wishes can be sent to

Janet Abelson (76A)  
c/o San Leandro Post-Acute Care Center  
Kaiser Permanente Facility  
1440 168th Avenue  
San Leandro CA 94578



## 4. Minutes from the March 22, 2022 General Membership Meeting

6:20 pm – ECDC General Membership Meeting assembled and mingled

6:36 pm – President Greg Lyman called the meeting to Order

Present on Zoom: Attendees numbered nineteen at the start of the meeting and a quorum was confirmed.

### Minutes

February 22, 2022 General Membership Meeting Minutes presented; motion to approve presented by Madeline Kronenberg; seconded by Champagne Brown; motion passed unanimously.

### Officer Reports

Treasurer: Greg Lyman (ECDC President) reported there is approximately \$12,000 in the combined ECDC accounts and all bills are paid. He is in the process of transferring the financial records to our new Treasurer Ed Crowley.

Membership: Neil Tsutsui (VP Membership) reported the ECDC now has a total of 123 members.

Events: Carolyn Wysinger confirmed that Dr. Kenneth "Chris" Hurst, Sr, Superintendent of West Contra Costa Unified School District, will be the speaker at the April ECDC meeting.

Publications: William Ktsanes (Newsletter Editor and VP Publications) encouraged ECDC members to submit articles and announcements regarding local issues and events of interest for publication in ECDC's monthly newsletter. Submissions can be emailed to William Ktsanes at [wktsanes@gmail.com](mailto:wktsanes@gmail.com).

Website: Madeline Kronenberg (VP Media) reported that the ECDC Facebook page is moving along and working fine.

Secretary: Jonee Grassi (ECDC Secretary and VP Records) was present; had nothing new to report.

### Democratic Party of Contra Costa County Report (DPCCC)

Champagne Brown reported that the DPCCC voted to extend the suspension of a misbehaving member. The endorsement committee for DPCCC meets on March 24 and she offered to send the link to anyone who wanted to view the meeting.

## **ECDC Diversity Committee Report**

Y'Anad Burrell, Diversity Committee Chair, was not in attendance. Cheryl Sudduth raised the issue of the confirmation process occurring now for Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson for the US Supreme Court. Discussion was held about the racist nature of the questioning of Judge Jackson by some US Senators.

## **ECDC Donation to City of El Cerrito's 4th of July Festival**

Proposed: Ed Crowley proposed that the El Cerrito Democratic Club donate \$1,000 to the City of El Cerrito for the "WorldOne 4th of July Festival."

Action: Ed Crowley moved and Janet Abelson seconded a motion to approve a change in the budget and donate \$1,000 to the City of El Cerrito for the "WorldOne 4th of July Festival"; motion passed unanimously.

## **Good of the Order**

Ed Crowley reported on the street signs near Harding School that are decorated with animals. Cheryl Sudduth noted that March is Women's History Month and gave a shout out to all women with the "She Se Puede" sign as her Zoom background screen.

6:56 pm – Business meeting segment of the General Membership Meeting adjourned.

## **Program: ECDC Spring Primary Election Candidate Endorsement Forum**

7:00 pm – President Greg Lyman introduced the process and the rules of the Forum including time limitations on presentations and responses:

- Only members in good standing who registered for the forum are allowed to vote.
- The deadline for voting by OpaVote will be March 25th at 10pm.
- Technical support from Greg Lyman and Scott Lyons will be available until 6pm on the 25th.
- The ECDC bylaws require us to put a "no endorsement" category on the ballot.
- Voting is anonymous.
- A candidate must receive 60% of the ballots cast to get endorsed.
- A list of Democratic candidates who were endorsed by the California Democratic Party, or are running as the only Democrat, are listed in a consent calendar that will appear on the OpaVote ballot.

*Congressional District and Statewide Races:*

Congressional District 8: Carolyn Wysinger introduced the following candidates:

(1) Cheryl Sudduth, (2) Demnlus Johnson, and (3) John Garamendi.

State Controller: Carolyn Wysinger introduced Malia Cohen, the only one of four candidates who asked for an ECDC endorsement.

*County Wide Races:*

District Attorney: Diana Becton, incumbent, was introduced by Carolyn Wysinger. Mary Knox, the opposing candidate, was invited but was unavailable to attend.

County Clerk-Recorder-Registrar: Carolyn Wysinger introduced candidates Vicki Gordon and Kristin Connelly. They were joined later by candidate Devin Murphy.

County Assessor: Candidate Floy Andrews attended; incumbent Gus Kramer sent regrets.

County Sheriff: Ben Therriault was introduced by Carolyn Wysinger as a candidate for sheriff.

**Good of the Order (Continued)**

The General Membership Meeting and ECDC Spring Primary Election Candidate Endorsement Forum ended with a recognition of Women’s History Month and a “thank you” to all women.

9:31 pm – The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

- Jonee Grassi, VP Records

**5. April Program – El Cerrito Climate Action Recommendations**

(Dr. Kenneth “Chris” Hurst, Sr., Superintendent of the West Contra Costa Unified School District, was originally scheduled but, unfortunately, is no longer available as a guest speaker for April ECDC Membership Meeting Program.)

Neil Tsutsui, ECDC’s VP of Membership, is Chair of the El Cerrito Environmental Quality Committee (EQC), a group of community expert volunteers advising the El Cerrito City Council. Last year, the EQC developed a set of climate change recommendations (see attached Appendix) that were submitted to the City Council. For our April program, Neil will lead a discussion reviewing the EQC’s climate action recommendations and provide an update on their status.

Two years ago, the El Cerrito City Council adopted a Climate Emergency Declaration and committed themselves to taking meaningful action based on the EQC's recommendations. As presented to the City Council in August 2021, the following were among the EQC's recommendations:

#### Long-Term Climate Actions

- Revise the City's greenhouse gas ("GHG") emissions target goals and climate action plan ("CAP") to be consistent with the State of California's long-term climate goals of reaching carbon neutrality by 2045 and achieving GHG emissions reductions equivalent to 80 percent below 1990 levels by 2050.
- Incorporate the GHG emissions targets into the San Pablo Avenue Specific Plan, its Environment Impact Report and City's Climate Action Plan.

#### Immediate Near-Term Climate Actions

- Integrate electric-only construction into San Pablo Avenue Specific Plan.
- Enact a City-wide electric-only ordinance for new construction.
- Implement expanded electric vehicle charging capacity in the San Pablo Specific Plan.
- Require on-site solar or 100% renewable "Deep Green" electricity for projects in the San Pablo Specific Plan.

- William Ktsanes, VP Publications

## **6. ECDC Candidate Endorsements for the June 7, 2022 Primary Election**

As part of the El Cerrito Democratic Club's March 22<sup>nd</sup> General Membership Meeting, the Club held an endorsement forum via Zoom in which we heard from and ask questions of numerous Democratic Party candidates who will be on California's June 7<sup>th</sup> primary ballot.

The endorsement forum was open to all. Eligible ECDC members—those whose 2022 memberships were in good standing as of February 8<sup>th</sup> and had registered for the forum—could vote between March 23<sup>rd</sup> and March 25<sup>th</sup> to endorse candidates. Voting was anonymous and conducted online via OpaVote web-based software.

Links to the endorsement ballots were distributed via email to 44 eligible ECDC members. Thirty of the 44 members returned their ballots, with not all members casting ballots for every contest. There was a "No Endorsement" option for voters who felt they had sufficient knowledge about the candidates but believed the ECDC should not make an endorsement in a

particular race. Voters who felt they had insufficient knowledge about candidates in a race were asked to simply leave the boxes unchecked (not voting instead of voting “No Endorsement”).

Candidates needed receive at least 60% of the votes cast (including “No Endorsement” votes) in their race to receive an ECDC endorsement.

The ECDC endorsement ballot included a “Yes” or “No” vote on a combined “Consent Slate” of eight state-level candidates that received California Democratic Party (“CADEM”) endorsements and had no Democratic Party primary opponents. Additionally, there were candidates from five contested races for which one or more candidates requested an ECDC endorsement and candidates from two county-level races where the only Democratic Party candidate in the race requested an endorsement.

Thank you to all the ECDC members who took part in the March 22<sup>nd</sup> Primary Endorsement Forum and subsequent voting. Special thanks to ECDC President Greg Lyman, Membership Vice President Neil Tsutsui and member Scott Lyons for working through the voting logistics, providing technical help and ensuring the endorsement process went smoothly.

These are the elected offices, candidates, vote totals and resulting ECDC endorsements:

<b>Consent Slate of Democratic Party Candidates</b>			
<i>United States Senator:</i> <b>Alex Padilla</b>	<i>California Governor:</i> <b>Gavin Newsom</b>	<i>California Lieutenant Governor:</i> <b>Eleni Kounalakis</b>	
<i>California Attorney General:</i> <b>Rob Bonta</b>	<i>California Secretary of State:</i> <b>Shirley Weber</b>	<i>California Superintendent of Public Instruction:</i> <b>Tony Thurmond</b>	
<i>California State Treasurer:</i> <b>Fiona Ma</b>	<i>State Assembly 14th District:</i> <b>Buffy Wicks</b>		
<i>Consent Slate</i>	<i>Votes</i>	<i>Percentage</i>	<i>ECDC Endorsement</i>
<b>Yes</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>90%</b>	<b>YES</b>
No	3	10%	
Total Votes Cast	30	100%	
<b>United States House of Representatives – California Congressional District 8</b>			
<i>Democratic Party Candidates</i>	<i>Votes</i>	<i>Percentage</i>	<i>ECDC Endorsement</i>
<b>John Garamendi</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>67%</b>	<b>YES</b>
Cheryl Sudduth	5	17%	
Demnlus Johnson III	4	13%	
Christopher Rily	0	0%	
Edwin Rutsch	0	0%	
No Endorsement	1	3%	
<i>Total Votes Cast</i>	<b>30</b>	<b>100%</b>	



<b>California State Controller</b>			
<i>Democratic Party Candidates</i>	<i>Votes</i>	<i>Percentage</i>	<i>ECDC Endorsement</i>
<b>Malia Cohen</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>83%</b>	<b>Yes</b>
Ron Galperin	1	3%	
Steve Glazer	1	3%	
Yvonne Yu	0	0%	
No Endorsement	3	10%	
<i>Total Votes Cast</i>	<i>30</i>	<i>100%</i>	
<b>Contra Costa County Assessor</b>			
<i>Democratic Party Candidates</i>	<i>Votes</i>	<i>Percentage</i>	<i>ECDC Endorsement</i>
<b>Floy Elizabeth Andres</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>78%</b>	<b>Yes</b>
Gus Kramer	2	7%	
No Endorsement	4	15%	
<i>Total Votes Cast</i>	<i>27</i>	<i>100%</i>	
<b>Contra Costa County District Attorney</b>			
<i>Democratic Party Candidates</i>	<i>Votes</i>	<i>Percentage</i>	<i>ECDC Endorsement</i>
<b>Diana Becton</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>97%</b>	<b>Yes</b>
Mary Knox	1	3%	
No Endorsement	0	0%	
<i>Total Votes Cast</i>	<i>30</i>	<i>100%</i>	
<b>Contra Costa County Superintendent of Schools</b>			
<i>Democratic Party Candidates</i>	<i>Votes</i>	<i>Percentage</i>	<i>ECDC Endorsement</i>
<b>Lynn Mackey</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>93%</b>	<b>Yes</b>
No Endorsement	2	7%	
<i>Total Votes Cast</i>	<i>27</i>	<i>100%</i>	
<b>Contra Costa County Sheriff</b>			
<i>Democratic Party Candidates</i>	<i>Votes</i>	<i>Percentage</i>	<i>ECDC Endorsement</i>
<b>Benjamin Therriault</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>97%</b>	<b>Yes</b>
No Endorsement	1	3%	
<i>Total Votes Cast</i>	<i>30</i>	<i>100%</i>	
<b>Contra Costa County Clerk-Recorder</b>			
<i>Democratic Party Candidates</i>	<i>Votes</i>	<i>Percentage</i>	<i>ECDC Endorsement</i>
Kristin Braun Connelly	12	41%	<b>No Endorsement</b> <i>(as no candidate received 60% of the total votes cast)</i>
Devin Tre Murphy	6	21%	
Vicki Gordon	5	17%	
Nicholas Spinner	0	0%	
No Endorsement	6	21%	
<i>Total Votes Cast</i>	<i>29</i>	<i>100%</i>	

**7. Congratulations to US Supreme Court Justice Jackson!**



The California Democratic Party (“CADEM”) reminds us...

***It’s official – Ketanji Brown Jackson will be the newest justice on the Supreme Court!***

Judge Jackson made history April 7<sup>th</sup> as the first African-American woman confirmed to the United States Supreme Court. Her confirmation was an amazing and critical milestone for our democracy, a seminal moment in our fight for justice and equality for all, and a huge step towards making the Court more representative of the country as a whole.

**[To celebrate this watershed moment, the California Democratic Party is gathering signatures and asking grassroots supporters to sign an electronic card for Judge Jackson!](#)**

Feel free to click here to add your name: **ADD MY NAME**

## 8. District Attorney Diana Becton – May 6<sup>th</sup> Meet & Greet

The ECDC’s Jonee Grassi (Vice President, Records) and Champagne Brown (Executive Vice President) invite us to a “Meet & Greet” on May 6<sup>th</sup> with Contra Costa County District Attorney Diana Becton. A Democrat who was initially appointed as the interim DA in 2017 when her Republican predecessor resigned amidst a campaign finance and ethics scandal, DA Becton is the first woman and first person of color ever to serve as Contra Costa’s District Attorney. She was elected to a full term in 2018 and is now running for re-election.

DA Becton was a guest speaker a little over year ago at the February 2021 ECDC General Membership meeting and spoke with us about her work in criminal justice reform and the changes she’s brought to the district attorney’s office. Among her many accomplishments are youth interventions breaking cycles of crime, reduced reliance on incarceration, and increased access to mental health treatment. DA Becton received 97% of the votes cast in our March 2022 candidate forum and earned ECDC’s endorsement.

Jonee and Champagne invite you learn more about District Attorney Diana Becton by meeting with her on May 6<sup>th</sup> and visiting her campaign website at [www.becton4da.org](http://www.becton4da.org).



**Meet & Greet  
Fundraiser**

**RE-ELECT District Attorney  
BECTON**

Hosted by:  
Soheila Bana | Jonee Grassi

6th May 2022  
6p-7:30p  
727 Devils Drop Ct.  
Richmond, CA 94803  
Refreshments will be provided

## 9. Future Events – *Mark Your Calendar!*

**ECDC April General Membership Meeting** – 6:30 pm, Tuesday, April 26<sup>th</sup> (4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month); remote via Zoom link <http://tiny.cc/ECDCmemberMtg>

**ECDC May General Membership Meeting** – 6:30 pm, Tuesday, May 24<sup>th</sup> (4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month); remote via Zoom link <http://tiny.cc/ECDCmemberMtg>

**ECDC June General Membership Meeting** – 6:30 pm, Tuesday, June 28<sup>th</sup> (4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month); remote via Zoom link <http://tiny.cc/ECDCmemberMtg>

### **ECDC Endorsement Forums:**

Tuesday, July 26<sup>th</sup> – Ballot Measures

Tuesday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> – Run-Off and Local Elections

### **Election Days**

Tuesday, June 7<sup>th</sup> – Statewide Primary with Contra Costa County and State Offices

Tuesday, November 8<sup>th</sup> – Run-Off Races, Local Elections and Ballot Initiatives

**Meet & Greet District Attorney Diana Becton** – 6:00-7:30 pm, Friday, May 6<sup>th</sup> at  
727 Devils Drop Court in Richmond

- William Ktsanes, VP Publications

## 10. Membership Renewal Reminder and Instructions

Huge thanks to those of you who renewed your ECDC membership for 2022 – and *WELCOME* to our first-time members! If you would like to join or renew, dues are still just \$5 for students, \$20 for single members, and \$30 for two adults at the same address.

You can renew online at <https://ecdclub.org/join/> or by mailing a check to:

ECDC Membership  
PO Box 192  
El Cerrito, CA 94530

Please make checks payable to “El Cerrito Democratic Club” and provide an email address for all individual members.

Memberships follow the calendar year, so your renewal now is good through December 31, 2022. If you have questions, please email Neil Tsutsui, ECDC's Vice President for Membership, at [membership.ecdc@gmail.com](mailto:membership.ecdc@gmail.com).

Thank you!

- Neil Tsutsui, VP Membership

## **11. Call for Newsletter Submissions**

The El Cerrito Democratic Club Newsletter is published monthly in advance of the General Membership meetings. ECDC members, friends and supporters are invited to submit articles and announcements regarding local issues and events of interest. Submissions should be emailed to William Ktsanes, ECDC's Vice President for Publications, at [wktsanes@gmail.com](mailto:wktsanes@gmail.com) for review and editing.

- William Ktsanes, VP Publications

## **12. Link to the ECDC Website and Bylaws**

Periodically the Club updates our Bylaws. The bylaws were changed in October 2018 to meet DPCCC requirements; revisions were proposed and adopted during the January 2021 ECDC meeting. The ECDC Bylaws are posted on the ECDC website at <https://ecdclub.org/>.

## Appendix – Climate Action Recommendations from EQC to City Council 8/10/2021

Two years have passed since the Council adopted a Climate Emergency Declaration and formed a Council Subcommittee with the intention to swiftly bring recommendations back to Council for prompt climate action. The August 2021 IPCC report states in the [Summary for Policymakers](#): “Human-induced climate change is already affecting many weather and climate extremes in every region across the globe.” and “Global warming of 1.5°C and 2°C will be exceeded during the 21st century unless deep reductions in CO2 and other greenhouse gas emissions occur in the coming decades.”

The following recommendations from the EQC are made to the Council Climate Subcommittee, as well as the full Council, to help fulfill crucial climate action. Serious financial and public health emergencies have taken resources and attention from this topic, but the climate emergency has not gone away and remains as important as ever. The EQC urges expedient climate action.

The EQC supports the goal of revising the city’s GHG emissions target goals and the Climate Action Plan (CAP); however, we also suggest the Council consider, and explicitly identify, both near-term incremental climate actions (independent of the wider planning process), as well as pursuing a more comprehensive planning process. There is no time to waste waiting for the completion of a CAP. In the spirit of the Climate Emergency Declaration, there are many meaningful steps that can be taken immediately, and independently of the CAP update, that must be moved forward with urgency. ([link to previous two EQC letters](#))

### **Updated GHG emissions target recommendation (based on BAAQMD/CARB/CA):**

1. At a minimum, consistency with the most recent draft of the [AB 32 Scoping Plan by the California Air Resources Board \(CARB\)](#), and the [2030 GHG targets established in SB 32](#)
2. Consistency with the State’s long-term climate goals of reaching carbon neutrality by 2045 and achieving GHG emissions reductions equivalent to 80 percent below 1990 levels by 2050
3. Incorporate the GHG emissions targets above into the San Pablo Specific Plan supplemental EIR and update (GHG threshold of significance), as well as integration of these targets into an upcoming CAP, if not superseded by updated state targets before the CAP is adopted

### **Near-term climate actions:**

1. The EQC’s highest priority recommendation for immediate action is to enact a City-wide electric only ordinance (no gas, or minimal exceptions) for new construction (or at least integrate electric only construction into San Pablo Ave Specific Plan update)
2. Implement expanded EV charging readiness fractions in the San Pablo Specific Plan update, minimum 50% Level 2, with the rest at least Level 1 (currently 10% Level 2)
3. Require on-site solar or 100% renewable “Deep Green” electricity for projects in the San Pablo Specific Plan update

## Climate Action Plan update or longer-term actions:

Arranged by categories without an intended priority order. Any item can be moved up for more immediate action. All CAP policy and program development is expected to apply an equity lens, including asking the questions: Who benefits, who is impacted, who is left behind? \*Items marked with an asterisk identify particular actions that can advance equity in important areas\*

### • Transportation

- a. \*Planning and building out the “last mile” bicycle/ped network\* (including bike and e-bikeshare)
- b. \*Plan and build out off-street and protected bikeways\*
- c. \*Establish temporary and permanent car-free areas\*
- d. Incentivize electric bike and bike stations/infrastructure at BART stations
  - i. Incentive E-mobility for income qualified (e.g. Justin Dawe at [FreeBike](#) is working with the City of Oakland on a 500 e-bike lending library program for low income neighborhoods. To be launched hopefully late this year.)
  - ii. Comprehensive [list of e-bike incentives](#)
- e. Do not sacrifice bikeway space in the road to accommodate increased reliance on street parking with coming Plaza BART parking reductions.
- f. \*Enhanced local recreation and local businesses/services\*
- g. Require EVSE ready construction in all new construction and major remodels
  - i. Minimum fraction of Level 2 capacity (minimum 50%, round up)
  - ii. Minimum Level 1 charging capacity for all parking spaces - Palo Alto has pilot
- h. EVSE options for reduced off street parking situations (curbside charging)
  - i. [Seattle's cord cover guidance](#)
  - ii. [Vancouver's cord cover program](#)

### • Green Energy and Buildings

- a. Expand scope of building electrification ordinance from initially adopted version
  - i. See [examples from a City of Berkeley presentation](#) for this and other items below
- b. Provide funding/incentives to support energy efficiency and electrification upgrades at time of sale, time of replacement, time of (major) renovation
  - i. Expand code requirements for EV charging readiness and other electric readiness at time of other work
- c. \*Include indoor air quality range hood requirements/program\*
- d. \*Incentives for storage and other resiliency measures (community resource centers for power, clean air, etc.)\*
- e. Programs for grid-interactive efficient buildings (electrical and thermal storage and grid signals interacting with appliances)
- f. Incentives/requirements for electric landscaping tools city wide

- g. Incentives/requirements to reduce embodied carbon in building materials (concrete, etc.)
    - i. reduce cement in concrete mix by at least 25%; using cement alternatives such as fly ash, slag, silica fume, rice hull ash
  - h. Reduction of construction waste (single use plastic and other materials)
    - i. Implement programs to encourage salvage and material recycling/reuse from deconstruction
  - i. Enable easier permitting (appendix Q) for tiny houses (less than 400 sq ft)
  - j. Develop community funded loan funds (public banking?) to finance efficiency and renewable energy upgrades/projects
- **Waste**
    - a. Expand single use plastic ordinance
    - b. Actively promote/require reusable foodware and reusable goods in favor of disposable
    - c. \*Support the reuse and repair economy with a community reuse and repair program and tool lending library\*
    - d. Implement policies to minimize and prevent refrigerant pollution
    - e. \*Strengthen infrastructure and partnerships for edible food recovery\*
    - f. Eliminate disposal of compostable organic materials to landfills
    - g. Implement a local worm compost facility (at RERC) using commercial waste food stream for local high quality short cycling compost, rather than export
  - **Water**
    - a. “Future proofing” water systems in new construction (drought resiliency)
      - i. Separate greywater drains (on-site reuse)
      - ii. Non-potable plumbing (re-used water for toilet flushing, etc.)
    - b. Enable easier permitting of graywater, non-potable water re-use and composting toilet installations
  - **Greenspace**
    - a. \*Maintain and expand green open spaces (small and large) to support carbon sequestration, water infiltration, local recreation and resilient biodiverse ecosystems, including (both private and public): tree planting, green infrastructure, and mitigation of tree and greenspace removal at other sites within the city, with special attention to equitable distribution of greenspace\*
  - **Municipal Leadership**
    - b. Aggressively move to an EV Fleet and do not replace with fossil fuel vehicles
    - c. Reduce GHG employee commutes (workplace EV charging, e-bikes and more) [find resources here](#)
    - d. Municipal building/facility electrification
    - e. Move pool heat from gas to solar thermal and/or heat pump
    - f. All-electric appliances/equipment (forklifts, mowers, blowers, etc.)