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Subject: Public Comments for City Council Meeting 8/20, 2024

Please include my comments in Public Record. Thank you!

Good evening Mayor, City Council, and City Leadership,

My name is Donna Vidrine, a San Clemente resident and tonight I am speaking as a member of Citizen's Climate Lobby & Education.

Electrification is the key to our energy future! We are talking to people in their communities across the country about electrifying their homes. We want everyone to know there are cutting edge clean energy options available right now. 2 years ago, Congress passed a bill to make clean energy more accessible and affordable with the Inflation Reduction Act.

Fossil fuels are literally prehistoric. Electric cars & appliances guarantee our energy use will automatically become cleaner as our Electrical supply becomes greener. Most indoor pollution is caused by burning natural gas. Particulate pollution is the root cause of most lung and circulatory disease. Electrifying helps ensure your home is a safe haven, rather than a safety hazard. Outdated, fossil fueled appliances use energy less efficiently, which drives up your energy usage- and your bills.

When you electrify, your appliances will assure clean indoor air and save you money. The Inflation Reduction Act means that adding home electrification comes with big subsidies. An EV Charger earns a 30% tax credit up to \$1000. A new EV earns a \$7,500. tax credit and a used EV earns a \$4,000. tax credit. A new Electric panel means you get a \$4,000. upfront discount and a tax credit of \$600. Electric Wiring in your home comes with up to \$2,500. upfront discount with a 30% tax credit up to \$600. Electrify! Your wallet will thank you.

Other benefits of clean renewable energy include jobs and economic growth throughout California, reduced local pollution and cleaner, healthier air. Powering California, the most populous and prosperous state in the country with 100% clean, renewable energy is bold and achievable.

In September of 2023 this council voted to update the City's Action Plan from 2014. I applaud you. By addressing Climate Policy responsibly we improve our resiliency to the effects of worsening climate impacts. Updating the Climate Action Plan keeps us in alignment with Best Practices and Key policies that are proven effective. Let's hold ourselves accountable and create meaningful change, guaranteeing a thriving future for all, including our children and grandchildren.

I have materials in the back for you to review. Thank you!

Donna Vidrine/ Citizen's Climate Lobby & Education; South OC Chapter