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Cupertino Unanimously Passes Resolution in Support of the Buy Clean California Act

CUPERTINO–The City of Cupertino on Tuesday became the second municipality to adopt a resolution supporting State implementation of the Buy Clean California Act. The resolution was passed unanimously by members of Cupertino City Council at Tuesday's council meeting.

Signed into law in 2017, the Buy Clean California Act aligns State purchasing power with environmental goals. The law directs the State to purchase certain construction materials—structural steel, carbon steel rebar, flat glass, mineral wool insulation—from manufacturers that are among the cleaner manufacturers, as measured by greenhouse gas emissions.

The State of California spends, on average, about \$10 billion dollars per year on purchases for State infrastructure projects, with over \$100 billion in long term obligations. The Buy Clean Act, which is undergoing implementation at the Department of General Services, helps ensure that money is spent in a way that supports businesses that have taken steps to clean up their production practices.

In response, Molly Culton, Conservation Organizer for Sierra Club California, issued the following statement:

"Cupertino joins Richmond in making a public declaration of support for the Buy Clean California Act. The resolution underscores the importance of this law, and reinforces the State's role in ensuring it is implemented fully and effectively.

"Californians have signaled time and again that they want climate action. Cupertino has taken another step in that direction."

For more information on Sierra Club California's Buy Clean Campaign, please visit: <u>https://www.sierraclub.org/california/why-buy-clean</u>.