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RE: Agenda item 7.G. Request Adoption of the Resolution in Support of Environmental Literacy and Sustainability Education and Climate Action

The Sierra Club Loma Prieta Chapter, Silicon Valley Youth Climate Action and co-signed organizations and individuals urge the Santa Clara County Office of Education (SCCOE) Board to adopt this resolution supporting environmental literacy, sustainability education and climate action.

Life on Earth faces the existential threats of declining biodiversity and accelerating climate change. As SCCOE and its other partners act on this resolution, we ask that they ensure that students graduate with an understanding of ecosystems, greenhouse gas reduction strategies, and nature-based resiliency and adaptation efforts.

To this end, we hope that all parties involved take swift action to pursue the partnership described in the resolution: “the Santa Clara County Office of Education will be a partner with the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors and Santa Clara County Office of Sustainability to support comprehensive environmental literacy and education and participate on the Sustainability Commission when it is formalized.”

Sincerely,

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Sudhanshu Jain, Santa Clara City Councilmember and climate educator to middle school students since 2011

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Debbie Mytels, Chair, Peninsula Interfaith Climate Action; Former PTA Council President and Girl Scout Leader, 1980's, Palo Alto, CA

Susan Butler-Graham, retired teacher, and volunteer coordinator of Mothers Out Front Silicon Valley

Bob Levy, Vice Chair, Santa Clara County Planning Commission

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Bret Andersen, Board Member, Carbon Free Palo Alto

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Stephanie Brown, City of San Jose Resident, Member TWW Indivisible Los Gatos, Orchard City Indivisible, CASS (Ca Indivisible State Strong)

Stephanie Morris, Landscape Architect, and member of Mothers Out Front Silicon Valley Leadership Team

Nassim Nouri, Green Party of Santa Clara County Councilmember

Pallavi Pandit, concerned citizen of the world, residing in Milpitas, CA

Kristine Andarmani, concerned citizen of the world, residing in Saratoga, CA

Gerry Kerbyson, concerned citizen of the world, living in Los Gatos, CA

Ram Appalaraju, very concerned occupant of this planet. San Jose, CA

CJ Gonsalves, San Jose, Thank you, Silicon Valley Youth, for your work to help our planet

Neeharika Yedunuthula, concerned citizen of the world, living in Sunnyvale CA

Joel Masser, retired computer engineer

Sybil Cramer, Parent Liaison, Los Altos High School, Green Team student club; LAHS PTSA Sustainability Committee, Acting Co-Chair, 1 of 4 on the team to research environmental actions and data, writing the Application for CA Green Schools, LAHS achieved highest level award; The 3rd section of the Application focuses on Environmental Education.

Kristine Karnos, citizen of San Jose

Jean A. Larson, retired teacher

Justin Gee, Palo Alto Resident

Patricia Blevins, RN, NP retired I am very much in favor of this idea

Simon Oh, Campbell resident

Pamela Harter, County of Santa Clara Public Health Dept., and lifelong environmental activist

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