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Dear City Councilors and Supervisors,

As community members of the Richmond metropolitan area, we share a common goal to protect the health and vitality of our community against the effects of climate change that impact our built, social, and natural systems. The future of our community, of our children, and of our legacy depends on commitments to reducing our greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions.

Therefore, our governmental policies should reflect this priority. According to the 2021 Yale Climate Opinion map, the majority of Richmond city residents feel that more should be done to address climate impacts. I applaud C3's efforts to advance local policies that are beneficial, but their work needs to be complemented by local government policies and initiatives that reduce community-wide emissions.

It's true that community members have an important role to play in reducing emissions for the health and safety of our families, friends, and future. I support the efforts done by C3 to help reduce climate pollution from residents. But we cannot do it alone. So I ask you to prioritize climate action at every level of our government to benefit the community as a whole.

The time to take action is now! We are already feeling the impacts of climate change - rising average temperatures, extreme weather patterns, higher energy costs, etc. These impacts disproportionately affect the most vulnerable members of our community. The health of our communities will only worsen and become more expensive if we wait to make the necessary changes.

Thank you for recognizing the need to address this important issue. I believe that together we can ensure the health and vitality of our residents, protect our natural resources, and strengthen the resilience of this dynamic community we call home.

Signed,

[YOUR NAME and ADDRESS], C3 Supporter