



WHEREAS, the climate change emergency upon us requires massive mobilization and changes to our practices to halt and address the causes and consequences of global warming;

WHEREAS, the transportation sector is responsible for 52% of greenhouse gas emissions in Santa Clara County, and

WHEREAS, public transit ridership is declining in Santa Clara County and funding is needed to create a transit network that encourages ridership.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Silicon Valley Young Democrats, on January 27, 2020, calls on the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) Board to:

- i. Declare a climate emergency that articulates VTA's commitment to improving sustainable transportation options in Santa Clara County;
- ii. Adjust transit service to guidelines to retain service in areas with no other transit options;
- iii. Re-evaluate highway projects based on new CEQA standards that will take effect on July 1, 2020 (2013 SB 743);
- iv. Reallocate 2016 Measure B funds from highway and expressway projects not meeting the new standards toward transit operations that will improve bus service and restore routes; and
- v. Develop a plan to rebuild the entire bus fleet with zero-emission vehicles and with the goal to increase the fleet to 750 buses, as approved by voters, within the next five years.

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