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INPUT NEEDED FOR LOS ALTOS' CLIMATE ACTION AND ADAPTATION PLAN

Los Altos, Calif. — May 10, 2021 — This week, Los Altos kicks off virtual public input opportunities to receive feedback on potential actions the City can implement to fight climate change.

The feedback opportunities, which support the development of Los Altos' Climate Action and Adaptation Plan (CAAP), follow a call to reevaluate the existing plan's outdated measures to better address the significant impacts of greenhouse gas emissions on the community.

The former Climate Action Plan, implemented in 2013, aimed to deliver a 17% reduction in emissions by 2020. The latest roadmap will evaluate the City's current progress, determine new targets on emission reduction, and create a plan that mitigates other possible climate hazards.

"The impact of greenhouse gases poses a risk to the Los Altos community, especially to our most vulnerable populations," said Emiko Ancheta, Sustainability Coordinator. "Updating the Climate Action and Adaptation Plan will strengthen our community's resilience by creating a framework the City can strive towards to become more environmentally sustainable."

Members of the public are encouraged to share their thoughts in an <u>online survey</u>; the survey will remain open through June 6. The community engagement process will also include a workshop in June consisting of an informational presentation and interactive activities to help facilitate input from participants. A second survey will shortly follow to gain insight on the developed recommendations.

Resident input is valued throughout the CAAP development process; please email environment@losaltosca.gov to submit comments or questions. The feedback provided will assist the Environmental Commission and City staff to create a more robust CAAP that serves every segment of the community.

For more information on the survey or to learn more about the development of the Los Altos Climate Action and Adaptation Plan, visit **losaltosca.gov/caap**.

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