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[REDACTED] **Codes**

Dear Los Altos Leaders and Decision-Makers,

I am writing to urge you to vote to pass the Reach Codes as written as soon as possible.

I believe this is not an issue of government infringing on individual choice for no reason - as some have claimed. Did the government ban on smoking in restaurants infringe on smokers' rights? Yes, but the Health Issue was so great that government officials resisted pressure from smokers and tobacco companies and passed the No Smoking regulations that keep all of us healthier today.

Do you have the strength to resist individual community members' pressures (perhaps for their own selfish interests or as they say) to protect the rights of all from government overreach???

Do you have the courage to vote Yes as soon as possible to protect the health of the planet? and the well being of current and future generations — and therefore of all of us? How many more days of sheltering inside with windows closed and air purifiers on to avoid the smokey and ash filled unhealthy air from forest fires?

Please, stand up for the younger generation — and all of us — who are already seeing and suffering from the dramatic and destructive consequences of increasing green house gases invisibly being released into the air around us.

Natural Gas might be clean in that it does not carry the micro-pollutant particles that clog our lungs, such as from gasoline and diesel vehicles, but natural gas is harmful in its release of green house gases that bring damage via the greenhouse effect that is increasing global warming and its extreme weather event consequences.

I urge All of you to vote Yes on October 27th to the New Reach codes as written.

Thank you for taking the time to read my letter,  
Sybil

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**From:** [Bill Hough](#)  
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I strongly object to the proposed Reach Code/Natural Gas Ban. By definition, a "Reach Code" is called that because they reach beyond what the state requires. In this case, such a "reach" beyond state requirements is unnecessary and counterproductive. Council should vote NO.

The electric grid is in no shape to handle additional demand. Power lines are in bad condition and require repairs and upgrades before we increase demand for electricity. Natural gas is cheaper than electricity and the proposed codes will needlessly increase the cost of construction.

The COVID-19 pandemic is the wrong time to push this. People have lots to deal with right now. This process has been needlessly rushed and the City needs to do a better job in explaining the need for this policy. Because this is a major issue, it should go to the voters to decide.

There is concern that we must "do something" to stop global warming. Most of people saying this are not leading by example and acting like this is a real problem. For example, every January, hundreds of private jets spew carbon on their way to Davos. Lack of forest management has led to wildfires that are responsible for more carbon emissions than reach codes would save. Fear of global warming will not justify "reach codes" until rich people telling us it is a problem begin to act as if it were a problem.

This council should at least defer a vote until after the election. Mayor Pepper, who is term-limited, has a conflict of interest because she is CEO of Peninsula Clean Energy. Even if this conflict is within the letter of the law, it doesn't pass the "smell test" and taints the process. It would not be a significant inconvenience to defer this matter for a few months until the new council is seated. Doing so would eliminate Pepper's conflict of interest and allow the candidates to make the "reach codes" a campaign issue in the upcoming council election.