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Support: L1. Councilmember Schmidt Request for future agenda topic (Staff Report Number: 25-159-CC)

Dear Mayor Combs, Vice Mayor Nash, and Councilmembers,

On behalf of Acterra: Action for a Healthy Planet, we ask that the City Council authorize city staff to draft a resolution in support of the Bay Area Air District (Air District)'s zero-emissions appliance rules. Through our history, Acterra has consistently advocated for local environmental solutions to help Bay Area communities thrive. Today our work focuses on equitable climate action, including beneficial electrification for all residents.

A healthy planet starts with clean air to breathe. The Air District is rolling out zero-emissions appliance rules that will benefit residents in our region by:

- Avoiding nitrogen oxide pollution from gas-burning appliances, providing an estimated public health savings of \$890 million;
- Expanding the market for high efficiency appliances such as heat pumps, with strong projected growth in green jobs.

A resolution by Menlo Park City Council would help bolster the appliance rules against a dangerous counterattack by well-funded opponents and secure their regional benefits. Furthermore, such a resolution would be well aligned with the City's stated 2030 Climate Action Plan goals.

Thanks to dedicated champions, the Bay Area is positioned in the vanguard of climate action, and the specific leadership of this Council—especially on reach codes—has been commendable. You and your hard-working staff are to be deeply congratulated for your efforts. Thank you for your consideration and for your dedication to a more sustainable future for Menlo Park.

Sincerely,

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