

Written Public Comments
for **Item No. 6**

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Hello,

I would like to submit the following public comment for the BOS meeting for January 11, for item 6 county investments policy. Thank you!

Respected Board of Supervisors,

My name is Sandhya Laddha, Policy Director at Silicon Valley Bicycle Coalition. I would like to thank you for bringing the County investment policy on the agenda today and discussing opportunities to divest from fossil fuels.

San Mateo County is experiencing the impacts of climate change, through rising sea levels, coastal erosion, drought, and increased wildfires which are negatively affecting human wellbeing and the environment. Climate change disproportionately impacts communities of color and low income communities due to inequity of power and lack of access to means and resources for prevention and relief.

SVBC aims at creating a healthy community, environment and economy. And today, we would like to call on the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors to pass a resolution calling for divesting the San Mateo county investment pool from fossil fuels by making no new or renewed investments in fossil fuel corporations.

If the county divests, it will be joining over 1,300 institutions worldwide with 14 trillion dollars in assets that have already divested, including several neighborhood cities and sister agencies. San Mateo County's step in the direction of divesting from fossil fuels would be a step towards a healthier future!

Thank you so much for listening and for this opportunity to speak.

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Cheers,

Sandhya Laddha

Policy Director | she/her/hers



From: [Kristie Eglsaer](#)
To: [CMO BoardFeedback](#)
Subject: Public comments on the Board of Supervisors meeting Tuesday January 11th at 9am agenda item 6 county investments policy
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I am writing to provide public comments on the Board of Supervisors meeting Tuesday January 11th at 9am agenda item 6 county investments policy.

San Mateo County is already experiencing the impacts of climate change, through rising sea levels, coastal erosion, drought, and increased wildfires which are negatively affecting human wellbeing and the environment. Climate change disproportionately impacts communities of color and low income communities due to inequity of power and lack of access to means and resources for prevention and relief.

The International Panel on Climate Change concluded in 2018 that we have 12 years to make dramatic cuts in the use of fossil fuels (coal, oil, gas and tar sands) if we are to keep warming to 1.5o C and avoid more catastrophic changes.

State Treasurer and ex officio CalPERS Board Member Fiona Ma stated that, “Where we invest our money reflects our values, and we should be valuing a clean energy future for California.”

We call on the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors to pass a resolution calling for divesting the San Mateo county investment pool from fossil fuels by making no new or renewed investments in fossil fuel corporations.

If the county divests, it will be joining over 1,300 institutions worldwide with 14 trillion dollars in assets that have already divested, including the Sonoma County investment pool, State of New York Retirement Funds, the Vatican, United Church of Christ, Episcopal Church USA, Unitarian Church, World Council of Churches, San Francisco State University, De Anza Foothill Community College District, Stanford University, University of California, and the Bay Area Cities of Brisbane, Mountain View, Palo Alto, San Francisco, San Jose, Pacifica, Sunnyvale, and Richmond.

Thank you,

Kristie Eglsaer
San Mateo, CA

From: [Lynn Adams](#)
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Dear Board of Supervisors

Thank you for your work! It feels very much like San Mateo County has been working hard to be a leader in environmental issues through the Office of Sustainability.

With this in mind, I ask you to speak loudly and clearly to businesses taxing these environmental initiatives and "Divest from Fossil Fuels". This will send a strong message to the industries (Oil and Plastic) releasing an obscene amount of carbon and methane into our atmosphere, contributing greatly to global warming. The plastic industry (made from oil) is also polluting our waterways, ocean, and streets, deferring the costs to the municipalities and therefore the general public, killing wildlife, causing cancer to humans, and creating a changing inhospitable planet for all.

Thank you for making divestment from fossil fuels a priority for San Mateo County and setting a quick time frame for achieving this target!

Have a terrific day and thank you again for your work for us in San Mateo County.

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I understand San Mateo Co. has about \$50 million in Chevron and Exxon bonds. It would be so very cool if our county led the way in divesting from these very destructive fossil fuel companies.

Please vote FOR the climate, and divest!!

Thank you for your work on behalf of all the residents of SMC.

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