

## General Public Comment and Public Comment for Agend Item #3 – McGavin

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Thank you for listening to Petalumans in public comment at the Feb 8, 2024 Climate Action Commission meeting.

Last night, I listened to the Commission conduct a good-faith, open discussion about the language of 27+ separate Cornerstone Action Items for the Blueprint for Carbon Neutrality, which seems to show too large an effort to achieve an unnecessarily aggressive goal (so-called Carbon Neutrality by 2030) -- a goal that is not based on reliable, actual temperature measurements but on complex temperature rise projections/models that are not reliable as shown with evidence cited in Appendix B and in my Feb 7 email.

My suggestion is to change the City's efforts on the Cornerstone Action Items for the Blueprint for Carbon Neutrality to increase energy efficiency by focusing only on the highest priority, most cost-effective items that reflect direct City of Petaluma actions and **provide guidance and education (without expensive requirements)** for Petaluma resident actions. More specifics are included in the appendices to this email

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You could also consider removing items 7-14 and 17 in Appendix C as as too aggressive. The danger of including these items would be significant local government expensive staffing/consultants and increase in expensive, onerous government size/regulation that could stop the very projects/improvements that you seek.

Finally, I wanted to highlight more accurate information in response to what Mr Shribbs said last night re: his understanding of the **size/impact of our U.S. border invasion crisis in 2024.**

### **U.S. Border Invasion Clarification**

Mr. Shribbs, I cannot find the video from last night posted here

<https://www.youtube.com/@cityofpetaluma1858/videos> but I recall your comment (paraphrased) as "climate change is causing a migration of a few million people, primarily from South and Central America into the United States and the City of Petaluma, must prepare for their arrival."

I am not sure what are your sources of information, but please see accurate evidence, below. Direct observers at the border Ex-Border Agent J.J. Carrell and War Correspondent Michael Yon provide evidence that shows that you **significantly understated the problem.**

**Ex-Border Agent J.J. Carrell at 7:30 in the [video](#)**

"Our federal government has allowed over **ten million** [illegal immigrants] over three years -- that's DHS data of those who have been arrested [not counting get-aways] and [the government] has done nothing to stop it . . . **In FY 2023 alone**, using DHS numbers, we are at **3.3 million [illegal immigrants] arrested** . . . I can add another 3 million of get-aways . . . this is approximately **500,000 [illegal immigrants] a month** coming through our open borders and released into America and this is accelerating."

**Behind the Border Crisis with Michael Yon, at 6:00 in the [video](#)**

"The ecosystem that creates these [illegal immigrant] invasion flows . . . is quite massive, quite organized and very professional . . . billions of US dollars is funding this invasion . . . the majority of illegal immigrants are military aged men from over 100 different countries including China, Iran, Senegal, Afghanistan and Venezuela and many others . . . **we are being invaded.**"

**Since 2020, the US Govt. has spent over \$20 billion** to create an invasion of tens of millions of illegal immigrants; the US Govt. funds and supports camps for tens of millions of illegal immigrants that are invading our southern/northern borders and directly through our airports; Listen to accurate information from direct observers: [Michael Yon](#) --> <https://rumble.com/v4azl3o-behind-the-border-crisis-with-michael-yon.html> and [J.J. Carrel](#) and read the Jan 10, 2023 Declaration of North America ([DNA](#)).

### **Appendix A: Jan 8, 2024 General Public Comment**

Petaluma is great city. We are a well educated, enlightened and tolerant community that strives to do the right thing, which is evident in the work of the Climate Action Commission. My general comment tonight is about how a commission, any commission, can decide policy in 2024.

It is often difficult for even well-educated people to discern verified truth from science fiction, nonsense or outright lies. The fact is that humans are hardwired to accept as reality what they hear repeated frequently enough by sources that they deem reliable.

Unfortunately, with the 2012 Smith Mundt Modernization act, for a dozen years, it has been legal for mainstream US media to publish, post and broadcast propaganda to US readers, listeners and viewers. Such content is not reliable.

In addition, censorship is rampant on the internet. Google Search, Youtube, Facebook, Twitter and other platforms severely censor. Only certain dedicated citizen journalists on Rumble, Clout Hub and other free-speech platforms are successfully rebutting the US Government's false narratives with accurate

information.

That makes people, even very intelligent and conscientious people, susceptible to psychological operations/propaganda designed to convince them to set policies that goes against the self-interests of "We the People", in order to to serve some noble sounding "greater good." which is the basis of collectivism -- the root of communism.

Therefore, any "climate change" policies need to be considered in the immediate context of Feb 2024:

- **Since 2020, the US Govt. has spent over \$20 billion to create an invasion of tens of millions of illegal immigrants into our cities.** At taxpayer expense, the US Govt. has built camps in Panama and other countries, built bridges to cross rivers, paid for luxury buses and plane fare, provided free housing/on-going monthly assistance of \$2,000 per month per illegal immigrant and is allowing these new immigrants to vote in our 2024 election.
- **In May 2024, the World Health Organization's will be attempting a power grab in its Proposed Pandemic Preparedness Accord and Amendments to its International Health Regulations, which will both bypass US Senate approval.** These moves are attempting to wrest from US states, their sovereignty over any actions deemed necessary to fight a "Public Health Emergency of International Concern" -- something decided solely by the WHO Director General -- which includes even "potential" pandemics and climate change.
- **The Climate Action Commission needs to carefully study the "nice sounding" but manipulative language of United Nations Agenda 2030 and its 17 Sustainable Development goals** to discern that it is **not** in Petalumans best interests to adopt policies consistent with this agenda.
- **Agenda 2030 is an inventory/control plan** that includes 24/7 surveillance/control of people, animals and natural resources via a Digital ID, Digital/Programmable/Tokenized Currency and Social Credit Scores -- the very tools used to create the Digital Prison of the so-called 15-minute city. This is not American; it is Chinese-style totalitarianism plain and simple.

Many good people around our country are getting duped into supporting Globalist agendas that primarily serve those in charge (bankers, globalist billionaires and governments), instead of primarily serving the needs of "We the People" our own American sovereign men, women and children.

Please tonight, stop, think and primarily consider the needs of Petalumans in your deliberations.

### **Appendix B: Jan 8, 2024 Agendized Item Comment**

I am advocating for this Commission to preserve and maximize Petaluma residents' freedoms by changing the Cornerstone Action Items for the Blueprint for Carbon Neutrality to low or no cost recommendations, instead of expensive requirements.

I am not a climate denier. I recognize that there is evidence of temperatures rising and ice melting at the poles, but there is real evidence of problems with the computer-generated climate change models/projections on which the UN's Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) relies. The

resulting myopic focus on carbon and Co2 emissions is misleading this Commission into supporting a dangerous regressive and totalitarian Globalist agenda, Agenda 2030, including unnecessary 15-minute cities, carbon taxes, carbon cap/trade schemes and serious restrictions of personal freedom.

Climate change is being caused by many factors: solar flare activity, wind, moisture, toxic chemicals from air pollution and geo-engineering/weather modification efforts, which are steered by electromagnetic radiation from RF ground station and satellite antennas. These fully funded weather modification programs are excluded from the UN-promoted temperature projection models -- including from the infamous and misleading 1988/89 hockey stick graph from Prof. Michael Mann, which was debunked in court, last week.

Just yesterday, after serious farmer protests in France, Germany, Spain, Portugal, Italy, Poland, the Netherlands, Belgium and more, EU leaders announced concessions to lighten the burden of greenhouse gas reductions on farmers, while **setting goals for a 55% reduction of greenhouse gas emissions by 2030 and carbon neutrality (net zero) by the year 2050.**

Petaluma's goal of **carbon neutrality by the year 2030 -- twenty years earlier -- is wholly unnecessary and unrealistic.** The goal lacks accurate definition and lacks any identified measurement techniques to even know if such a goal could be achieved. Petaluma's 42 square miles is a tiny speck in this world. What we as a city do or don't do is simply overcome by what the rest of the world does or doesn't do.

In my Feb 7 letter, I shared two charts of evidence in an active DC Circuit lawsuit, Mann v Steyn. Expert testimony concluded that the **statistical models/projections "used by Prof. Michael Mann in his work, are manipulative" and, therefore not reliable.** Mann's model projections are **three times higher** than straightline, unmodeled temperature rise projections based on **actual** temperature readings.

Climate change academics, apparently, have been simply repeating the unreliable UN-amplified temperature rise projections by Mann to justify policies designed to transfer wealth from "We the People" to those in charge (bankers, globalist billionaires and governments). No person in Petaluma should support carbon taxes, 15-minute cities, forced conversion of appliances from gas to electric, or rationing of electric power, gas or water based on such manipulated computer projections/models. Instead, Petaluma needs more reasonable climate change provisions that are low or no cost recommendations, instead of expensive requirements.

Preserving Petalumans' freedom and wealth is much more important than paving the way for damaging Globalist surveillance inventory/tracking control actions. Petaluma must study and then reject every bit of Agenda 2030 that would diminish Petaluma residents' freedom.

### **Appendix C: Cornerstone Action Items for the Blueprint for Carbon Neutrality, Discussed on Feb 8, 2024**

1. Implement a staffing strategy to drive climate action implementation and accountability across all City departments. This may include a director level position, manager, or sector-specific positions.

2. Post adoption, estimate the cost of Blueprint implementation in conjunction with the City's annual budget process, identify gaps in funding sources, and engage stakeholders in identifying funding opportunities.
3. Establish a Climate Team with departmental Blueprint Coordinators to collect data, lead educational activities, coordinate updated annual workplans, and participate in established City Leadership activities | Develop and implement an ongoing training program for new and continuing employees about the City's GHG reduction and climate adaptation programs, and explicitly integrate climate positive action into the City's mission.
4. Monitor the progress of the Blueprint implementation and take corrective actions to ensure programs are advancing and targets are being met.
  - Establish procedures and templates for all departments to keep records of data relevant for tracking Blueprint measure GHG reductions.
  - Develop a Dashboard on the City website for the public to view annual Blueprint implementation progress on all City-run and City-controlled activities, and community-wide activities.
  - Re-estimate emissions at three-year intervals.
5. Develop an offset policy that prioritizes local and regional carbon sequestration partnerships and projects.
6. Accelerate the City's own actions to achieve carbon neutral operations by aligning the Capital Improvement Plan with the City's carbon neutral goal and through asset and facilities management, including:
  - Infrastructure upgrades to the Corporation Yard and Petaluma Transit (By January 1, 2026)
  - Electrification of transit fleet (By January 1, 2030)
  - Facility electrification (By January 1, 2030) Communicate progress through the City's climate dashboard on its website (see Action 5).
7. In partnership with stakeholder groups, utilities, and other partners, provide resources so that Petaluma residents, businesses, and contractors can access climate information and solutions. This may include events, e.g. Cool Petaluma resource fair, pop-up shopfronts, the library, and/or through a dedicated space on the City's website.
8. Implement a robust, ongoing climate awareness and action program, focused on reduction of consumption-based emissions by residents, businesses, and contractors through educational events, media outreach, and other creative approaches.
9. Adopt the updated General Plan that defines transit oriented communities, complete 15-minute neighborhoods, and incremental infill within the City's existing residential neighborhoods.
10. Adopt a revised Zoning Code based on the updated General Plan
11. Incorporate complete streets improvements into all roadway and development projects through implementation of the following plans and initiatives:
  - Speed limit reductions where appropriate (By January 1, 2025)
  - Local Road Safety Plan (By January 1, 2025)
  - Active Transportation Plan (January 1, 2025)

- Adoption of the General Plan, revised mobility policy, and complete street guidelines (January 1, 2026)
- 12. Implement fare-free program for all Petaluma Transit
- 13. Develop an EV charging infrastructure strategy focusing on workplace and multi-unit dwellings aligned with utility and State provided incentives and focused initially on disadvantaged populations.
- 14. Adopt a TDM policy for employers and housing developments that requires employers and housing developments of a certain size to submit an emission reduction plan to the City to meet the City's greenhouse gas reduction target.
- 15. Establish a parking pricing policy to balance supply and demand, to reduce demand for parking, and to meet target utilization rates at key destinations through the use of dynamic pricing.
- 16. Partner with Sonoma Clean Power (SCP) and Pacific Gas & Electric (PG&E) to identify barriers for large users and/or sectors to participate at the 100% renewable tier and develop and conduct a robust awareness and education campaign to boost enrollment.
- 17. Develop a phased-in Existing Building Efficiency and Electrification strategy to retrofit 85% of existing homes and businesses to all-electric by 2030 (January 1, 2027). Components include, but are not limited to:
  - Explore and establish financing mechanisms to fund municipal incentive programs including bonds or taxes (By January 1, 2026).
  - Establish an early natural gas equipment buyout program to incentivize early retirement of gas-powered equipment and building systems (By January 1, 2026).
  - Partner with BayREN, utilities, and other partners to implement a direct install program for energy efficiency and electrification improvements for disadvantaged populations (January 1, 2027).
  - Partner with BayREN to establish a pilot program to reduce refrigeration-related emissions by providing free audits and retrofits to food retail establishments and restaurants (January 1, 2028).
- 18. Utilize the City's existing cross-departmental task force to track pending State standards consistent with goal of carbon neutrality, including Marin's low-embodied carbon concrete code, CALGreen embodied carbon standards, NEC Article 750 and item 220.70, AB48, pending State law banning irrigation of non-functional lawns, and others.
- 19. Create a resilient water supply by increasing conservation utilizing and expanding existing incentive programs to include direct-install, implementing a tiered rate structure, and exploring greywater requirements as part of building code for all new construction and major renovations of existing buildings.
- 20. Develop and adopt a Petaluma Urban Forest Management Plan in partnership with community organizations (By January 1, 2026).
- 21. Adopt a comprehensive Land Management Plan and maintenance procedures for City properties that center regenerative practices (January 1, 2026).

22. Develop and adopt an Open Space Management framework as part of a comprehensive update to the Petaluma River Plan with policies to increase carbon sequestration, biodiversity, and public access for different typologies of open space (By January 1, 2027).
23. Create or support the creation of a carbon gardening campaign in schools and neighborhoods that is widely engaging and highlights its multiple benefits: sequestration, consumption, food, biodiversity, water, health, cost savings, economic recovery & growth, resiliency, climate justice & equity.
24. Partner with Recology and Zero Waste Sonoma JPA to implement and enforce an edible food recovery program for commercial food uses, farmers market vendors, and events (By January 1, 2026).
  - Update the special event permitting process to include zero waste requirements for events, such as requiring applicants to submit a “waste plan” for each event (Ongoing).
  - Adopt the Zero Waste Sonoma model disposable foodware ordinance as amended by Sebastopol and Santa Rosa (By January 1, 2026).
25. Ban gas-powered lawn and garden equipment in the city, and establish a program allowing electric equipment to be charged throughout the day as it is used (By January 1, 2026)
26. Update the Integrated Pest Management Plan to eliminate the use of synthetic herbicides, pesticides, and fertilizers on City-owned property (By January 1, 2025).
27. Require new development to create an Integrated Pest Management Plan and provide templates for HOAs and the public (By January 1, 2026).

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Regards,

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