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Item A-3 - SUPPORT

Chair Lavagnino and Members of the Board of Supervisors

I urge the Board to adopt the symbolic resolution endorsing the “Green New Deal.” Our civilization is facing a slow-motion existential moment, and for humans to survive in significant numbers on the planet for many more generations, we must retool the economy and eliminate use of fossil carbon. This is a huge undertaking, and entrenched industries and interests will urge visionaries to sacrifice the future health of the planet and its ability to support humans for short term economic gain. The GND is needed to start creating new jobs and economies in the renewable technologies of the future. The costs of recovering carbon, like cleaning up pollution released into the environment, is about 10X the cost of carbon controls at the source. If we, as a society, fail to make these changes now, we are imposing an order of magnitude higher costs on future generations, and causing a much harsher world with greater inequities, more disease and a huge loss of biodiversity. Santa Barbara is a world leader on environmental policy issues, and this is the right thing to do.

Thank you for your vision and leadership.

Marc Chytilo