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Recommendations for Staying Safe from Covid-19 During the Holidays

During holiday season, you may be wondering if it is safe to gather and celebrate with loved ones. Here are guidelines for protecting yourself and others from COVID-19.

The safest gathering is one that is a small, stable group that meets outdoors for a short duration and uses face coverings, distance and other safety measures.

Any activity outside of your household increases chances of exposure to the virus. Be selective and space out which public activities you choose. If gathering with your small, stable group is most important, consider forgoing or delaying other activities such as a haircut or indoor dining to reduce your overall exposures and protect your group.

Read more [here](#).

Google Study Session

On November 16, Council held a Study Session on Google's Downtown West Project and Diridon Station Area Plan in order to provide an update on progress of three inter-related work efforts shaping future development of the Diridon Station Area. Memo and full video [here](#).

Watch my comments below.

[Google Study Session 11/16/20](#)



2021 Power Mix and Rates

On Tuesday, Council adopted a resolution that establishes a power mix of at least 40% renewable energy for San José Clean Energy's GreenSource base product beginning January 1, 2021; provided that:

- 1) in 2021 GreenSource is priced at an initial 0.25% discount, with flexibility to vary the discount between 0.0% and 1.0%, for all customers relative to Pacific Gas and Electric Company's (PG&E) generation rates after accounting for the franchise fee surcharge and the Power Charge Indifference Adjustment; and
- 2) SJCE's 100% renewable energy TotalGreen product will continue to be 0.5-1 cent per kWh higher than GreenSource

It also authorized the City Manager to prepare and submit an Advice Letter to the California Public Utilities Commission to administer the **Disadvantaged Communities-Green Tariff program**. This will result in approximately 500 low-income customers in disadvantaged communities receiving an additional 20% discount on their electricity rates, expected to begin sometime in 2022, funded by Public Purpose funds collected and administered by the California Public Utilities Commission.

Full presentation [here](#). More information [here](#).

6.1 Power Mix and Rates



Climate Smart San José Plan Semi-Annual Update

My Council colleagues and I wrote a memo recommending staff:

- (1) Return to Council with a long-term strategy to fund staffing or Climate Smart San José implementation. This direction should align with prior Council direction to pursue philanthropic and regional, state, and federal funding.
- (2) Pursue agency funding (BAAQMD, MTC, and CARB among others), and/or other revenue.
- (3) Developing a zero-emission neighborhood (ZEN) pilot, where climate mitigation and adaptation strategies can be rapidly implemented and ultimately scaled in other neighborhoods.
- (4) Explore leveraging the recent Climate Action Corps partnership with the Governor's Office, to support community engagement and data management efforts for Climate Smart San José implementation (examples: tree planting to address urban heat island effects and provide green stormwater infrastructure, and providing energy-savings measures for low-income families.)

Watch my comments below.

6.4 Climate Smart



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