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Councilwoman Davis,

As they 2021 year's priority are being discussed, please consider climate change preparedness to be included on that list. San José will be in an unique position to work out Urban Greening as the Google complex development happens, but it Urban Greening needs to be part of a broader strategy. Efforts to educate the public on water wise uses like Laundry to Landscape additions to homes or rain tanks can help every homeowner be part of proactively preparing San José for the dryer periods this area is projected to endure in the near future. We all need water to survive and incentivizing better water use and Urban Greening projects that help slow down water so it has a chance to recharge the ground water we depend on just makes sense. Clearing the way for building codes to incorporate gray water systems could help all future buildings be better able to handle water restrictions during drought times. The more steps we take now the easier it will be to deal with San José's predicted future of less rain during the winter and spring months. Any urban planning should focus on green spaces to slow down, spread out, and allow water to seep into the ground. Your administration has made Carbon neutral pledges that show it is serious about climate change. Please take the next steps to help protect our water supply while there is time to build water smart strategies into the city's priorities.

Sincerely,

Julia Casto

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