

From: [Nicole Angiel](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: Support Plant-Based Eating Resolution
Date: Tuesday, May 10, 2022 11:53:41 AM

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Dear Mountain View City Council,

[HomeGrown Bay Area](#) is a newly formed coalition that is advancing equity and sustainability in our local food system. [Acterra](#), a 50+ year old San Francisco Bay Area nonprofit that brings people together to create local solutions for a healthy planet, is convening many other nonprofit partners to work together towards our **common vision for 2030-**

All city, town and county governments in the SF Bay Area have committed to policy, purchasing and programming that:

- makes healthy food, which is predominantly plant-based and minimally processed, accessible and affordable for all,
- supports small, local farms , including urban farms, with sustainable, regenerative and carbon-reducing farming methods,
- prioritizes and ensures the safety and well-being of food workers, and
- minimizes the loss and waste of food from farm to fork.

I am writing on behalf of Acterra and HomeGrown Bay Area to express our strong support for the proposed Plant-Based Eating resolution that is being considered in the May 10, 2022 Council Meeting.

We applaud Mountain View for considering a Plant-Based Eating resolution, and urge you to vote to pass the resolution. We look forward to working with you and other Bay Area local governments on taking further steps beyond this resolution. Additional policies, programming and purchasing are needed to support a sustainable and equitable local food system.

Thank you for your leadership on this critical issue.

Sincerely,

Nicole Angiel

Food Systems Director, Acterra

Organizing Lead, HomeGrown Bay Area

From: [Lisa Wade](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: Please pass the Plant-Based Eating resolution
Date: Tuesday, May 10, 2022 11:57:02 AM

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Dear City Council Members of Mountain View,

Thank you for all you do for sustainability in Mountain View. I am also grateful for your efforts to promote plant-based eating as a powerful way to address climate and other environmental issues.

As a previous resident of Mountain View, I care a lot about the city. Although I now live in Los Gatos, I still have friends in Mountain View and I enjoy frequenting the downtown restaurants and businesses.

I am also a member of Plant-Based Advocates a nonprofit group working to educate the public about the many advantages of eating a plant-based diet. These advantages include (but are not limited to) mitigating GHG emissions and species extinction, and reducing pollution of our land, water, and air. A plant-based diet also saves water and land, prevents the possibility of future pandemics, and improves human health.

I'd like to ask you to please consider doing more to continue promoting Plant-Based Diets in Mountain View.

Mountain View has an amazing opportunity to be a leader in promoting sustainable eating and inspiring other neighboring cities and communities to do the same.

Numerous studies have urged a planetary shift toward a plant-based diet including a 2018 Oxford University study stating that "A vegan diet is probably the single biggest way to reduce your impact on planet earth, not just greenhouse gases, but global acidification, eutrophication, land use, and water use. . . . It is far bigger than cutting down on your flights or buying an electric car, as these only cut greenhouse gas emissions."

<https://science.sciencemag.org/content/360/6392/987>

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Lisa Wade

<http://www.plantbasedadvocates.com/>

From: [Loren Shalinsky](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: Support plant based eating resolution
Date: Tuesday, May 10, 2022 11:58:35 AM

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Dear Mountain View City Council,

My name is Loren Shalinsky, and I've been a resident of Mountain View for over 25 years.

I wanted to express my support for the proposed Plant-Based eating resolution that is under consideration tonight at the city council meeting.

Among other things, reducing meat consumption will help avoid the environmental disaster that is heading our (global) way, unless we start making better choices of what we eat.

I applaud Mountain View for considering a Plant-Based Eating resolution, and I urge you to vote in favor of it. We need policy makers to cut back on animal product purchasing at a municipal level. We need to educate every resident and visitor why this issue matters, and that it is possible to eat more sustainable plant-based meals without sacrificing taste or convenience.

Therefore, I urge you to support this resolution, as well as advance this critical issue even further, by enacting new programs that further increase plant-based eating in Mountain View

Thank you for considering my feedback.

Sincerely,

Loren Shalinsky

Mountain View, CA

From: [REDACTED]
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: Please pass the Plant-Based Eating resolution
Date: Tuesday, May 10, 2022 12:04:30 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

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Dear City Council Members of Mountain View,

I am a co-founder of Plant-Based Advocates, a local nonprofit group working to educate the public about the many advantages of eating a plant-based diet. These advantages include (but are not limited to) mitigating GHG emissions, reducing water usage, and reversing pollution of our land, water, and air. A plant-based diet saves vast amounts of water and requires much less land; it also prevents the possibility of future pandemics, and improves human health. It is also the mechanism for us to implement a more fair and just system and eliminate the huge inequalities caused by our current food system, which sees the vast amount of animal agriculture owned by a few large multi-national corporations and reduces workers and animals alike to disposable units of production.

I'd like to ask you to please consider doing more to continue promoting Plant-Based Diets in Mountain View.

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Thank you for your consideration.

Best regards,
Karen Rubio
Plant-Based Advocates
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From: [BRUCE KARNEY](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Cc: [Mohan Gurunathan](#)
Subject: Support for Item 4.4 on 5/10/2022 Agenda: Plant-based Eating
Date: Tuesday, May 10, 2022 12:18:37 PM

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Dear Council Members,

I would like to remind you that reducing consumption of meat, dairy, and fish was one of the 36 recommendations made to the City Council four years ago by ESTF-2.

Recent research has made it even clearer that animal agriculture has terrible environmental impacts. One such impact, which was underappreciated until recently, is the amount of deforestation taking place in countries like Brazil and Indonesia to open up land for cattle production. Tropical rainforests, once lost, are difficult to regrow because the loss of tree cover in rainforest environments leads to runoff and erosion that strips away topsoil during the rainy season.

In addition to supporting the resolution on the Consent Calendar, I urge the City to show leadership in the food offerings at City-provided meals by adopting an all-vegetarian policy for those activities.

I would also like to salute Mohan Gurunathan for his work over the last 5 years in bringing awareness of the environmental benefits of a vegetarian diet to me and many others in our community. He has researched this topic deeply, and I hope you will pay close attention to anything he says or writes on the subject.

Cheers,
Bruce Karney

From: [Monica Chen](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: Support for Plant-Based Eating Resolution
Date: Tuesday, May 10, 2022 1:20:44 PM

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Dear Mountain View City Council,

My name is Monica Chen, and I'm the Executive Director of Factory Farming Awareness Coalition. I had the privilege of presenting at the 2022 Mountain View Earth Day and the city-sponsored Plant-Based Eating event in November 2021.

I am writing to express my strong support for the proposed Plant-Based Eating resolution that is being considered in the May 10, 2022 Council Meeting.

I've had conversations with many Mountain View residents about how to make the shift to plant-based eating more accessible, and we're continuing to do outreach. Please let me know if you have any questions about the benefits the resolution could have on sustainability initiatives in the city. And thanks to Pat Showalter for her support on Earth Day!

Warmly,
Monica Chen

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Monica Chen
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From: [Daniela Serrano](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: Plant Based Eating Resolution
Date: Tuesday, May 10, 2022 1:23:16 PM

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Dear Mountain View City Council,

My name is Daniela and I live in Santa Clara. I am currently a student at Santa Clara University.

I am writing to show my support for the proposed Plant-Based Eating resolution that is being considered in the May 10, 2022 Council Meeting.

As an environmental studies major, I have studied the impact of animal agriculture on the climate crisis and what we can do to change that. Recent studies show that [rich countries must reduce their meat consumption by 75% or more](#) to avoid the collapse of ecological systems as well as food systems. The issue is barely discussed yet we know that if we don't change the way we eat now, we are heading toward environmental disaster.

Changing our diets is one of the best things we can do for the environment, and I applaud Mountain View for considering a Plant-Based Eating resolution, and I urge you to vote in favor of it. But at the same time, more needs to be done. We need to change the food that is served in schools (where nearly every meal includes factory-farmed meat with cows milk on the side; or else is smothered in cheese), and teach students a more healthy and sustainable way to eat. We need to get red meat and processed meat out of our schools and hospitals. We need policy makers to cut back on animal product purchasing at a municipal level. We desperately need to educate every resident why this issue matters and teach them that it is possible to eat more sustainable plant-based meals without sacrificing taste or convenience.

I urge you to do more beyond the resolution, and start new programs that further increase plant-based eating in Mountain View and beyond.

Thank you for taking the time to read this email.

Sincerely,

Daniela

Santa Clara

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Daniela Serrano (she/her)

