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Greetings City Council Candidate:

This questionnaire is from Napa Climate NOW!, an organization of community members concerned about climate change. We educate and advocate on effective actions to stabilize our climate. As a non-partisan group, we do not endorse candidates, but we will share your responses with our mailing list of 200 mainly Napa City residents.

Please return the completed questionnaire to us by August 31. Email the questionnaire to Lynne Baker at LBaker.RNMS@gmail.com.

Candidate Name: Mary A. Luros

1. What overall strategy should the City of Napa take to reduce emissions of Greenhouse Gases (GHG) and Short-Lived Climate Pollutants (SLCP)?

The City of Napa should take a leading role in reducing emissions of GHG's and SLCP's and reducing our overall carbon footprint. Buildings are the biggest source of greenhouse gas emissions, due to the energy they use for water, electricity, and heating. The city can—and should—control the level of sustainability we require of our buildings.

The City of Napa is also the majority voting block of the Napa Valley Transportation Authority—the agency that runs our public transit system. If we improve the efficiency of our system and increase usage, we can cut down on pollution.

Smart meters are also an easy way for our citizens to better understand their energy usage. We have a responsibility to help our citizens be more accountable for their carbon footprint.

Finally, the City of Napa must lead by example by creating and enforcing policies and programs in our own facilities and operations.

2. Do you favor the municipalities joining with Napa County to enact a county-wide Climate Action Plan?

Absolutely—no action is not an option, and if we truly want to make a difference, we have to work together with a unity of purpose and commitment. The City of Napa specifically must take a lead in this, considering our GHG emission levels. Sea level rise and the climate change impacts on agriculture and our native plants and wildlife affect all of our community.

The increase in wildfires in our community and Northern California are a perfect example of why we MUST address climate change, together as a community, and immediately. Continued dry periods and high temperatures are triggering an increase in wildfires, due in large part to the impacts of climate change. If we want better for our community, we need to be better.

3. What specific actions would you promote to reduce emissions in City of Napa operations?

Currently more than half of countywide GHG emissions (and almost half of City of Napa emissions) are produced in relation to transportation. The City must take a more active role in supporting public transit, bicycling, walking, and car-sharing.

Specifically, I would promote carpooling amongst employees, advocate for providing public transit vouchers for all employees (employees should be riding our public transit for free to set a good example), encourage and support telecommuting opportunities, encouraging nontraditional working hours where possible (cars that aren't stuck in traffic contribute less in GHG's), explore and expand alternative fuel sources within our city fleets, and prioritize solar and other renewable energy sources wherever possible.

4. What specific actions would you promote to reduce emissions by City of Napa residents?

Reducing emissions by residents starts with education. People believe that conservation is a sacrifice, or that their individual impact doesn't make a difference. We must counter these behaviors and educate people about the true value of conservation and of reducing emissions.

We as a city can also have a big impact on our residents by making the reduction of emissions as cost-effective as possible. I would promote lowering the economic barriers to using renewable energy and greener transportation alternatives.

As a government entity, we also have the power to develop land use policies that minimize GHG emissions. If elected, I would continue to encourage the planning of walkable and bikeable neighborhoods, and seek funding for more ways to incentivize energy efficiency upgrades and renewable energy usage by property owners.

5. Additional comments?

Thank you so much for the opportunity to speak to your members, and thank you for doing what you do! If you would like to know more about me, my background, or where I stand on the issues, please visit my website www.MaryLuros.com, email me at Mary@maryluros.com, or call my cellphone at (707) 877-6279.

Thank you.

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