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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](mailto:LBaker.RNMS@gmail.com).

Candidate Name: Liz Alessio

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

My first strategy is for the City of Napa to address this issue regionally with all of the cities and towns within Napa County in the incorporated and unincorporated areas. The Napa County Climate Action Plan is expected to be filed the first quarter of 2019 (after 10 years). Next, we need to review and possibly adopt the California Air Resources Board (CARB) strategy that was effective as of January this year that addresses the Short-Lived Climate Pollutant. We need to particularly look at black carbon that is driving global warming. The Napa Valley is a source of this through diesel engines and agricultural burning. Then it makes good sense to align Napa's CAP with California's statewide plans.

2. Do you favor the municipalities joining with Napa County to enact a county-wide Climate Action Plan? ABSOLUTELY as expressed in the above question.
3. What specific actions would you promote to reduce emissions in City of Napa operations?

Just as we address recycling, banning plastic grocery bags and water conservation, I would look at small short term strategies and bigger long-term strategies for City operations to take the lead to reduce emissions. This would include but not limited to requesting our City Manager to include City employees in the discussions creating more awareness and “buy in” for positive change. I also believe in giving incentives and recognition when attempting positive change in behavior. These strategies also need to be tracked and measurable. Long-term strategies that have been discussed and I would like to learn more about are reducing methane due to wastewater treatment by installing anaerobic digesters at wastewater treatment plants in American Canyon, St. Helena and Calistoga.

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

- Create incentives to replacement of residential and commercial gas water heaters with electric or alternatively-powered units.
- Create incentives to replacement of diesel powered farm equipment with more efficient and clean fuel sources.

5. Additional comments?

Bottom line our City Council needs to have the leadership to direct our City Manager to take this issue as a priority. We need to get us caught up and on board with current science based strategies that are measured, tracked and accountable to the residents of Napa and Napa County in addition to state regulations. This will require cooperation and collaboration with a city-county wide strategy. This in part can be done by having 2 Council Members and 2 Supervisors work on this issue together. I hope Napa Climate NOW! Will join these efforts.

Thank you.

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