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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: Ricky Hurtado

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

*Man-made climate change poses an existential threat to our future generations. Although the current presidential administration has rolled back climate change regulations and rescinded our participation in the Paris Climate Accord, I believe that state and local governments are our best paths forward to lead the effort to address and find best approaches to combat climate change. The majority of the traffic that Napa receives is from people that visit or work in the City and County of Napa, but many live out of the area, increasing greenhouse emission gases. I would fight to combat this by working to increase public and alternative transportation options, expand the portfolio of renewable energy in our area and craft other innovative ideas to work towards a collaborative approach to cohesively address climate change and the reduction of GHG and SLCP's.*

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

*California continues to be the beacon of hope for our nation. Many California counties and cities have implemented a Climate Action Plan (CAP), and that is something that all communities should be doing. It's only imperative that we have such measures to ensure that we support our future generations of tomorrow. I would be an advocate, and do whatever possible to ensure that the City of Napa work in collaboration with Napa County and with other local municipalities within the county to address our environment, global warming, and our changing climate and further implement the CAP once the county releases it in 2019. Additionally, It's crucial to have a*

*local voice that can work with legislators at the state and federal level as well, which I believe I can provide.*

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

*In order to convince City of Napa residents of the importance of reducing emissions, the city needs to take the lead in responding to this issue. Combatting global warming and climate change through the reduction of emissions shouldn't only be our social responsibility, but our moral responsibility as a governing entity. Therefore, investing in city electric cars and making charging stations more accessible throughout the city are important and something that I would advocate.*

*Other ways I would promote reducing emissions in city operations would be to implement smart heating and cooling systems. This method would allow city buildings to adapt the temperature depending on how many people are in the building and other variables, with the net effect of reducing energy consumption. Our City has done a street light program in which they have changed all streetlights with LED lights that produces fewer emissions. I would also promote the planting of more trees in our city and in our county, especially as we suffered the loss of many trees through the 2017 October fires. Such action steps like this are important so the city can get buy-in from residents, and so our current and future generations can call this community their home.*

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

*Transportation is one of the leading causes of emissions in our country. In order to help reduce emissions, we need to ensure that we collaborate and communicate with other cities and towns in our county in supporting this effort. As someone who lived in American Canyon for a couple of years while in high school, this issue is personal to me. It's important to note that this is not an American Canyon "only" problem, this is a regional issue. Therefore, collaboration between the different municipalities is key. I would also fight to combat this by implementing trainings and information sessions to educate the community at large of the environmental impact traffic and their daily livelihoods can cause, but reduce by taking necessary action steps. Furthermore, it's important to work with important and crucial programs like Napa Bike Coalition to deliver this educational piece to residents of our community. I would generally support the idea to better our bike corridors and infrastructure as well. It's important to also have interconnected traffic signals, which will ultimately help reduce traffic congestion, and reduced vehicle emissions.*

### 5. Additional comments?

*I've served the Napa community at different capacities. I'm currently the Community Engagement Manager for Cope Family Center. I am a first generation college graduate, and received my Bachelor's Degree in Government from California State University, Sacramento. Prior to working with Cope, I worked for UpValley Family Centers (UVFC) as the Development*

*Manager, supporting their fundraising, budgeting and communications efforts. In my tenure at UVFC, I also worked and mentored at-risk youth. I have also volunteered at Puertas Abiertas. One of my passions is to further help our community, which is why I have worked in Napa's non-profit field the past 6 years and am now running for City Council. I currently serve as the Treasurer for the Napa County Fair Board Association, have served on the Board of the Napa County Hispanic Network for the last five years and am now President of the organization that has given over half a million dollars to first generation students. I also serve on the Fair Housing of Napa Valley Board, and have served on other various boards and committees, including the Cesar Chavez Statue Committee, Vice President & President of the Democrats of Napa Valley, Congressman Mike Thompson's Immigration Committee and Napa County's Spanish Electoral Outreach Committee.*

*Whether it be on boards or committees, I have been serving our community one way or another. On the side, I serve as an inspirational speaker to our community by speaking at local middle schools, high schools, and our local Napa Valley College (NVC). I have also helped various members of the community to get in touch with local representatives, navigate local government or offer them the right resources in times of need. Whether there's a disaster, or any regular day, I am ready to serve. I was at the NVC shelter at 2am on October 9, when people were being evacuated to that site. When the Lake County fires happened in 2015, and people were being evacuated to the Napa County Fairgrounds, I was there assisting day in and day out. When the 2014 Napa earthquake occurred, I helped members of the community by cleaning their homes and helped our local church with rebuilding. I have been nominated for the Man of the Year award two separate times in 2013 and 2015, and have received other awards and nominations for my commitment to serving our community.*

*My humble upbringing, coupled with my passion to serve others has also led me to run for office. Born and raised in Napa, I want to make sure that my children, and the future generations can call this community their home. This will only happen if our generation takes the lead in ensuring that we protect our environment for tomorrow's future, and I am committed in ensuring that we can accomplish that. It is not only our social, but should be our moral responsibility in doing so. Although I've given back to our community at multiple levels, my work is not done, which is why I've decided to run for Napa Council. On Council, I'll provide new leadership and a new perspective. I will fight for the Napan's of today and tomorrow, I'm committed to ensuring that we continue promoting the reduction of emissions, the protection of our watersheds and trees, and combatting global warming at a local level.*

*If you have any questions or would like to connect with respect to my campaign, please do not hesitate to reach out to me via email: [rhurtado4napacouncil@gmail.com](mailto:rhurtado4napacouncil@gmail.com) or phone: 707-681-4115.*

Thank you.

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