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Supervisor Otto Lee Leads Board Of Supervisors To Create New County Commission On Sustainability

SANTA CLARA COUNTY, CA - Today the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors unanimously adopted Supervisor Otto Lee’s referral to establish a Santa Clara County Sustainability Commission. While the County has several committees related to environmental issues such as waste reductions, there is no direct body to advise the Board of Supervisors on climate change, environmental conservation, and sustainability.

“The devastating impacts of climate change and extreme weather are only getting worse and I want the County of Santa Clara to lead the fight against this existential threat to protect our families,” noted Supervisor Otto Lee. “The Sustainability Commission will guide the Board of Supervisors to make the changes we need to take action for our future.”

The referral calls on the Administration to report back on potential courses of action for creation of a Santa Clara County Sustainability Commission, with an emphasis on guiding the County’s efforts in reducing negative environmental impacts and instituting best practices for sustainability. Environmental advocates spoke in support of this item during the meeting, reinforcing the imperative that the County take direct and immediate action to put in place policies that will reduce our impact on the environment as soon as possible. Additionally, as our youths have demonstrated to be active leaders in the environmental movement, at least two of the commissioners will be reserved for youths for their invaluable perspectives.

For more information on the new commission referral, Click [HERE](#) or visit the following link: <https://tinyurl.com/sccbos100521item12>. Additional updates are available from Supervisor Otto Lee and the District 3 Office on social media: [Facebook.com/SupervisorOttoLee](https://www.facebook.com/SupervisorOttoLee) and [Twitter.com/SupOttoLee](https://twitter.com/SupOttoLee).

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Supervisor Otto Lee represents District 3 on the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors which represents the northern neighborhoods of Sunnyvale, Milpitas, Alviso, Berryessa, East Foothills, Evergreen and Rosemary Gardens neighborhoods of San José. He is a former Sunnyvale Mayor & Councilmember, Retired U.S. Navy Officer, intellectual property attorney and father. He lives in Sunnyvale with his wife and three daughters, and their rabbits Velvet & Clover. He was elected to represent District 3 in November 2020. More information is available at SupervisorLee.org or contact us anytime at Supervisor.Lee@bos.sccgov.org

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