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Greetings Mr. Mayor, Ms. Vice-Mayor, and Councilmembers,

Thank you for giving the community an opportunity to give input on the use of the remaining PGE funds and the \$36.4M in ARPA funds.

I'm a firm believer in the reality of our ongoing Climate Emergency and would like to see *all the funds* be used for that purpose, Specifically, there are several projects that could be funded if they have not been done so already.

1. Complete Streets. This proposal for a complete and convenient bicycle and pedestrian network for the City of Santa Rosa has been sent to you before and I just want to state again that it is a very needed priority. It will provide many short- and long-term benefits, including greater mobility for marginalized communities such as youth, elderly, disabled, and others.
2. Recycling, compost and trash receptacles. They are essential and should be much more available, especially near fast food locations.
3. Santa Rosa transit should be subsidized and be zero fare for the immediate future.

The Climate Emergency Resolution that the City of Santa Rosa adopted on January 14, 2020 directs staff to work with the RCPA and coalition members to **integrate climate change considerations into all policies**. I would also say that those considerations need to be **integrated into all funding** as well.

Thank you.

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