



March 29, 2022

Piedmont City Council
City of Piedmont
120 Vista Avenue
Piedmont, CA 94611

Re: All-Electric Piedmont Aquatic Center

Dear Councilmembers:

I am writing on behalf of the Board of Directors for the League of Women Voters of Piedmont to urge the City Council to approve an all-electric Piedmont Aquatic Center. The League promotes policies that mitigate the impacts of climate change including those that encourage or require the use of renewable energy.

While the cost of an all-electric pool heating system may seem prohibitive at present, this cost must be balanced with the goals of the city to minimize its production of greenhouse gas emissions as laid out in its Climate Action Plan 2.0. Installing a natural gas heater in a new, city-owned facility while prohibiting gas lines in new residential buildings unfairly shifts the burden of reaching the city's goals onto the residents of Piedmont. It also has the potential to create a perception among residents and the greater community that the city is acting unfairly during a time when accountability in local governments remains more important than ever.

Furthermore, when looking at the cost from a long-term perspective, the cost savings of the all-electric facility over a hybrid option is substantial. If the city is unable to accommodate the all-electric pool heating system in its current budget for the project, it should consider other modifications to reduce costs.

We urge you to take an aggressive stance to reach Piedmont's 2030 and 2050 climate goals by voting in favor of an all-electric Piedmont Aquatic Center.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lorrel A. Plimier". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Lorrel A. Plimier
President, League of Women Voters of Piedmont