

WHEREAS, the Community Energy and Sustainability Plan (CESMP), was adopted by the Board of County Supervisors on October 24, 2023; and

WHEREAS, high priority climate and resiliency actions E2, E3 and E4 (Electricity), and B1, B3 and B4 (Buildings) of the adopted CESMP all include efforts to promote and encourage energy efficiency and use of renewable energy in our community; and

WHEREAS, high priority climate and resiliency actions T2 and T4 (Transportation) of the adopted CESMP include efforts to encourage transit-oriented development and zero emission vehicles in our community; and

WHEREAS, Objectives 3 and 4 of Goal 2 - Environment of the draft 2025-2028 Strategic Plan includes educating and informing residents of the goals of the CESMP and Comprehensive Plan to support sustainability and resiliency, and to promote renewable energy efficiency programs; and

WHEREAS, Objectives 3 of Goal 3- Mobility of the draft 2025-2028 Strategic Plan is to increase awareness and understanding of transportation options to support residents and the workforce in finding the best mobility solution to fit their needs; and

WHEREAS, the Office of Sustainability requested four (4) positions in the FY 2026 budget to meet the goals of the CESMP and Strategic Plan; and

WHEREAS, two (2) of the positions, the Communications and Outreach Manager and the Green Mobility Manager, were not recommended for funding in the County Executive's proposed FY26 Budget; and

WHEREAS, these two (2) positions are critical to meet the priorities and goals of the CESMP and the draft Strategic Plan.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sustainability Commission does hereby request the Board of County Supervisors to fund and approve all four (4) positions requested by the Office of Sustainability, and to add the Communications and Outreach Manager and the Green Mobility Manager to the adopted FY26 Budget for the Office of Sustainability.