

## Argument in Favor of Measure DD

Want **Albany to care about and take action on climate change?** Want **fair taxes** to support this important work? **VOTE YES on DD!!**

Albany met its 2020 pollution reduction goal as a community by reducing our carbon emissions. Help Albany meet its next critical climate protection goals by **raising funds to support climate action while reducing energy costs for low-income Albany residents.**

Measure DD slightly raises taxes on gas and electricity (about \$4/month for the average household) and institutes a tax on water. In addition to encouraging more frugal use of these resources, it also **fairly taxes users: those who use more pay more, those who use less pay less.**

These funds are needed to support Albany's efforts to **promote sustainability, provide emergency response planning, and other important city services.** Measure DD recommends a third of the new revenues be used for **climate protection and adaptation actions** such as:

- Transitioning from gas to **clean, renewably generated electricity**
- Increasing our urban forest and green infrastructure to **reduce temperatures**
- Creating incentives to encourage residents to use **zero emission forms of transportation**

We need to rapidly eliminate fossil fuel use to protect the climate. There are cost-competitive, electric appliances that can replace older, polluting and unsafe natural gas-fired appliances. Measure DD will **raise funds in an equitable way to promote and encourage our transition to clean electrically powered appliances** while also **increasing the safety and health of our residents.**

Voting YES on Measure DD **exempts low-income Albany households** enrolled in CARE and CAP cost reduction programs **from the proposed and EXISTING utility taxes.** Passage of the measure **will SAVE financially challenged households in Albany money.** **Measure DD will advance economic justice in Albany.**

**VOTE YES on Measure DD! Albany cares about the climate! Albany wants taxes to be fair! [Albanyfairclimate.org](http://Albanyfairclimate.org)**

/s/ Nick Pilch, Albany Mayor

/s/ Peter Maass, Albany Councilmember

/s/ Eric Larson, Chair, Albany Climate Action Committee

/s/ David Arkin, Former Planning and Zoning Commissioner

/s/ Nick Peterson, Principal, Albany Climate Action Coalition

