

Public Comment received before 5:00 p.m. on May 21, 2024

From: [Rosy Straka](#)
To: [City Clerk](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Non Agenda Items - May 21, 2024
Date: Tuesday, May 21, 2024 2:10:06 PM

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Mayor, Vice Mayor and City Council Members,

Our Third Annual Clayton Pride Parade is right around the corner on June 2 at 10:00 am. The first Parade in 2022, we had 46 groups marching and 25 information tables/booths in the Grove. The second Parade in 2023, we had 55 groups marching and 32 information tables/booths in the Grove. This year has surpassed both. We have 61 groups marching (and counting) and 41 (and counting) tables/booths in the Grove.

Please browse our website at <https://claytonpride.com> to see our fabulous line-up. We are also pleased to welcome the following dignitaries who will be marching:

Mark DeSaulnier , US Representative (marching and Keynote Speaker)
Edi Birsan, Mayor of Concord
Ken Carlson, Contra Costa County Supervisor
Peter Cloven, Clayton City Council
Cindy Darling, Mayor Pro Tem, City of Walnut Creek
Laura Nakamura, Concord City Council
Carlyn Obringer, Concord Vice Mayor
Matt Rinn, Mayor of Pleasant Hill
Shanelle Scales-Preston, Pittsburg City Council
Shannon Shaw, Vice Mayor of Oakley
Holly Tillman, Clayton City Council
Kevin Wilk, Walnut Creek City Council
Anissa Williams, Mayor of Oakley
Monica E Wilson, Mayor Pro Tem, City of Antioch

Thank you,

Rosy Straka
Secretary, Clayton Pride Board
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Tract Status

Eligible tract through 2029 (2016-2020 NMTTC tracts)

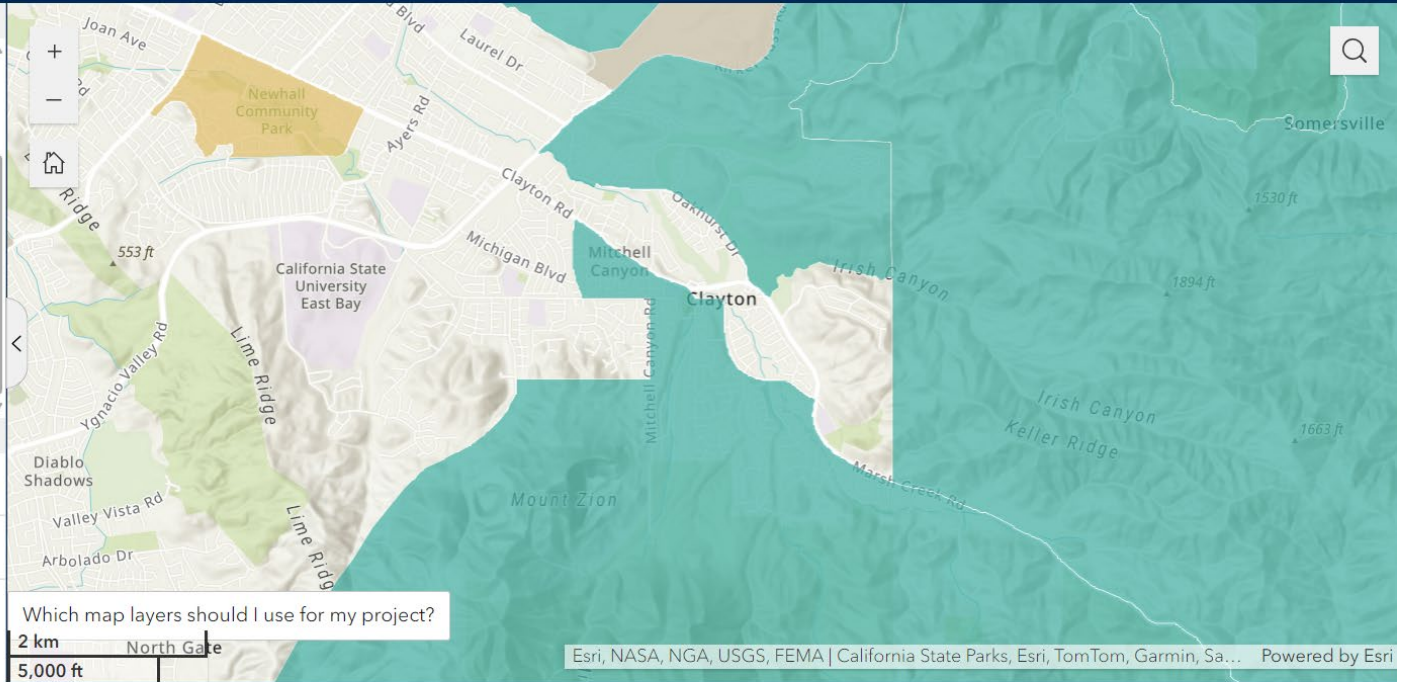


Eligible tract through 2030 (2020 Non-Urban tracts)



Map Layers

- Eligible tract through 2024 (2011-2015 NMTTC tracts) ...
- Eligible tract through 2029 (2016-2020 NMTTC tracts) ...
- Eligible tract through 2030 (2020 Non-Urban tracts) ...



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From: [Kevin Sullivan](#)
To: [City Clerk](#)
Subject: Public Comment - 5/21/2024 Item 8a - Climatec Contract Report out
Date: Monday, May 20, 2024 2:43:52 PM
Attachments: [Clayton 30C areas.docx](#)

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Dear City Council members,

Thank you for taking your time to review this public comment, and my thanks in particular to Peter Cloven for his time and conversation with me during the Art & Wine festival. A previous commitment prevented me from attending in person on May 21 for the Climatec presentation, so I am sending this note instead.

I wanted to express my support for the ongoing work being undertaken by Climatec - it is a great step forward to Clayton. Today I reviewed the agenda materials the Climatec will be presenting (on the city website) and the work looks great.

1) My one detail question is will it be possible for the public level 3 chargers to be 'downward' compatible to Level 2 charging via a J-1772 connector? This is the type of connector that many plug-in hybrids (such as my Rav4) can use, and I have seen that some Level 3 chargers have a parallel Level 2-type plug, and some don't. If that feature could be added without significant project delay or cost, it would be great and potentially allow broader use of the charger. If the 'cake is baked' already, then better to proceed, and please consider this option for future charger installations.

2) My other more general comment is to encourage the City and/or Climatec (if within their contract scope) to look at other ways to increase charger capacity in our city going forward, perhaps via partnerships with businesses or non-profits. From a high-level perspective, it is ideal to provide chargers where people can use them during the daytime when our region's solar power is abundant. In Clayton that could mean use of city streets and properties such as:

- Downtown where people work, visit our local businesses, pick up their kids after school, visit the Grove, etc.
- Roads along our wonderful trail network - there are many places where we have 'excess pavement' near our trails such as on the loops in Easley Estates, along El Molino, at Lydia Lane Park etc. These are areas that are on public roads but not subject to heavy parking demand; placing a few chargers along them may draw people to use them while they exercise or use the trail network to walk to downtown, to stores at Clayton Station, or to parks in the area.
- School areas - For daytime use by school staff and teachers, parents on pickup, and by people using the sports facilities after hours and on weekends (such as the DVMS gym and sports fields)
- Park areas - my sense is that many folks who enjoy the outdoors want to do it sustainably. Areas such as Clayton Community Park and the road access points to Black Diamond and Mt Diablo State Park could use chargers while people park their cars to hike, bike or recreate.

Some of these areas may be eligible for the 30% tax credits/direct pay under the Federal 30C Alternative Fuel Infrastructure Tax Credit referenced in Climatec's presentation; according to a Department of Energy website map (screenshot attached) it appears some census tracts within Clayton are technically considered 'non-urban areas' and perhaps eligible for this treatment. Considerations like these could obviously influence any target areas for future public chargers.

Thank you for considering my comments and thank you for your leadership in this important work.

Kevin Sullivan
Clayton Resident

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Subject: Letter 4/18/24 (Re: Public Comment)
Date: Thursday, May 9, 2024 10:35:44 AM

Hello Mala and Joanna,

I hope this message finds you in good health. It has been about 20 days since I last communicated with your office. I gather from this that you may not be inclined to address the concerns I raised in my letter dated April 18, 2024. Additionally, I have learned that you neglected to inform the city council about my original letter and the concerns I raised.

Unfortunately, I was unable to attend the city council meeting on Tuesday, May 7, 2024, due to prior commitments. However, I watched the meeting on the city website the following day and was disappointed to see that the topic I wanted you to discuss was not brought up.

If it is more convenient for you, I am open to resolving this matter privately. In such an event, I kindly ask for a written response from you as a professional gesture. If a mistake was made, please acknowledge and correct it. If the situation is complicated, I would appreciate a clear explanation as to why you feel public comment should have been reopened.

However, if you choose to ignore my request, I will have no choice but to escalate the matter to the city council and make it public.

Although I would like your firm to continue representing Clayton, I cannot endorse your current approach. Neglecting and dismissing issues does not instill the necessary confidence in me or the public that you are truly looking out for the Clayton community.

I eagerly await your timely response to address this issue so that I can focus on other important matters.

Best regards,

Gary Hood

P.S. Mayor Jim Diaz, please follow up on this item as I would like a response from the City Attorney.