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Hi Melissa,

I submit the following as public comments for the April 18 Measure J Oversight Commission meeting:

I'm Roy Clark, Chair of Palm Springs Sustainability Commission.

I'm going to talk how the Commission and the Office of Sustainability are starting to address climate change — reducing greenhouse gas emissions to fight climate change and helping people in Palm Springs adapt to the change we're already experiencing.

Sustainability is looking at ways of reducing greenhouse gas emissions in the City. Transportation (motor vehicles) accounts for about 50% of the GHG emissions in the City, and residential and commercial buildings account for about 40%.

One way of **reducing GHG emissions** from transportation is reduce the use of gas-powered vehicles. We can start by making it easier and safer for people to walk and ride bicycles. We have a network of bicycle paths and lanes, but they could be connected better. We need more sidewalks for safer walking. In the past Measure J funded many sidewalk projects. We have the CV Link, most of which in Palm Springs will be completed in 2024 and early 2025, but it has few access points to places in the City and our bicycle paths and lanes. We need access points.

We can help people to **adapt to climate change** by having more trees and shade structures in parks and along walkways.

There's a lot to be done to fight climate change. City Commissions and Departments — Engineering, Planning, Sustainability, Measure J, Parks and Recreation, and Public Arts — need to work together.

I don't have a specific project request this evening, but I wanted to get this message to you.

Thank you.