SILICON VALLEY
YOUTH CLIMATE ACTION
Climate Urgency
Impacts

- GHG emissions ↑
- 200 species extinct/1 day
- Wildfires, air pollution, floods, and more
- Major public health risks
SVYCA began with the Silicon Valley Youth Climate Summit in July 2019.

This brought together more than 220 local students and environmental activists.
50+ youth leaders, hundreds of active youth across:

- **8 City Action Teams**
  - Cupertino, Santa Clara, Sunnyvale, San Jose, Saratoga/Los Gatos, Los Altos, Morgan Hill, and Fremont.
- **3 Advocacy Teams**
  - Transit, County, State Policy
- **Marketing Team**
- **Technology Team**
- **5 Initiative Teams**
Impacts

- **A Draft Sustainability Plan**
  - One of the most progressive in the U.S.A.
  - $118 million towards sustainable transportation initiatives in the future!

- Advocate for climate policy and actions at the state legislation level

- **2020 State Advocacy Results** - passed
- **2021** - supported 30+ bills, bills passed

**Board of Supervisors moved forward with our recommendations:**

1) Investment in resources towards sustainability dept.
2) Establishment of Sustainability Commission
3) Partnership with Santa Clara County Office Of education for climate literacy
City Action Team Progress

Successfully advocated for policies such as:

- Aggressive Building Electrification Codes
- Climate Emergency Declarations
- Active Transportation Plans
- Natural Gas Ban Ordinance
- Single-Use Plastic Ordinance
- Climate Action Plans with aggressive goals
2020/2021 Events

- **Speaker Series** featuring CEOs, policy advocates, elected officials such as Congressman Ro Khanna
- **Candidate Forums** hosted in election season to highlight local climate policy/stance of local representatives
- **Workshops** on team management, advocacy, and climate education
- **Multilingual GOTV videos** highlighting urgency of climate change and voting
- **Earth Day Event** co-hosted with Silicon Valley and Sunnyvale Democratic Clubs on climate at county, state, and national levels
Climate Change Curriculum

- Reached 8000+ high schoolers so far and 240+ teachers
- Topics:
  - Causes
  - Impacts
  - Youth advocacy
  - Solutions
  - Sustainable Careers
  - Personal Actions
- Empowered kids to take action
- Provided educational resources
- Positive Feedback - 3000 comments
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