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City of San Diego Unveils Climate Action Activity Book for Children

BOOK AVAILABLE IN ENGLISH AND SPANISH FOR FREE AT CITY LIBRARIES, DIGITAL VERSION AVAILABLE ONLINE FOR PRINT

SAN DIEGO – Pick up your crayons and get ready to create a picture of our climate future. The City of San Diego is unveiling a new climate-focused activity book for youth, hoping to inspire creativity and teach kids about our environment.

"For San Diegans, protecting and preserving our environment is a way of life and it's key for the next generation to learn how they can do their part to help create a cleaner, greener city," said Mayor Kevin L. Faulconer. "With our Climate Action Plan, we've made significant progress in reducing greenhouse gases and this project will help inspire younger San Diegans to share their vision for our City's environmental future."

Starting Wednesday, Sept. 30, the 20-page activity book will be available at 24 San Diego Public Library book pickup <u>locations</u> and is available for download in <u>English</u> and <u>Spanish</u> on the City's website.

Earlier this year, the Sustainability Department launched <u>Our Climate, Our Future</u>, an expanded vision for climate action in San Diego. When the City's landmark Climate Action Plan was adopted in 2015, it included a commitment to update the plan in 2020.

"As we work to update the Climate Action Plan, we want to hear from everybody - including our youngest residents - about what is important to them," said Chief Sustainability Officer Cody Hooven. "We hope this activity book reaches people across the city and helps them connect with our local efforts to combat the global threat of climate change."

Public feedback is a crucial element to the Climate Action Plan update, as the City works to align local efforts with state climate goals to achieve carbon neutrality. Residents can share their viewpoints and priorities through a public survey available online at <u>SDClimateSurvey.org</u>. Virtual community forums are also planned to gather feedback from residents of every Council District.

The Climate Action Plan calls for the City to cut half of all greenhouse gas emissions by 2035. An annual report conducted last year found San Diego had slashed greenhouse gas emissions by 24% over the previous decade, far surpassing the goal for 2020 of 15%. Learn more by visiting <u>sandiego.gov/sustainability</u>.

