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Subject: Continued City Engagement on **SB 1221 Neighborhood Decarbonization Pilots**

On behalf of the City of San Diego **Climate Advisory Board (CAB)**, we write to encourage continued engagement by City leadership and staff in the implementation of SB 1221 Neighborhood Decarbonization Pilots.

SB 1221 presents a meaningful opportunity to advance the City's Climate Action Plan (CAP), particularly **Measure 1.1: Decarbonize Existing Buildings**, by redirecting utility funding from replacing old gas pipelines toward community-approved electrification projects. These pilots can improve public health, safety, and climate resilience while supporting the CAP's goal of expanding equitable access to climate solutions, **without direct fiscal impacts to the City**.

In July 2025, the CAB submitted a letter recommending City support for SB 1221 pilots, and we appreciate the City's submission of supportive comments at the August 2025 CPUC Public Participation Hearing.

As implementation proceeds, the CAB encourages the City to remain actively engaged, including through participation in the **upcoming SB 1221 virtual informational session** hosted by SDG&E on **March 9, 2026** from 1-3, more information here: <https://www.sdge.com/sb-1221-gathering-notice>.

We note that expressions of support for SB 1221 pilots are indications of interest rather than binding commitments. Continued engagement at this stage enables the City to elevate community-informed priorities, assess local fit, and help shape pilot proposals consistent with City policies and CAP objectives.

The CAB also notes that SDG&E has updated its SB 1221 [map](#) to include priority neighborhood decarbonization zones encompassing **21 census tracts within the City of San Diego**, underscoring the importance of City participation in how pilots are proposed and implemented.

The CAB encourages the City to coordinate with SDG&E to advance pilot proposals within the City of San Diego, particularly in areas impacted by the January 2024 flooding, implemented utilizing a skilled and trained local workforce.

Thank you for your continued attention to this important opportunity.

Respectfully,

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