

May 12, 2026

To: San Diego Mayor Todd Gloria, City Council Members:

SUBJECT: Climate Advisory Board Support for Parks and Recreation Coalition Response to Mayor's Proposed FY27 Budget

The Climate Advisory Board supports the coalition letter submitted on April 27, 2026 titled: "The Essential Role of Parks and Recreation in San Diego's Financial Recovery."

This support is based on the negative impact the proposed budget may have on implementation of the Climate Action Plan (CAP), particularly actions and strategies related to healthy ecosystems, equitable community investment, active transportation access, urban greening, and nature-based infrastructure.

In light of these impacts to the CAP, the Climate Advisory Board supports the recommendation to **retain the full Asset Management Team** which supports a project portfolio of approximately \$2.9 billion. They are the City's primary engine for community-driven park development and the technical backbone that makes CBO partnership projects possible.

Please do not achieve short-term savings at the expense of the extraordinarily valuable community networks the Parks and Recreation Department has crafted over many years.

Sincerely,

Tanisha-Jean Martin
Chair, Climate Advisory Board