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San Diego Mayor Todd Gloria

Subject: Letter of Support to consider “Plant-Based” as an Environmentally Preferable Characteristic

The **Climate Advisory Board requests** the city consider updating its internal regulations to include “plant-based” as an Environmentally Preferable Characteristic.

The attached Fact Sheet contains more details on a community request for this change, which is consistent with the city’s Climate Action Plan.

Our understanding is that this change would not require any specific purchase or new funding, and would allow departments to weigh price and performance and document the justification if needed. And that studies have shown that shifts toward plant-based foods have small net employment effects, especially in a city like ours with minimal livestock production.

The **Climate Advisory Board respectfully requests** a response within 3 months of receipt.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Tanisha-Jean Martin, Chair, Climate Advisory Board

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