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<u>Chair LaCava, Environment Committee, Advance Net Zero Climate Action Plan;</u> <u>Emphasize Urgency and Need for Immediate Implementation</u>

San Diego — On Thursday, June 30, the San Diego City Council Environment Committee unanimously advanced the Mayor's update of the City's Climate Action Plan (CAP) to full council. This update formalizes the City's goal of 100% renewable energy by 2030, net zero emissions by 2035 and reinforces our standing as a national climate leader.

Adopting the updated CAP builds on the landmark plan adopted by the City in 2015 and advances goals around decarbonizing our built infrastructure. This transition away from fossil fuels will be supported by the implementation of strategic initiatives, including building electrification, electric vehicle infrastructure, renewable energy, mobility upgrades, and zero waste goals.

"Achieving CAP's ambitious goals will produce a sustainable future for San Diegans and remain a model for the country," said Councilmember Joe LaCava, Chair of the San Diego City Council's Environment Committee. "Climate action cannot wait. This updated CAP is the start, I look forward to the implementation plan and a budget to inform the Council's priorities and funding decisions. I appreciate the Mayor and staff's commitment to carrying out this work and aggressively tackling the climate crisis."

At Thursday's meeting, more than 60 members of the public provided testimony, including many students, demonstrating the personal and real-world impacts of climate change on their generation. The public and members of the Committee praised the update and highlighted the need for urgency in the city's response to the crisis.

The CAP update is anticipated to be considered for approval by the full council in late July.

Councilmember Joe LaCava represents San Diego City Council District 1, which includes the communities of Carmel Valley, Del Mar Heights, Del Mar Mesa, La Jolla, Pacific Highlands Ranch, Torrey Hills, Torrey Pines, and University City.

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