

## COUNCILMEMBER DAVID ALVAREZ City of San Diego Eighth District

## MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 2, 2018

**TO:** Honorable Councilmembers

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FROM: Councilmember David Alvarez, Chair, Environment Committee

# SUBJECT: 2018 Environment Committee Priorities and Work Plan

As Chair of the Environment Committee I look forward to discussing and implementing a number of important issues in 2018. I have received suggestions from various Councilmembers about topics they would like discussed in the upcoming year. I have integrated some of these suggested topics of discussion with my priorities below:

## Water Reuse

- Monitor and support implementation of the Pure Water program, including review of grant funding applications, bond financing, and consultant, design and construction contracts.
- Receive updates on the status of the Point Loma Wastewater Treatment Plant waiver
- Enhance Pure Water Project Public Outreach and Education program.
- Receive consutant update regarding the potential for the contruction of a large storm water capture facility in Otay Mesa.

## **Water Conservation**

- Receive update from PUD regarding evolving state conservation and drought standards
- Receive update on PUD conservation efforts, including the rain harvesting rebate program and graywater rebate program.
- Consider ways to increase water conservation efforts and preparing for future periods of drought.

- Identify further action to reduce water loss in the City's delivery system, including investment in new technology and pipeline repair/replacement.
- Explore feasibility of implementing atmospheric water capture systems.
- Request a report on the City's Sustainable Landscapes Retrofitting program that provides potential financial incentives for grass replacement and micro-irrigation rebate programs to determine if the program could be expanded.
- Receive an update and cost-benefit analysis from the Park and Recreation Department regarding the use of Weather Based Irrigation Controllers in City parks.
- Explore an Outdoor Landscaping Ordinance requiring the use of weather based irrigation controllers.
- Work closely with PUD and the City's State lobbyists to advocate for fair treatment by the State regarding water conservation measures that take into account the City's investment in increasing local supply.
- Update regarding the Value of Water Outreach Campaign.
- Review public outreach efforts, including enhanced online and mobile device presence.
- Review Sustainable Groundwater Management Act.
- Review Integrated Regional Water Management projects.
- Review watershed protection projects.
- Receive update regarding deployment of Advanced Metering Infrastructure System.
- Receive an Update on Water Agency Water Conservation and Rebate Programs

## Water and Wastewater Rates

- Receive update from PUD regarding customer billing practices, including reforms the department is implementing to ensure customers are not overcharged
- Receive Cost of Service Study Review of Funds.
- Review Cost of Service Study RFP.
- Monitor, review and finalize Rate Reform Analysis.
- Receive update on the Point Loma Water Treatment Plant EPA Waiver.
- Receive reports from Independent Rates Oversight Committee.
- Receive reports from the City 10 regarding activity with the County Water Authority.
- Receive update regarding the California Water Fix
- Discuss strategy of continuing to diversify the City's sources of water and how we can further minimize importing water from outside the region, including efforts to incentivize water conservation.
- Receive update regarding the Help To Other (H2O) San Diego program.
- Receive PUD CIP appropriations or transfers.

# <u>Tijuana River Valley</u>

• The Tijuana River Valley (TJRV) has a long history of trash, sediment and water quality issues. Just last year millions of gallons of polluted water flowed across the border, increasing contamination levels in the TJRV and as far north as Coronado. As we continue to work on resolving this issue, the City should seek Federal and State funding resources, such as through the California Disaster Assistance Act, to assist with the restoration, mitigation, and cleanup efforts of the area. Additionally, the EPA's Superfund program is responsible for cleaning up some of the nation's most

contaminated land and responding to environmental emergencies. Given the high volume of trash and poor water quality in the TJRV, the City should work with the EPA to take the necessary steps to declare the TJRV as a Superfund site. As we move forward in addressing the issue, the City should update its declaration of emergency and formally request that the County declare a state of emergency in the area due to the contamination and need for clean-up.

## Storm Water Channel and Storm Drain Maintenance

- Receive updates regarding the Master Storm Water System Maintenance Program, including review of 2017/2018 winter storms and preparation for 2018/2019 winter storms.
- Development of comprehensive long-term watershed management for flood control in atrisk areas.
- Explore expediting the replacement of corrugated steel pipes from San Diego's storm water infrastructure, as many have failed during rain storms resulting in property damage.
- Receive updates from the Transportation & Storm Water Department regarding the Municipal Storm Water Permit regulations and discuss the feasibility of an Alternative Compliance program. In particular, it is critical that the Committee coordinate with the Department to work collaboratively with the Regional Water Quality Control Board to achieve the goals outlined in the permit in a fiscally responsible manner.
- Continue working towards more effective interdepartmental coordination, and ensure the City is pursuing all appropriate monitoring mechanisms and fulfilling all enforcement responsibilities.

## **<u>Climate Action Plan Implementation</u>**

- Move forward with implementation of Climate Action Plan goals and recommendations and receive regular updates on achieving GHG reductions.
- Receive CAP Phase I Update
- Receive updates regarding development of the Planning Department's Tool to Help Determine whether Community Plan Updates adequately contribute to Climate Action Plan Mobility and Vehicle Miles Traveled Targets
- Establish a comprehensive climate resiliency plan including mitigation for sea level rise.
- Receive update from the San Diego Convention Center Corp., Port of San Diego and the appropriate city staff regarding the potential impacts of sea level rise on the operations of the current convention center and any potential expansion of the convention center.
- Receive 100% Renewable Energy goal updates and explore next steps for a City CCA, including development of a business plan that can be considered for approval in 2018.
- Regular updates regarding CCA business plan development from the Mayor and City Attorney's office.
- Monitor inclusion of funding for a Climate Adaption Plan in the FY19 budget.
- Request and review a report providing the equity metrics and investments in impacted communities.

- Explore strategies for reducing vehicular air pollution by assessing algae CO2 absorption units along our freeway systems by engaging CALTRANS and UCSD's California Center for Algae biotechnology.
- Increase diversion of organic waste to community gardens, urban farmers and resource recovery areas by reviewing potential changes to the municipal code that would clarify the ability of groups to transfer organic waste to the aforementioned locations.
- Discuss an alternative transportation incentive program for City employees
- Receive updates from climate change researchers and experts regarding the latest data available regarding projections and real time effects of climate change

## **Urban Forestry Program**

- Receive updates regarding progress of implementation the goals set forth in the Urban Forestry 5-Year Plan including:
  - The status of Phase I actions, and the projected staffing and funding to
  - Plans to develop and use tracking systems for tree conditions, tree problems identified by residents, and work completed by contractors and city staff.
  - The outcomes of the City's efforts to plant 2,000 shade-producing street trees by June 30, 2018, efforts to work with community groups and local residents, and the potential of increasing the number of trees planted in underserved communities
  - Receive update regarding funding opportunities to improve canopy cover, including leveraging Cap and Trade funds.
- Support urban greening throughout San Diego.

## **Bicycle Master Plan**

- Receive updates from the Bike Advisory Committee regarding the implementation of the Bicycle Master Plan, Vision Zero, and bicycle-related mode share goals of the Climate Action Plan.
- Monitor and receive updates regarding progress on bicycle infrastructure improvements throughout the City.
- Receive report on the City's Transportation Demand Management (TDM) program and its progress in reducing single occupancy trips.
- Develop effective strategy for the City to prioritize transit oriented development projects and infrastructure projects built close to transit.
- Request update from SANDAG on the implementation of regional infrastructure projects including bicycle facility plans and the development of the new trolley lines.

# **Energy Efficiency and Independence**

- Request a status update report on progress of goals and policies outlined in Council Policy 900-14, Sustainable Building Policy, including developing a Zero Net Energy Policy for municipal-owned buildings.
- Receive update on San Vicente Pumped Storage Project.
- Receive an Update on Statewide 100 Percent Clean Energy Efforts
- Support and review ways to invest in solar technology throughout the city including, but not limited to:
  - Implementing solar goals outlined in the Climate Action Plan.

- Supporting, expanding and monitoring success of approved Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) programs, including increasing accessibility to residential and commercial users.
- Continued monitoring of potential rate changes by SDG&E.
- Continue exploring the possibility of a Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) program in San Diego to increase use of renewable energy generation.
- Update on efforts to install more solar equipment on City facilities.
- o Install energy efficiency upgrades at City facilities.
- Review DSD permitting requirements for residential solar to determine if the process can be streamlined.
- Promote and apply to programs that enable partnerships with solar installers for multi-family low income housing.

## **Recycling and Waste Reduction:**

- Discuss ongoing efforts and explore any new ideas to expand the life of the Miramar Landfill.
- Receive updates regarding waste reduction efforts at municipal facilities and a report on implementation of the installation of recycling bins at all City facilities, including parks and open spaces.
- Receive updates from the Environmental Services Department regarding the implementation of the Zero Waste Plan, to ensure current diversion strategies are achieving their objectives and meeting stated goals.
- Explore feasibility of changing from bi-weekly to weekly municipal recycling services.
- Receive update on Resource Recovery Facility and Organics Diversion Facility projects, including any additional actions required to achieve waste diversion goals.
- Monitor and take any needed action on the Solid Waste Collection Franchise agreement.
- Revise City Recycling Ordinance to reflect proposals and goals in Zero Waste plan.
- Discuss Districted Exclusive Collection System Study Final Report and consider advantages/disadvantages of this type of collection system.
- Consider changes to the Miramar Landfill Fee Schedule.
- Receive update regarding tonnage of food waste collected by certified collectors
- Request an update on the city's efforts to integrate polystyrene into collection and diversion efforts.

## **Lead Poisoning Protection**

- Request and review a report on the first ten years of implementation of the City's Children's Right to Lead Safe Housing Ordinance Plan that provides data, including:
  - The number of housing units served by the program;
  - The number of children impacted by the program;
  - The number of housing units excluded from the program and evaluation of how to expand the program.
- Consider updates to the Children's Right to Lead Safe Housing Ordinance

## **Regional Parks, Canyons and Open Space:**

• Receive update on Parks master Plan development and discuss park equivalency standards.

- Receive update on designation of Chollas Creek as a Regional Park and ensure designation moves forward.
- Request that City staff apply for grants and other non-general fund sources to implement the Chollas Creek Enhancement Program.
- Request a report on public and private infrastructure projects that implement the Chollas Creek Enhancement Program in order to reduce heavy metals and other toxic elements that ultimately flow into the San Diego Bay.
- Review Otay Valley Regional Park Concept Plan.
- Ensure Completion of Mission Trails Regional Park Master Plan Update
- Receive update on efforts to expand the Mission Trails Regional Park trail network, including an accounting of any property that may need to be purchased.
- Review planned and potential improvements to canyon areas for recreational and educational opportunities.
- Discuss protecting and finding new ways to enhance park and recreation activities in the city's regional parks.
- Discuss City policy regarding park equivalencies, particularly the issue of how to account for regional parks in the park equivalency analysis.
- Continue Cleanup and Restoration of San Diego River
  - o Discuss Funding for Senior River Park Ranger FTE for San Diego River
  - Control Invasive Non-native Plants and Restore the San Diego River
- Pursue further dedication and designation of park lands, where appropriate.
  - Review of eligible lands and work to remove barriers to dedication.
  - Discuss enhancement of a contiguous river park along the San Diego River, particularly on the current Qualcomm Stadium site.
  - Continue Implementation of the San Diego River Park Masterplan.

## Maintenance of Canyons and Open Spaces

- Receive regular updates on brush clearance and an update on required resources moving forward for more regular and thorough brush clearance near homes.
- Explore strategies that would allow homeowners more defensible space in high fire risk areas.

## Proactive Monitoring of Environmental Issues at the Federal, State and Regional Levels

- Review and discuss action the committee can take regarding environmental issues at all levels of government affecting San Diegans quality of life.
- Work closely with the City's State and Federal lobbyists to identify potential grant funding and regulation changes that can promote and expedite city programs and funding for water, storm water, and climate action projects/activity.

## **<u>Utility Undergrounding</u>**

- Receive semi-annual status reports regarding the Utility Undergrounding Program and review any proposed amendments.
- Review Utility Undergrounding Program Master Plan Update
- Ensure that updates to the Utility Undergrounding Master Plan reflect community concerns about timeline and access to timely, accurate information about planned

projects. Seek opportunities to accelerate the pace of undergrounding and continue efforts to minimize impacts on community character, historic resources, and right of way.

#### **Street Cleanliness Assessment**

• Receive update regarding Litter and Graffiti Abatement Pilot Program from Environmental Services Department and consider potential for expanding it into a citywide street cleanliness program

I look forward to chairing the Environment Committee in 2018 and working with each committee member on their priorities to ensure the City continues its commitment to protection and oversight of precious natural and cultural resources throughout San Diego.

CC: Honorable Mayor Faulconer Honorable City Attorney Elliott Andrea Tevlin, Independent Budget Analyst



# COUNCILMEMBER CHRIS CATE CITY OF SAN DIEGO SIXTH DISTRICT

# MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 26, 2018

TO:Councilmember David Alvarez, Chair, Environment CommitteeFROM:Councilmember Chris Cate

SUBJECT: 2018 Environment Committee Priorities

I appreciate the opportunity to share my Environment Committee priorities for 2018. I look forward to addressing San Diego's critical environmental issues to ensure local resources are protected for the enjoyment of future generations.

#### WATER AND WASTEWATER

#### **Finalize Rate Reform Analysis**

During the review process of the 2015 Cost of Service Study (COSS), my office submitted an amendment that identified funding for a Rate Reform analysis. This analysis will outline a variety of options to ensure the protection of revenue for the operations of the Public Utilities Department (PUD) during times of drought, while incentivizing ratepayers to conserve water. Per PUD staff, the analysis is scheduled to be presented to the Environment Committee in June of this year. Prior to this meeting, a robust community outreach process needs to be conducted by engaging citizen groups, stakeholder organizations, and the City's Independent Rates Oversight Committee to determine which rate option will provide consistent revenue to PUD without subjecting San Diego ratepayers to uncertainty.

#### **Review the City's Use of Weather Based Irrigation Controllers**

One of the recommendations in the Climate Action Plan is to create an Outdoor Landscaping Ordinance that would require the use of Weather-Based Irrigation Controllers (WBIC). A commercial grade WBIC has been confirmed by the Environmental Protection Agency to save approximately 134,511 gallons of water per year. Prior to moving forward with this recommendation, the City should evaluate its own use of this technology. Currently, the City utilizes WBICs in Balboa and Mission Bay Parks, however, 85 to 90 percent of the parks in the Community Parks II Division are still in need. The Committee should receive an update from the Park and Recreation installation costs corresponding with expected water savings. The cost-benefit analysis should reflect Executive Order B-37-16 with regard to potential penalties that may result from exceeding rationing allotments.

#### **Monitor Statewide Drought Regulations**

The City of San Diego has invested heavily to develop a locally-controlled and sustainable water supply through the Carlsbad Desalination Plant and its Pure Water program. These investments have and will continue to provide flexibility to the City, especially during times of drought. As the State conducts its public input process for Executive Order B-37-16, which proposes to institute rationing policies for water suppliers statewide, it is imperative that the City advocates strongly for the ability to make independent determinations with regard to its own water operations. The Committee should work with PUD, Mayor's office, and the City's State lobbyists to advocate on behalf of San Diego ratepayers.

#### Receive an Update on Water Agency Water Conservation and Rebate Programs

The City recently initiated an open application process from December 1, 2017 through December 15, 2017 to incentivize residential and business customers to replace their grass with drought tolerant landscaping. I request an update on the Grass Replacement Rebate Program from PUD. This update should include details concerning PUD's outreach strategy, program performance metrics, water savings analysis, and the utilization of this rebate compared to other City water conservation rebate programs. In addition, the Committee should receive an update from the San Diego County Water Authority and Metropolitan Water District regarding the status of various conservation programs and the funding available to City residents, as well as other rebate programs available to the City, such as the Local Resources Program, to fund various capital projects, including the Pure Water Program.

#### **Receive an Update on Statewide CA Water Fix**

The Committee has previously received a report regarding the Governor's proposed Delta Fix proposal, but has not had an update since that time. With more details and information available, the Committee should receive an update about the potential impacts to ratepayers and the delivery of water to residents.

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION & ENERGY EFFICIENCY**

#### Monitor the Implementation of Climate Action Plan

In 2015, the City Council unanimously approved a bipartisan and historic Climate Action Plan (CAP) that seeks to achieve 100 percent renewable energy by 2035. A crucial component of the adopted CAP mandates is that a cost-benefit analysis be conducted before any action is taken by the City Council. It is imperative that these analyses are done in a timely manner to provide the committee with more than sufficient time to review the respective ordinances. This review process is vital to ensuring the goals of the CAP are met while providing complete information and flexibility.

## Receive an Update on Statewide 100 Percent Clean Energy Efforts

Review state legislation and opportunities to support the state going to 100 percent renewables as a planning standard, with a Renewable Portfolio Standard of 60 percent, which would include off-ramps in the case technology does not materialize to ensure ratepayers are not negatively impacted by rate shocks.

#### Consider a Street Cleanliness Assessment Pilot Program

Since taking office in 2014, my office has consistently received concerns regarding the cleanliness of streets and neighborhoods in the City of San Diego. These community concerns often involve illegal dumping, graffiti, and litter. In light of the recent creation of the "Clean SD" program, the City should move forward with a data-driven pilot program that utilizes technology to better map and monitor areas prone to the aforementioned public nuisance issues. This information should be utilized to create a robust citywide abatement program that operates on a proactive basis.

#### **Receive an Urban Tree Canopy Update**

In 2017, the City passed the ambitious Urban Forestry Program Five Year Plan with the goal of reaching a 35 percent urban tree canopy coverage by 2035. This plan not only helps our environment, it beautifies our neighborhoods as well. One of the programs the City has implemented to help obtain this goal is the Free Tree Program. The City also received a grant from the California Department of Forestry and Fire Prevention to plant 500 street trees in urban neighborhoods. I request the Committee receive an update on the Five Year Plan and the aforementioned program to measure how well the City is performing. This update will allow the City to identify areas for improvement and examine new opportunities to supplement tree canopy coverage in not only low-income neighborhoods, but in communities that are built-out with higher concentrations of greenhouse gas emissions due to vehicle traffic.

#### **Consider an Alternative Transportation Program**

The City currently offers a subsidy for public transportation, but only to employees who do not purchase a monthly parking pass and commute at least three days per week. Further, the City offers mileage reimbursement for work travel, but does not reimburse for work travel taken by public transportation. The increase of public transportation is critical for the City to achieve its greenhouse gas reduction targets. The Committee should work to revise the City's alternative transportation policy to further incentivize employees to take public transportation. The program should be funded by revenue generated by monthly parking passes from the City's concourse. The projected revenue for FY18 is \$616,673. In addition, department budgets should be amended to absorb work travel reimbursements similar to the process of mileage reimbursement.

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# City of San Diego Councilmember Scott Sherman Seventh District

# MEMORANDUM

DATE:January 26, 2018TO:Councilmember David Alvarez, Chair of Environment CommitteeFROM:Councilmember Scott ShermanRE:Environment Committee Priorities for 2018

Thank you for your invitation to the members of the City Council to submit recommendations to the Environment Committee for the upcoming year. The City of San Diego should continue to protect the many natural gems in the region, from our beaches and bays, to our canyons and parklands. The following are my priorities for the upcoming year:

## Ensure Completion of Mission Trails Regional Park Master Plan Update

The Mission Trails Regional Park Master Plan Update continues to be delayed and hinders the advancement of this important regional park.

Mission Trails Regional Park is considered the third jewel in the City of San Diego Park System. Created in 1974, Mission Trails Regional Park is one of the largest urban parks in the United States. Originally inhabited by the Kumeyaay Indians, the park encompasses approximately 8,000 acres of rugged hills, valleys, and open areas which represent a San Diego prior to the landing of Explorer Juan Rodriguez Cabrillo in San Diego Bay in 1542.

The Master Plan has not been updated since 1985 and has been in the process of updating since 2010. It is important to the future of this San Diego jewel to complete the Mission Trails Regional Park Master Plan this year.

## **Continue Cleanup and Restoration of San Diego River**

Last year, city work crews began aggressive cleanup efforts to revitalize the San Diego River, an important waterway and native habitat in the San Diego region. Hundreds of tons of waste and debris have been removed that would have otherwise flowed to the ocean polluting our beaches and bays.

It is vitally important to continue the momentum in 2018 and ensure cleanup efforts continue.

## Ensure Funding for Senior River Park Ranger FTE for San Diego River

The homeless crisis along the San Diego River reached critical levels in 2017. The creation of a full FTE for a Senior Park Ranger is needed to mitigate this crisis from further escalation. The position will be responsible for collaborating and managing operations of a Ranger work unit along the San Diego River within the City of San Diego. This includes developing and monitoring of the Ranger section budget; developing, collaborating, maintaining and monitoring various projects along the San Diego River including habitat restoration, interpretation and enforcement; liaison for the Department and San Diego River to various advisory groups, City departments, non-profit groups, media, land owners and public; performing outreach and interpretive programs for the areas of responsibility; assisting in the technical aspects of education, interpretation, and enforcement; and supervising various supervisory, volunteers and staff.

## Control Invasive Non-native Plants and Restore the San Diego River

Invasive non-native plants are a concern because they are destroying the ability of the San Diego River and watershed to properly function. The removal of invasive plants would also aid in making the area less desirable for homeless encampments while also increasing SDPD's ability to monitor the area. This project includes working with the San Diego River Conservancy to remove all invasive non-native species along the San Diego River on City-Owned Parcels. In order to create a comprehensive plan for the entire length of the San Diego River, the Conservancy will work with private property owners and other agencies to coordinate Right of Entry permits to ensure that our watershed is protected.

## **Require Further Study and Discussion of Exclusive Trash Collection Zones**

In the past, there has been discussions to possibly change current trash hauling methods to exclusive trash hauling zones. This process would allow only one trash hauling company is allowed to operate in one zone. A similar setup in the City of Los Angeles has resulted in drastic rate increases of up to 120% and a decline in quality of work and customer service. This is troubling.

Before moving forward on this potentially expensive and less customer friendly option, more indepth studies, public meetings, and an analysis of the problems in Los Angeles should be thoroughly reviewed.

## Purchasing of Additional Land at Mission Trails Regional Park

The Mission Trails Regional Park is an important park that protects native species and provides San Diego residents with access to numerous hiking and biking trails to enjoy. Currently, patches of privately owned land interrupt access to some trails causing a headache to hikers, bikers, and private land owners.

## **Maintain Storm Channels and Drainage Areas**

Over the past two years the City has gone to great lengths to restore our storm channels to acceptable and safe standards. The magnitude of permitting and planning required to get to this stage must not be forgotten which is why we must continue regular maintenance of these channels. Allowing these channels to return back to their dangerous previous condition is not only unacceptable from a public safety concern, but will inevitably be a costly mistake.

#### **Restructuring Park Equivalencies**

Park equivalency determinations are an important tool in maintaining aspects of each community. However, the City's measurement system needs to be updated and reevaluated in order to better reflect the needs of individual communities. Currently, the City does not count regional parks in park equivalencies.

While we wait for the Citywide Park Master Plan to be completed, a temporary measure should be implemented to better reflect true park needs.

#### **Reform Storm Water Regulations**

California storm water mandates are expected to cost the City of San Diego over \$104 million dollars in the upcoming years. These excessive costs take away much needed taxpayer funds for vital city services

The Environment Committee should look into ways to ease regulatory burdens by directing city lobbyists to urge state officials to reform costly storm water regulations.

#### Monitor Brush Clearing in San Diego Canyons and Open Spaces

Lack of rain this winter could result in extremely dangerous wildfire conditions. City staff should appear before the Environment Committee with regular updates on brush clearance and consider allocating more resources for more regular and thorough brush clearance near homes. City staff should explore ordinance changes to allow homeowners more defensible space in high fire risk areas.



# THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO OFFICE OF COUNCILMEMBER GEORGETTE GÓMEZ NINTH DISTRICT

# MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 29, 2018

TO: Councilmember David Alvarez, Chair of Environment Committee

FROM: Councilmember Georgette Gómez, District 9 August

SUBJECT: 2018 Environment Committee Priorities

San Diego is the eighth largest city in the nation and it is imperative that the City provide strong leadership in aggressively implementing our historic 2015 Climate Action Plan (CAP) and ensuring that we attain environmental justice for our disadvantaged communities.

I request the following priorities be addressed by the Environment Committee, ultimately attaining our CAP goals, ensuring environmental justice, uplifting our communities, and having a significant impact improving the quality of life for all.

## **Climate Action Plan**

The City of San Diego Climate Action Plan (CAP) includes a provision to ensure equity for the most impacted communities, per CalEnviroScreen, and investment of resources in these communities

• Request and review a report providing the equity metrics and investments in impacted communities

# **Community Choice Aggregation (CCA)**

Last year, the Mayor directed staff to work on a Community Choice Energy (CCE) Business Plan to assess how a San Diego CCE would operate. As such, the Environment Committee should request the following:

- A report on the progress of the CCE business plan and next steps.
- Adopt a business plan and initiate work on the City's Implementation Plan, Statement of Intent, and begin looking at San Diego's Agency Formation.
- The City embark on a local energy buildout study.

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• Timeline for the business plan so that there is a final vote on moving forward with CCE at the Environment Committee by Fall of 2018.

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• Bimonthly updates from the Mayor's office as well as regular updates from the Mayor and City Attorney's office so Council and the public can learn and weigh in.

## Chollas Creek Enhancement Program (CCEP)

- Request a report on the status of on-going public and private infrastructure projects that implement the CCEP.
- Request that City staff apply for grants and other non-general fund sources to implement the CCEP.

## Zero Waste

- Request a report on the success/challenge in the City's participation of polystyrene collection and diversion efforts.
- Request a report on the economic feasibility of instituting weekly municipal recycling services.
- Request a report on the effect of the plastic bag ban, and evaluate the feasibility of expanding the ban to include other materials.
- Request a report on implementation of the installation of recycling bins at all City facilities, including parks and open spaces.

## **Bicycle/Active Transportation Infrastructure**

- Prioritize bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure on where injuries and collisions occur, to advance the dual Vision Zero and Climate Action Plan mode share goals.
- Request that City staff report on efforts to secure SANDAG and Caltrans grants to promote education and encouragement for bicycle and pedestrian safety, especially for schools, for seniors, and to transit.
- Develop a Transit Priority Area (TPA) ranking system for capital improvement projects that prioritizes the completion of infrastructure projects within TPA's.
- Request a report on the City's Transportation Demand Management (TDM) program and its success in reducing single occupancy vehicle trips and encouraging City employees to use alternate forms of transportation in order to reduce air pollution.
- Develop innovative strategies for reducing vehicular air pollution including assessing algae CO2 absorption units along our freeway systems by engaging CALTRANS and UCSD's California Center for Algae biotechnology.
- Request an update on the Draft Transportation Master Plan.
- Request an update on the Bike Master Plan, including the Strategic Implementation Plan proposed by the Bike Advisory Committee.

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## Lead Poisoning

The *Children's Right to Lead–Safe Housing Ordinance* was approved by City Council and signed into law by the Mayor on April 9, 2008. The primary purpose of the ordinance is to eliminate lead hazards and prevent lead poisoning through lead–safe housing and ensuring lead–safe work practices in rental housing.

- Request and review a report on the first ten years of implementation of the City's Children's Right to Lead Safe Housing Ordinance Plan that provides data, including:
  - The number of housing units served by the program
  - The number of children impacted by the program
  - The number of housing units excluded from the program and evaluation of how to expand the program.

#### **Urban Forestry**

- Request and review a report on the implementation of the City's Urban Forest Management Five-Year Plan that provides information on the goals and objectives set forth by the plan, including:
  - The status of Phase I actions, and the projected staffing and funding to
  - Plans to develop and use tracking systems for tree conditions, tree problems identified by residents, and work completed by contractors and city staff.
  - The outcomes of the City's efforts to plant 2,000 shade-producing street trees by June 30, 2018, efforts to work with community groups and local residents, and the potential of increasing the number of trees planted in communities south of Interstate 8.

#### Landscape Rebate Program

• Request a report on the City's Sustainable Landscape Retrofitting program that provides financial incentives for grass replacement and micro-irrigation rebate programs to determine if the program could be expanded.

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cc: Kevin Faulconer, Mayor Mara Elliott, City Attorney Andrea Tevlin, Independent Budget Analyst