

Tammy Cloud-McMinn

From: virginia cemashko <vcemashko@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Saturday, November 9, 2024 11:20 AM
To: City Clerk
Subject: Climate Action Committee: Leaf Blowers

All Receive - Agenda Item # 8
For the Information of the:
CITY COUNCIL
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City Leaders,

I'm writing in support of a city regulation of gasoline powered leaf blowers.

At my home I am surrounded by neighbors who maintain their gardens with hired gardeners. These firms/small businesses all use noisy, fume emitting gasoline leaf blowers. My peace and tranquility are interrupted 3-4 times a week by these machines. I am semi- retired and continue to work from home. I respectfully ask you to consider a city reg to transition to quieter, less polluting electric battery powered leaf blowers in a timely fashion. I would not wish to wait until 2035!

Thank you for your attention.

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From: Diana A <dra805@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 10, 2024 9:07 PM
To: City Clerk; Keith Blackburn; Carolyn Luna; Melanie Burkholder; Teresa Acosta; Priya Bhat-Patel
Subject: Agenda Item # 8 Support Updated Climate Action Plan.

Dear Mayor Blackburn & City Councilmembers,

By supporting a CAP, our City will actively contribute to a world where children and future generations can enjoy a stable climate, healthy environments, and economic opportunities in a sustainable society.

Please approve the Climate Action Plan (CAP) as presented by staff member Katie Henrich.

In addition please include these items that were previously presented to the Planning Commission and included in the original CAP.

Measure E-3.2: Nonresidential Building Energy – Updated city building or "reach code" to include updated energy performance-based requirements for new nonresidential buildings.

Measure E-3.3: Nonresidential Building Energy – Construct "solar carports" (also known as installing solar panels over outdoor parking spaces) at eligible city-owned parking lots.

Measure E-4:2 Residential Building Energy - Updated city's building code, or "reach code," to include updated energy performance-based requirements for new residential buildings.

These measures demonstrate the city's commitment to sustainable development and proactive climate action, aligning with the CAP goals to reduce pollution, promote renewable energy, and protect public health and the environment.

- Reduction of Greenhouse Gas Emissions: By adopting updated energy performance requirements for both nonresidential and residential buildings, the city would significantly reduce energy consumption, thereby lowering greenhouse gas emissions from heating, cooling, and lighting.

- Increased Renewable Energy Adoption: Installing solar carports in city-owned parking lots helps increase the city's renewable energy capacity, contributing to a more sustainable and diversified energy grid, reducing dependency on fossil fuels.
- Long-Term Energy Savings: Energy-efficient buildings often result in lower utility costs, encouraging long-term energy conservation and minimizing the overall energy demand, which aligns with sustainable urban development goals.
- Enhanced Resilience and Climate Adaptation: Energy-efficient and solar-powered infrastructure creates a more resilient community by providing clean energy sources and reducing strain on the electric grid, especially during extreme weather events linked to climate change.
- Leadership and Community Influence: By updating its building codes, the city sets an example for businesses, residents, and other cities to follow, promoting a culture of environmental responsibility and climate action.
- Local Job Creation in Green Industries: Increased demand for solar installations and energy-efficient construction practices supports local green job growth, contributing positively to the economy while reducing environmental impact.
- Improved Air Quality: Reduced reliance on non-renewable energy decreases air pollutants associated with fossil fuel energy production, which can improve local air quality and public health.

Thank you for taking my input into consideration.

Diana Aguirre, CA Naturalist Certified, Citizen's Academy Graduate 2023,
Resident District 3.

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Tammy Cloud-McMinn

From: Susan Kobara <susankobara13@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 11, 2024 8:06 AM
To: City Clerk
Subject: Agenda Item # 8 Support Updated Climate Action Plan

Hello,

I am a resident of Carlsbad and am asking that you approve the Climate Action Plan. This plan is critical to me, my family, my neighbors and the entire Carlsbad community. We can't afford not to address climate solutions in Carlsbad as the cost of not taking action can be significant.

This Climate Action Plan gives Carlsbad resilience, provides an equitable strategy to address many climate-related issues and protects our water, energy, transportation, agriculture and health. While some think climate solutions are at odds with business and jobs, good climate policy can safeguard our businesses and open up opportunities for clean-tech jobs.

I feel so fortunate to live in beautiful Carlsbad. It is important to me that my children and all future generations enjoy the beauty and the community that we have here.

Thank you for all you do. With best regards,

Susan Kobara
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Carlsbad, CA 92009

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From: Ann Feeney <annfeeney4@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 11, 2024 3:09 PM
To: City Clerk; Council Internet Email
Subject: comments on CAP update from SDBEC
Attachments: SDBEC Letter Carlsbad Draft CAP Nov 2024.pdf

Here are comments on your CAP update from SDBEC.

Ann Feeney
co-chair, SanDiego Building Electrification Coalition

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11 November 2024

RE: Comments on draft Carlsbad Climate Action Plan

Dear Mayor Blackburn and City Councilmembers,

The [San Diego Building Electrification Coalition](#) (SDBEC) is an alliance of over 45 community, business, faith, justice, and environmental organizations coming together to accelerate electrification in residential and commercial buildings.

SDBEC advocates for electric new building construction by supporting the modification of building codes in cities throughout the San Diego region, and supports an equitable pathway to phase out methane gas in existing buildings. We oppose the use and expansion of methane gas hookups due to the adverse impacts of methane gas combustion on Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions, indoor health, and public safety.

We are pleased that Carlsbad's Draft Climate Action Plan Update recognizes the urgency to significantly reduce and avoid GHG emissions to achieve emissions targets by 2035 and 2045. However, **we urge Council to keep all of the building electrification measures in the CAP update that you adopt.**

In particular, we urge you to retain the following, as written:

E-3.2 Nonresidential Building Energy - Updated Reach Code

E-3.3 Nonresidential Building Energy - Solar Carports

E-4.2 Residential Building Energy - Updated Reach Code

E-3.2 and E-4.2 apply to new construction, where it is lower cost to build new homes that are all-electric rather than mixed fuel. Importantly, building electrification is one of the most effective ways to cut climate pollution by reducing GHG emissions. Of equal importance, studies show that methane gas use in homes leads to indoor air pollution and is associated with increased risk of various diseases including asthma and premature fetal mortality. These proposed reach codes provide flexibility in the manner in which developers can achieve these energy efficiency standards.

E-3.3 requires solar carports at eligible city-owned parking lots, and first will do feasibility studies on existing city-owned parking lots, and then will apply for outside grant funding for the carports. Carports provide ideal locations for generating clean renewable energy.

We urge Carlsbad City Council to adopt a strong Climate Action Plan that will achieve the significant results that are needed to reduce carbon pollution. Building electrification can make a significant contribution and provide results right now. We urge you to adopt the CAP update

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that includes all three of these measures, **Option 5**, which would exceed the 2045 reduction target by ~6,000 mt CO₂E.

Sincerely,

 <p>Kelly Lyndon Co-Chair San Diego Building Electrification Coalition</p>	 <p>Alicia Nichols Gonzalez Mothers Out Front Organizing Manager, California</p>	 <p>Tanisha-Jean Martin Climate Community Director San Diego Urban Sustainability Coalition</p>
 <p>Jim Miller Vice President AFT 1931</p>	 <p>Adria Fox Managing Director C4GS-ZEDlife</p>	 <p>Serena Pelka Policy Advocate Climate Action Campaign</p>
 <p>Susan Wayo Board Member & Secretary Center for Community Energy</p>	 <p>EMERALD KEEPERS Amy Steward Executive Director Emerald Keepers</p>	 <p>Leslie Gomez Board Member North County Climate Change Alliance</p>
 <p>Ben Stapleton Executive Director USGBC California</p>	 <p>Ann Feeny Co-chair Building Electrification San Diego 350</p>	 <p>Leslie Gomez San Diego Climate Reality Project</p>


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 <p>Reconnecting Our People to the Planet and Each Other</p> <p>Sister Maria A. Muhammad CEO I Am Green, Inc.</p>	 <p>Adrienne Fusek Executive Director In Good Company</p>	 <p>Joy Frew Co-founder Fallbrook Climate Action Team</p>
 <p>Rod Mathews President Brevian Energy</p>	 <p>Rhea and Armin Kuhlman Co-Chair, Climate Justice Team First Unitarian Universalist Church of San Diego</p>	 <p>Spencer Rosen CEO Home Energy Academy</p>
 <p>Charles Boeche Solar Representative SolarTech</p>	 <p>Red Nilsen Owner Surf Bros HVAC</p>	 <p>Mudit Saxena CEO XeroHome</p>
 <p>Building Our Community Power</p>	 <p>Citizens' Climate Lobby San Diego Chapters</p>	 <p>Sean Armstrong</p>

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From: Paige DeCino <pdecino@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 11, 2024 8:42 PM
To: City Clerk
Cc: Scott Chadwick; Katie Hentrich
Subject: 11.12.24 council meeting agenda item #8
Attachments: Council comments from team 11.12.24.docx

City clerk,

Please submit the attached letter as part of the public record for the 11/12/24 council meeting.

Sincerely,
Paige DeCino

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11/11/24

Mayor, council members,

At the council meeting on 11/12/24 you'll be reviewing the updated Climate Action Plan (CAP). This has been in the works for over a year and the final version will set Carlsbad on the right, sustainable path toward addressing climate change. Last month the Planning Commission by a 4-3 vote recommended adopting the CAP with the exception of removing the reach codes in E-3.2 and E-4.2 as well as E-3.3 solar carports.

I'd like to address some of the concerns related to these 3 measures based upon the letter submitted to the Planning Commission (PC) by a coalition of business interests.

- 1) On page 3 of their 8/16/24 letter to the PC they wrote: "The City should take action to LEAD in the meantime--Renewable energy expansion at city facilities, **including solar carports at city facilities.**" The reason the PC voted to remove solar canopies wasn't due to any opposition from stakeholders in the community but the fact that that measure (E-3.3) happened to get lumped in with the 2 reach codes. By a slim majority the PC wanted to eliminate the reach codes and the solar carports were dragged along. Please remove that measure from consideration for removal.
- 2) Within the same letter was the comment "Reach codes cost money." However, no clear examples have been given to indicate this is true. Our team and staff have repeatedly told public forums (PC and council meetings) that in order for any reach code to be approved by the CA Energy Commission it must be cost effective. There are ways to write up reach code ordinances fairly quickly. First, the state has an easy-to-use tool, the [Cost Effectiveness Explorer](#). This tool allows for mixed-fuel use in buildings. Secondly, other cities have adopted high performance reach code ordinances, specifically, [Encinitas](#) and [San Luis Obispo](#). These, too, allow for mixed-fuel use and can be used as a starting point to create an ordinance for Carlsbad.
- 3) Another point their letter and public comments to the PC brought up, was that the updated CAP didn't do an analysis on the cost impact from reach codes on the business community. In response to that I would point out that Council never directed staff to do any such study and, furthermore, for each reach code the time to analyze cost-effectiveness is once the ordinance details have been determined and written up not before the specifics have been laid out.
- 4) The reach codes under consideration have been part of Carlsbad's CAP since 2019. These are not newly minted measures. What the businesses are asking for is a big step backwards.
- 5) Their concerns for electrifying commercial buildings are valid. Not all businesses are created equal and some, such as laboratories, may need natural gas. However, exemptions can (and have been) written into ordinances to allow for special use. Also, as mentioned above, the currently adopted reach codes in other cities allow for mixed-fuel use.
- 6) Two local developments – Laguna Row and Marja Acres – are all electric. From discussions with the architect (LR, Brett Farrow) and developer (MA, KB Home) they saved, respectively, \$100,000-200,000 and over \$1,000,000 by not installing natural gas lines to their buildings.

Carlsbad residents and businesses, contribute to the climate crisis every day by using gas in our buildings. With the CAP Update, we have the opportunity to imagine a different future for our children, and the tools to guide us.

Choosing the CAP update with all measures, including building electrification reach codes and municipal solar carports, is a necessary, strong step toward that better future.

Sincerely,

Paige DeCino on behalf of Carlsbad Sierra Club team

Tammy Cloud-McMinn

From: kelly.leberthon12@gmail.com
Sent: Tuesday, November 12, 2024 6:46 AM
To: City Clerk
Subject: Agenda item 8 - Climate Action Plan (CAP)

Americans spoke last week - rejecting identity politics and false media narratives and unifying around common sense issues like safe communities, crushing weight of inflation, family values and love of country.

One false narrative pushed by media, climate alarmists and certain Carlsbad staff is a climate emergency based on greenhouse gas emissions. If only the truth were allowed to be published it would shine a light on green agenda lies we have been fed.

The truth is, there is '[**NO Climate Crisis' Says Coalition of 1,600 Actual Scientists!**](#)

There is however a crisis of nameless, faceless, unelected bureaucrats on commissions in California acting in bad faith.

Those 1600 scientists from the CO2 Coalition shared the truth and good news referenced above in a May 2024 letter to the **California Air Resources Board**. The letter further stated:

“Modest warming of California is beneficial and not a cause for concern: Globally, more people have died from the cold than from the heat since 2000.

Increase in agricultural production: The combination of lengthened growing seasons (from warming) and increased CO2 concentrations has contributed to this increase.

CO2 is essential: Plants need CO2, sunlight, water, and nutrients from the soil to produce food and oxygen, both of which are essential for human and animal lives.

CO2 is beneficial: Exposing plants to higher concentrations of CO2 increases their growth, food production, and drought-resistance; and greens the Earth.

California is in no danger of unusual drought: The annual precipitation in California has fluctuated greatly over the last 150 years, with only a slight decrease.

Ski resorts are experiencing more snow: Most (21 of 22) ski resorts in California had increasing snowfall from 2012 to 2023.

California is in no danger of drowning: North Spit, CA, has the highest rate of sea level rise of 0.005 meter/year, or 1.64 feet in 100 years, which is easily mitigated.

Less natural disasters over the years: Significantly reduced number of wildfires and acres burned were reported in the United States and globally; California has infrequent tornadoes, no landfalling hurricane from 1851 to 2023, and no tropical

depression from 1950 to 2023; and tropical storms are rare in California, with the last two reported in 2023 and 1997.

Air quality in California keeps getting better: The concentrations of major pollutants have decreased over the years.” [Read the full article here.](#)

Another consequence of unelected bureaucrats on CA commissions running amok is **the fleecing of the taxpayer**, by way of massive fines on businesses, which ultimately pass their cost on to the consumer. In an article titled [California's Corrupt Air Board and The Great California Shakedown](#), we find that “This is how businesses in California are treated by the government – they are shaken down for million\$ and treated as if they are criminal enterprises. They are litigated and indicted behind the closed doors of the air boards, and then in the court of public opinion with spiteful news articles. The CARB has issued 82 such penalties this year... and 2024 is not over yet.”

This again involves the **California Air Resources Board, which by the way just voted for a .65**



cent per gallon increase in gas prices

I'm not a scientist, but a friend of mine who is had this to say about the Climate Action Plan: “ALL of the climate actions rest upon the alleged results of Global Circulation MODELS that continually FAIL to predict even short-term changes in climate let alone predictions over longer horizons. The institutions that established these models are the same ones that wrote the epidemiological models [wrongly] predicting the overload of hospitals at the start of the covid-19 Outbreak: The University of London, and the University of Washington. CO2 is a red herring. During covid the mainstream media and pharma paid luminaries would tout "correlation is not causation" yet for the climate debacle, you NEVER hear this argument. Show me the so called consensus of scientists that are NOT captured by federal money that say CO2 is a cause for runaway global temperature. There are NONE. Just weeks ago 8 astro and geo physicists from around the globe teamed together and published the results of an analysis in the Journal of Astrophysics. The analysis combined data, a first of its kind that stitched together data from all the satellites with solar Irradiance sensors to examine the variance in the solar cycles. The results raise REASONABLE DOUBT that policy makers should heed before further committing or investing in projects to 'combat climate change'. The results confound the assertion of CO2 as a CAUSE. An inconvenient truth to INVESTORS in the New Green Deal. “

The CAP justifies policies stating that it meets the state's requirements. If the state's requirements are not based on true science, but instead based on lies and greed, then basing a Plan on those requirements is deeply wrong. This is common sense.

Simply put, if the state's requirements are lies, then creating a Plan based on those requirements is also a lie - and we should reject that Plan.

Reject the Climate Action Plan.

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From: Mike Borrello <maborrello@roadrunner.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 12, 2024 7:28 AM
To: City Clerk
Cc: maborrello@roadrunner.com
Subject: Agenda item 8 - Climate Action Plan (CAP)

Please file this complaint and notification in community communications regarding tonight's meeting.

Cease and desist! From ANY 'climate action plan' that involves my hard earned tax money until our mayor and council can properly inform themselves their decisions are based on legitimate foundation. I DO NOT CONSENT.

HERE is reasonable doubt that confounds the man made greenhouse gas narrative as a cause :

<https://iopscience.iop.org/article/10.3847/1538-4357/ad7794>

And here's the lead author explaining the implications of findings from an unprecedented study:

<https://youtu.be/RhP8cL87v3E?si=q4aPyvGsre6HEI-7>

If there is doubt, freeze spending until there is DEBATE and resolution. STOP blindly following state and federal narratives.

Consider this email Fair Notice to the Mayor, council members, the city manager, and the city attorney.

Best regards,

Mike Borrello

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

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From: Council Internet Email
Sent: Tuesday, November 12, 2024 8:25 AM
To: City Clerk
Subject: FW: Climate Action Plan Update

From: Esteban Danna <dannaesteban@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 11, 2024 9:18 PM
To: Council Internet Email <council@carlsbadca.gov>
Subject: Climate Action Plan Update

Dear Mayor and Members of the City Council,

I am writing in support of option four (exceeding the 2045 reduction target by approximately 6,000 MT CO2e) of the Climate Action Plan Update. The Climate Action Plan Update can also introduce additional measures to improve its effectiveness and help the City of Carlsbad lead on this issue. When this item was heard and discussed by the Planning Commission, I recommended that the City Council consider the following additional measures for the Climate Action Plan Update:

Water and Wastewater

- Set a maximum percentage of the site area permitted to have high water use landscaping (grass/lawn).

Energy

- Reach codes should be applicable to building additions and intensification of use, not simple tenant improvements.

Transportation

- Coordinate with CUSD and CEF to analyze the implementation of school buses to calm traffic, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and give children another transportation option other than e-bikes.
- Coordinate high school bus routes with NCTD and CUSD.
- Reduce the number of car trips by city employees by establishing a work from home policy instead of leaving it to the discretion of the City Manager or department directors.
- Pay to park in village to incentivize alternative modes of transportation, proceeds to go to climate change programs

Off-Road Equipment

- Expand to all gardening equipment, not just leaf blowers

Thank you,

Esteban Danna
Planning Commissioner

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Tammy Cloud-McMinn

From: Council Internet Email
Sent: Tuesday, November 12, 2024 8:27 AM
To: City Clerk
Subject: FW: In Support of Solar Canopies over City Owned Parking Lots in Carlsbad

From: David Garmon <jdgarmon@mac.com>
Sent: Monday, November 11, 2024 9:41 PM
To: Council Internet Email <council@carlsbadca.gov>
Subject: In Support of Solar Canopies over City Owned Parking Lots in Carlsbad

Dear Carlsbad Council,

It has come to my attention you will hear the proposed updated Climate Action Plan tomorrow, November 12th, and that building Solar Canopies over city owned parking lots is on the agenda.

The Tubb Canyon Desert Conservancy, based in Borrego Springs, greatly appreciates your efforts to build local, in-basin renewable electricity generation over parking lots, rooftops, and vacant land in Carlsbad. Your approach to renewable energy is the least expensive and most resilient alternative as we all strive for 100% renewable energy by 2045.

Your efforts to build a sustainable grid that is beneficial to rate payers and the environment will help reduce the perceived need to build remote, utility-scale solar farms in the fragile and biodiverse deserts of East County, as well as the need to build a \$2.3 billion dollar, 130 mile long, 500 kV transmission line that will scar the countryside between our two cities.

Please know that we in the East County support and applaud your efforts.

In gratitude,

David

J. David Garmon, M.D.
President, Tubb Canyon Desert Conservancy

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