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April 2, 2025

Smart Growth Incentive Program Cycle 6
San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG)
401 B Street, #800
San Diego, CA 92101

Re: Support for City of San Diego Climate Action Plan Update

Dear Smart Growth Incentive Program Cycle 6 Evaluators:

I support the City of San Diego's (City) Climate Action Plan (CAP) Update proposal for funding consideration through the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) Smart Growth Incentive Program.

The City's 2022 CAP established a community-wide goal of net zero emissions by 2035, putting San Diego on an accelerated pathway for greenhouse gas emissions reductions that prioritizes underserved communities, a thriving local economy, and climate resilience. To maintain progress toward its goal, the adopted CAP calls for annual reporting on implementation status and completion of an update by 2027.

The City is committed to a CAP update process that evaluates and recalibrates its climate strategies through a transparent, community-centered process guided by an equity-driven outreach and engagement that engages with underserved communities directly affected by climate hazards.

I fully support the City's efforts to seek funding for a CAP Update. This project presents my constituents with a critical opportunity to participate in the next Climate Action Plan Update and inform decisions that will shape their communities for generations.

Sincerely,


Joe LaCava



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March 21, 2025

RE: Support for City of San Diego Climate Action Plan Update

Dear Smart Growth Incentive Program Cycle 6 Evaluators,

On behalf of City Heights Community Development Corporation (City Heights CDC), I write to you in support of the Climate Action Plan (CAP) Update proposed by the City of San Diego (City) for funding consideration through the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) Smart Growth Incentive Program. For over 40 years, City Heights CDC has served the City Heights community implementing a variety of programs and projects for city planning, economic development, and resident services. CHCDC has been at the forefront, uplifting community priorities and connecting community members to actively participate in policy and land use planning processes.

The City's landmark CAP, adopted in 2022, establishes a community-wide goal of net zero emissions by 2035, putting San Diego on an accelerated pathway for greenhouse gas reductions that prioritizes underserved communities, a thriving local economy, and climate resilience. To maintain progress toward its goal, the adopted CAP calls for annual reporting on implementation status and completion of an update to the CAP by 2027.

City Heights Community Development Corporation has a history of engaging in the City of San Diego's CAP process. The proposed CAP Update provides an opportunity for the City to evaluate and recalibrate its climate strategies through a transparent, community-centered process. This update will be guided by an equity-driven approach to outreach and engagement, one that proactively engages with Communities of Concern that have been traditionally underrepresented in City decision-making and are most directly affected by climate hazards.

City Heights CDC fully supports the City's efforts to seek funding for a CAP Update. This project presents our stakeholders with a critical opportunity to participate in the City's climate planning process and inform decisions that will shape their communities for generations to come.

Sincerely,

Rosa Olascoaga Vidal
VP of Community Development and Policy
City Heights Community Development Corporation



March 3, 2025

SUBJECT: Support for City of San Diego Climate Action Plan Update

Dear Smart Growth Incentive Program Cycle 6 Evaluators:

We write to you in support of the Climate Action Plan (CAP) Update proposed by the City of San Diego (City) for funding consideration through the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) Smart Growth Incentive Program.

The City's landmark CAP, adopted in 2022, establishes a community-wide goal of net zero emissions by 2035, putting San Diego on an accelerated pathway for greenhouse gas reductions that prioritizes underserved communities, a thriving local economy, and climate resilience. To maintain progress toward its goal, the adopted CAP calls for annual reporting on implementation status and completion of an update to the CAP by 2027.

The proposed CAP Update provides an opportunity for the City to evaluate and recalibrate its climate strategies through a transparent, community-centered process. This update will be guided by an equity-driven approach to outreach and engagement, one that proactively engages with Communities of Concern that have been traditionally underrepresented in City decision-making and are most directly affected by climate hazards.

The San Diego Regional Climate Collaborative (SDRCC) strongly supports the City's CAP Update, as it aligns with our mission to advance equitable climate adaptation and resilience through regional coordination and capacity-building. For over a decade, SDRCC has collaborated with public agencies, academic institutions, nonprofits, and other partners to develop climate solutions that address the region's most pressing environmental challenges. The City has demonstrated its commitment to this shared goal through extensive stakeholder and community engagement in the 2022 CAP process, including targeted outreach to limited English proficiency populations to ensure broad participation. By prioritizing equity, emissions reductions, and climate resilience, the CAP Update will enhance regional collaboration and provide SDRCC's members and partners with valuable insights and lessons that can inform their own CAP development or updates.

In closing, we fully support the City's efforts to seek funding for a CAP Update. This project presents our stakeholders with a critical opportunity to participate in the City's climate planning process and inform decisions that will shape their communities for generations to come.

Sincerely,

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Darbi Berry
Director, San Diego Regional Climate Collaborative



March 6, 2025

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MISSION:

To accelerate
clean technology
innovation and
promote the
equitable
deployment
of sustainable
solutions across
the San Diego
region for the
benefit of the
economy, the
environment, and
all members of
the community.

San Diego Association of Governments
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Re: Support for City of San Diego Climate Action Plan Update

Dear Smart Growth Incentive Program Cycle 6 Evaluators:

On behalf of Cleantech San Diego, please accept this letter in support of the proposal submitted by the City of San Diego to support their Climate Action Plan (CAP) update.

The City's landmark CAP, adopted in 2022, establishes a community-wide goal of net zero emissions by 2035, putting San Diego on an accelerated pathway for greenhouse gas reductions that prioritizes underserved communities, a thriving local economy, and climate resilience. To maintain progress toward its goal, the adopted CAP calls for annual reporting on implementation status and completion of an update to the CAP by 2027. The proposed CAP update provides an opportunity for the City to evaluate and recalibrate its climate strategies through a transparent, community-centered process.

Cleantech San Diego is a member-based business organization that positions the greater San Diego region as a global leader in the cleantech economy. The City of San Diego was an instrumental partner in our founding 18 years ago. Today, our members include more than 135 businesses, universities, governments, and nonprofits committed to advancing sustainable solutions for the benefit of the economy, the environment, and all members of the community. The City's progressive climate action goals have always been and will continue to be a hallmark of our region's cleantech leadership.

Cleantech San Diego is pleased to provide support for the City's efforts to seek funding for their CAP update.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jason Anderson", is written over a horizontal line.

Jason Anderson
President and CEO
Cleantech San Diego