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## **San Diego Climate Hub Statement in Response to Mayor Gloria’s “Our Climate, Our Future” Press Conference**

We applaud the City of San Diego’s dedication to update the existing Climate Action Plan (CAP) to align with climate science and commit to Zero Carbon, elevate equity, and include best practices that have evolved since the 2015 CAP was adopted. In this way, we hope San Diego will continue to lead in climate planning.

However, we remain concerned that without a detailed Implementation Plan and identified funding sources, the new CAP will suffer the same fate as the old CAP, which has largely gone unimplemented and underfunded per the City Auditor. We know that we are off track to reach our carbon reduction goals and strategies, and it is unclear how we can get back on track without funding to implement the plan.

To clean the air, protect public health, and meet our city’s legally-binding climate goals, we urge Mayor Gloria and the San Diego City Council to fully fund and implement the CAP at the scale and speed necessary to address the climate emergency that we’re currently in. The cost of inaction in the future will far exceed the cost of investing in a resilient climate future, today.

This starts by funding an Implementation Plan and the Mobility Action Plan 2.0 in the Mid-Year Budget and comprehensively funding the CAP in next year’s budget. We cannot afford another moment of delay on these critical plans. We urge Mayor Gloria and the San Diego City Council to fulfill their promises to the community with documented greenhouse gas reductions. We stand ready to partner.

### Statements:

“In the six years since the City of San Diego approved its Climate Action Plan, few measures have been implemented. We need to know the tools will be there this time to ensure implementation – we simply cannot afford to wait any longer.”

—Joyce Lane, Board Member, [SanDiego350](#)

“Our Climate, Our Future is a step in the right direction, however, we are calling on Mayor Gloria and the San Diego City Council to deliver on bold policies that are commensurate with the severity of the climate emergency and solidify a legacy of championing a just and livable future. Making an earnest investment into climate action right now is far more ethical and fiscally responsible than taking inadequate action today and trying to fix the consequences later.”

—Tara Hammond, Founder & CEO, [Hammond Climate Solutions](#)

“While we applaud Mayor Gloria and the City Council for leading on a bold climate plan, we need to see a commitment to implementation and funding, or this plan will sit on a shelf as the last plan has. San Diego cannot afford delay as the climate emergency accelerates.”

—Maleeka Marsden, Co-Director of Policy, [Climate Action Campaign](#)