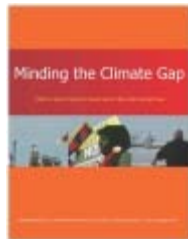




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Vote 'Climate First' on Election Day, Nov. 2

The question is no longer 'if' our climate is changing. The question is whether we will use the scientific knowledge about the risks of the climate crisis and the political power we have now to protect and prepare our communities for the future.

Before you vote on November 2, become more informed about the science, challenges and solutions surrounding climate change. Voters have the opportunity to influence whether San Diego will transition into a clean energy economy with clean air, healthy homes and well-paying green jobs for all.

Educate yourself about the candidates and the issues and vote to protect our communities. EHC recommends the following resources:

In [San Diego's Changing Climate: A Regional Wake-Up Call](#), The San Diego Foundation summarizes the results of its Regional Focus 2050 Study that explores what the San Diego region will be like in the year 2050 if current trends continue. Public health and the environment are in grave danger of irreversible damage if we continue to ignore scientific findings and forecasts. Decisions about transportation, water and energy resources, public health, ecosystem protection, preparing for natural disasters, and how and where we grow as a region are all part of managing climate change.

Voters must also be aware that the climate crisis does not affect all people equally. [Minding the Climate Gap: What's at Stake if California's Climate Law isn't Done Right and Right Away](#) shows that communities of color and low-income communities will suffer the greatest negative health and economic consequences. Among disparate impacts, these communities are more vulnerable to heat incidents, more exposed to air pollution, and may be more affected economically by ongoing climate change.

Clean air, safe homes and healthy communities are fundamentally a matter of equity and justice. In [Environmental Justice and the Green Economy](#), community-based environmental justice leaders argue that marginalized communities deserve dedicated resources to adapt to a changing environment and the first opportunities to share in new "green" wealth economy. Voters must know that policy decisions made now will determine who will have the ability to survive and thrive for many generations to come.