Environmental and Community Organizations Urge Mayor’s Revised Climate Action Plan to Reflect City Council’s Priorities

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Today San Diego Mayor Faulconer will release a revised draft Climate Action Plan outlining how the City of San Diego will reduce pollution in coming decades to curb impacts of climate change.

Environmental Health Coalition, SanDiego350, California Nurses Association, Citizens Climate Lobby, Wildcoast, Coastal Environmental Rights Foundation, the Center on Policy Initiatives and IBEW Local 569, have been advocating since Mayor Faulconer’s election for release of the plan completed by Interim Mayor Gloria. Advocates emphasize that addressing climate change requires strong and measurable actions to reach the carbon pollution reduction targets mandated by the state of California.

The organizations expect to see these top priorities included, which the city council recently adopted in a resolution:

- 15 percent reduction in greenhouse gas emissions by 2020; 49 percent by 2035
- 100 percent clean energy used city-wide by 2035
- Prioritization of transit, walking, biking and clean energy infrastructure in low income communities most impacted by climate change and use of alternative transportation for 50 percent of commuters by 2035
- Green, healthy and energy and water efficient homes
- Good-paying, middle-class prevailing wage jobs for residents
- Increased resilience of natural resources, public health and city infrastructure

On the heels of a city council resolution urging the mayor to take action, a global climate march attracting hundreds of thousands throughout the world (close to 1,500 in San Diego) and letters from more than 15 local organizations, advocates say they are pleased to see the release of a draft plan by the Mayor's office. The groups say they will be pleased to comment on the plan, which had not been made public before today, as quickly as possible following careful review.