

Filner Joins Rally to Combat Climate Change

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Mayor Bob Filner joined Vibrant San Diego activists this morning at a rally in front of the Walgreen's on 32nd Street and University Avenue in North Park to promote a more bikeable, walkable San Diego.

Nearly 100 San Diego residents—many of them on bicycles—gathered to promote a cleaner, healthier environment and to encourage more people to use public transportation options. The group marched down University to the Albertson's on Mississippi St. to end the rally.

The event was organized by the Cleveland National Forest Foundation's "Transit San Diego" and supported by SanDiego350, the Environmental Health Coalition, Sierra Club Conservation Committee, San Diego Sierra Club, Bike San Diego, Sustainable San Diego, ATU Local 1309 (Bus Drivers Union), and Citizens Coordinate for Century 3.

This is the latest in a series of events supported by Filner. The rally is part of an overall



emphasis on promoting transit options in San Diego and to create more bike friendly streets in addition to an overall effort to ensure San Diego does its part in fighting climate change.

Earlier in the week the [Mayor and members of the County Board of Supervisors announced an initiative](#) to improve the energy efficiency of city buildings, and to increase



the use of solar energy. During the campaign for mayor, one of Filner's stated goal was to install solar panels on all city owned buildings. The hope is to set an example for private consumers, and to provide incentives and lower the cost in order to encourage more widespread use of solar energy.

Doug Porter contributed to this report.

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Thanks for the article and for being there with us, Andy!

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