

AMENDMENT TO THE SAN JOSÉ MUNICIPAL CODE TO ESTABLISH A CLIMATE ADVISORY COMMISSION (ITEM 6.2)

**City Council Meeting
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BACKGROUND

- Climate Smart San José (2018) and Pathway to Carbon Neutrality by 2030 (2022) set and accelerated efforts in three focus areas: transportation, buildings, and power source
- City Council approved the formation of San José Clean Energy and its Clean Energy Community Advisory Commission (CECAC) in 2017
- The CECAC provides guidance on SJCE's services, planning, and programs.



COUNCIL DIRECTION

June 2022: Return with a recommendation on establishing a climate commission.

Direction also:

- Provided key provisions to include around the commission's scope of responsibility and composition
- Directed merging with CECAC and allowing CECAC members to serve out remainder of their terms



BACKGROUND ON CECAC

Current CECAC Composition:

- 9 seats (8 currently occupied)
 - 5 members' terms expire at the end of 2025
 - 3 expire at the end of 2023
- Members can include:
 - 6 members of the public with:
 - Expertise in community outreach, policy advocacy, and clean energy programs
 - Representation from Industry, Labor, Education, Non-Profits, Environmental Associations, and Advocacy Organizations.
 - 3 members of the public
 - Ideally live and/or work in San José, but can consider others with expertise



STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT OVERVIEW

General support for the City to establish a Climate Advisory Commission.

Feedback:

- Suggested allowing only San José residents to sit on the commission
- Suggested increasing the total seats from 9 to 11
- Suggested allowing subcommittees for discussion of other topics, such as climate resiliency and adaptation

1 Presentation at CECAC 2 Public Webinars

Invitees included:

- Local non-profits and community-based organizations
- Business associations
- Environmental & technical organizations
- Neighborhood associations
- General public

Outreach tactics:

- Councilmember email
- E-mail blasts: 1,400
- Social media posts
- Print/digital flyer (Project Hope/PRNS/Libraries)

PROPOSED COMPOSITION

| Category | No. of Seat(s) | Special Requirements |
|-------------------------------------|----------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Community Representatives | 5 | Community representatives (limit 1 per City Council district) |
| Youth Representative | 1 | Youth representative (14-21 years of age) |
| Special Eligibility Representatives | 3 | Technical experts with experience in clean energy, power planning, transportation, finance, climate science, planning and building, or environmental law |
| | 1 | Representative from a climate, environmental advocacy, or community-based organization |
| | 1 | Representative from labor, business, and/or educational institution |
| | 11 | Total Proposed Seats |

INTERDEPARTMENTAL INVOLVEMENT

The Environmental Services Department will lead this new commission.

To bring topics and respond to the Climate Advisory Commission's inquiries effectively, the Climate Advisory Commission will be co-led by the following departments:

- Community Energy,
- Environmental Services,
- Planning, Building, and Code Enforcement, and
- Transportation



PROPOSED SCOPE

- Focused oversight on the Climate Smart Plan, with a focus on the Pathway to Carbon Neutrality by 2030, and climate adaptation efforts to:
 - Provide feedback on staff recommendations to the City Council and the Transportation and Environment Committee
 - Serve as a community voice in matters related to San Jose's Climate Smart and climate adaptation initiatives
 - Advise on San José Clean Energy's services and product offerings, Integrated Resource Plan, and programs



RECOMMENDATION

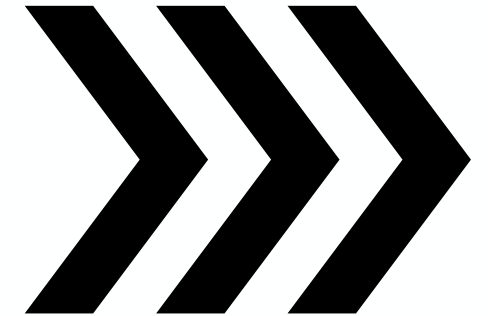
Approve an Ordinance of the City of San Jose Amending Part 21 of Chapter 2.08 of Title 2 of the San José Municipal Code to Establish the Climate Advisory Commission and merge it with the Clean Energy Community Advisory Commission effective January 1, 2024.



NEXT STEPS

If approved, staff anticipates the following next steps:

- **July – October 2023:** Open Climate Advisory Commission applications
- **December 2023:** City Council approval of new Climate Advisory Commission members
- **January 2024:** New Climate Advisory Commission launches and CECAC is dissolved and new commission starts to meet.



An aerial night photograph of a city, likely Los Angeles, showing a mix of modern and older buildings, palm trees, and a large stadium. In the background, a range of mountains is visible under a dark sky. The city lights are prominent, and a semi-transparent blue rectangular box is overlaid on the left side of the image.

Questions