



# Memorandum

**TO:** RULES AND OPEN  
GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

**SUBJECT:** CLIMATE SMART SAN JOSE  
SPECIAL MEETING

**FROM:** Kerrie Romanow

**DATE:** September 22, 2021

Approved

Date

**9/23/21**

## **RECOMMENDATION**

Set a City Council Special Meeting entitled “Climate Smart San José” for Monday, November 8, 2021 from 1:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. and approve a draft Special Meeting agenda.

## **PURPOSE OF SPECIAL MEETING**

To engage the Mayor and Council on Climate Smart San José goals, progress, initiatives, and the most recent climate science from the most recent Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) report in order for Council to consider a Resolution for Carbon Neutral San Jose by 2030.

## **OUTCOME**

The Special Meeting aims to develop a common understanding of the Climate Smart San José plan and the most recent climate science. Adopting a resolution targeting Carbon Neutral San José by 2030 will acknowledge the urgency of addressing climate change and the leadership role that the City will play on this issue.

## **BACKGROUND**

City Council approved Climate Smart San José (“Climate Smart”), the City’s climate action plan, in 2018. Climate Smart lays out the City’s pathway to meeting the international Paris Agreement climate goals by setting energy, transportation, land use, and water conservation related targets.

## **ANALYSIS**

The most recent IPCC report, released in August 2021, highlights the imperative that we must act now and boldly if we want to stave off the most harmful impacts of climate change.

This Special Meeting will allow staff to update the Mayor and City Council on Climate Smart background, including goals, metrics, initiatives, and progress to-date. In response to the IPCC report, staff will recommend that at the Special Meeting, the City Council adopt a resolution targeting Carbon Neutral San José by 2030 to ensure that San José continues to lead in its Climate Smart efforts.

## **COORDINATION**

This memorandum has been coordinated with the Community Energy Department, Department of Transportation, Planning, Building, and Code Enforcement Department, and City Attorney's Office.

/s/  
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Director, Environmental Services

For questions, contact Julie Benabente, Deputy Director, Environmental Services Department, at [Julie.Benabente@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:Julie.Benabente@sanjoseca.gov).

Attachment: Draft Special Meeting Agenda



# **City Council Special Meeting Agenda**

**CLIMATE SMART SAN JOSE**

**November 8, 2021  
1:30 P.M. to 4:30 P.M.**

SAM LICCARDO, MAYOR  
CHAPPIE JONES, VICE MAYOR, DISTRICT 1  
SERGIO JIMENEZ, DISTRICT 2  
RAUL PERALEZ, DISTRICT 3  
DAVID COHEN, DISTRICT 4  
MAGDALENA CARRASCO, DISTRICT 5  
DEV DAVIS, DISTRICT 6  
MAYA ESPARZA, DISTRICT 7  
SYLVIA ARENAS, DISTRICT 8  
PAM FOLEY, DISTRICT 9  
MATT MAHAN, DISTRICT 10



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Welcome to the San José City Council meeting!

This Agenda contains both a Consent Calendar section for routine business items that require Council approval, and general business items arranged to correspond with San José's City Service Areas (CSAs). City Service Areas represent the policy-making level for strategic planning, policy setting, and investment decisions in the critical functions the City provides to the community. They are:

- **Strategic Support** - The internal functions that enable the CSAs to provide direct services to the community in an effective and efficient manner.
- **Public Safety** - Commitment to excellence in public safety by investing in neighborhood partnerships as well as prevention, enforcement, and emergency preparedness services.
- **Transportation & Aviation Services** - A safe and efficient transportation system that contributes to the livability and economic health of the City; and provide for the air transportation needs of the community and the region at levels that is acceptable to the community.
- **Environmental and Utility Services** - Manage environmental services and utility systems to ensure a sustainable environment for the community.
- **Neighborhood Services** - Serve, foster, and strengthen community by providing access to lifelong learning and opportunities to enjoy life.
- **Community & Economic Development** - Manage the growth and change of the community in order to create and preserve healthy neighborhoods and ensure a diverse range of employment and housing opportunities.

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- o **Fill out a Yellow Speaker's Card and submit it to the City Clerk seated at the front table. Do this before the meeting or before the item is heard.** This will ensure that your name is called for the item(s) that you wish to address, and it will help ensure the meeting runs smoothly for all participants.
- o When the Council reaches your item on the agenda, the Mayor will open the public hearing and call your name. Please address the Council from the podium, which is located to the left of the City Clerk's table.

- o Each speaker generally has two minutes to speak per item. The amount of time allotted to speakers may vary at the Mayor's discretion, depending on the number of speakers or the length of the agenda.
- o To assist you in tracking your speaking time, there is a display on the podium. The green light turns on when you begin speaking; the yellow light turns on when you have 30 seconds left; and the red light turns on when your speaking time is up.

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## \* COVID-19 NOTICE \*

Consistent with the California Governor's Executive Order No. N-29-20, Resolution No. 79450 from the City of San José and the Santa Clara County Health Officer's March 16, 2020 Shelter in Place Order, the City Council meeting will not be physically open to the public and the City Council will be teleconferencing from remote locations.

### **How to observe the Meeting (no public comment):**

- 1) Cable Channel 26,
- 2) <https://www.sanjoseca.gov/news-stories/watch-a-meeting>, or
- 3) <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCeDiMzJEUbPgaruDcXnD4Cg>

### **How to submit written Public Comment before the City Council Meeting:**

- 1) Use the ecomment tab located on the City Council Agenda page. eComments are also directly sent to the ilegislate application used by City Council and staff.
- 2) By email to [city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov) by 8:00 a.m. the day of the meeting. Those emails will be attached to the Council Item under "Letters from the Public." Please identify the Agenda Item Number in the subject line of your email.

### **How to submit written Public Comment during the City Council Meeting:**

- 1) Use [https://sanjose.granicusideas.com/meetings/3842-city-council/agenda\\_items](https://sanjose.granicusideas.com/meetings/3842-city-council/agenda_items). eComments are also directly sent to the iLegislate application used by City Council and staff.
- 2) Email during the meeting to [councilmeeting@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:councilmeeting@sanjoseca.gov), identifying the Agenda Item Number in the email subject line to have the comments verbally read into the record, with a maximum of 250 words, which corresponds to approximately 2 minutes per individual comment, subject to the Mayor's discretion. Comments received after the agenda item is heard but before the close of the meeting will be included as a part of the meeting record but will not be read into the record.

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1) By Phone: (888) 475 4499. Webinar ID is 913 2537 8626. Click \*9 to raise a hand to speak.

2) By online: <https://sanjoseca.zoom.us/> TBD

a. Use a current, up-to-date browser: Chrome 30+, Firefox 27+, Microsoft Edge 12+, Safari 7+. Certain functionality may be disabled in older browsers including Internet Explorer. Mute all other audio before speaking. Using multiple devices can cause an audio feedback.

b. Enter an email address and name. The name will be visible online and will be used to notify you that it is your turn to speak.

c. When the Mayor calls for the item on which you wish to speak, click on “raise hand.” Speakers will be notified shortly before they are called to speak.

d. When called, please limit your remarks to the time limit allotted.

- Call to Order and Roll Call

1:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.- Special Meeting

- Orders of the Day

- Public Comment

## **6. ENVIRONMENTAL AND UTILITY SERVICES**

### **6.1 Climate Smart San José.**

**Recommendation:** Adopt a resolution targeting Carbon Neutral San José by 2030.  
CEQA: Not a Project, File No. PP17-010, City Organizational and Administrative Activities resulting in no changes to the physical environment.

- Adjournment