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Agenda # 7

Subject Climate Action Plan

Position In Favor

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State

Zip

Comments One of the most vivid memories of my childhood were the 2006 wildfires. I was 5 when they happened. I remember asking my mom what was happening—she said these were wildfires and they were going to increase in frequency due to climate change. I'm now a student at UC Berkeley. This fall I woke up in my apartment to an orange sky and a headache— a result of the gigafire ravaging our state. What we experienced this year, might be the best of what's to come if we do not do everything. This is the new normal. What we do in our city, has impacts far beyond its boundaries. This municipality has come a long way from where it started on climate change, and for that I am eternally grateful. At 19 years old, I am the youngest member of the ECAG. The reason why I have invested so much time into working on recommendations for this CAP is because time has run out. We are feeling the impacts of Climate Change— every new study that comes out says we have LESS time to tackle this issue. We are well on the way to an existential crisis, our responsibility is to do as much as we can to stop it from getting worse. We know where climate change is headed and where we are going to end up, if we do not find the courage to be bold and lead. Recycling is not a solution, it's a system in crisis. Single-use plastics are not "safe" for human health nor for the planet—they significantly contribute to GHG emissions. Climate change is not going to be curbed through individual actions, this takes system change which starts with localities like Escondido. It is important that we include language around plastics reduction in this CAP and KEEP the climate commission. Climate change is THE MOST IMPORTANT ISSUE OF OUR TIME, and is an issue that deserves its own commission at the very least. I am not asking for action on climate change because I want to feel good about myself—it's because I care about the people who live in this community. I ask the council today to keep the improvements in the CAP and include the final recommendations outlined from the ECAG in our letter. Thank you

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Subject Escondido CAP

Position No Position

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Comments The draft CAP includes major progress centering social and environmental justice, however community groups are asking for inclusionary housing, single-use plastic reduction, no housing developments in fire zones, and a commitment to community choice energy

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Subject Strengthen the Climate Action Plan

Position In Favor

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Comments I work in the city of Escondido and a climate action plan is absolutely necessary at this critical point in the fight against climate change. This plan is a step in the right direction and could go further by including green infrastructure, inclusionary housing, expansion of zero waste goals to include single-use plastic reduction, no housing developments in fire zones, commitment to community choice energy, and restoration of previous measures that were eliminated during the planning commission hearings.

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Subject Climate Action

Position In Favor

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Comments City council members need to do better and take action towards environmental justice.

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Comments We've spent the last year of the pandemic lamenting the burden of closures, masks, and online learning on our children and community. If we truly care about the well-being of our community today and for generations to come, we must necessarily act to protect and restore the environment. Escondido has the opportunity to be a leader in our region by responding courageously to this call for climate action. As an Escondido resident who enjoys the beauty of our community, I'm asking you to protect it. Thank you.

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Agenda # #7 Read aloud

Subject Climate Action Plan

Position In Favor

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Comments Dear Mayor and Members of the City Council, Today's final vote on the updated Escondido Climate Action Plan is one of the most important actions this Council will take which will have far-reaching consequences for our community and beyond globally. The Climate crisis is real and urgent and requires the "bold and gold standard" climate action plan Mayor McNamara called for in 2019. The update submitted by the Escondido Community Advisory Group has been in your hands ahead of the meeting and represents key elements of a strong Climate Action Plan. I strongly support the final recommendations that include: A. "Avoiding the siting of new land-use densities (i.e. density increases and annexations) in 'Very High Fire Hazard' areas to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, protect public safety and property, improve carbon sequestration, and reduce VMT. B. Acting on a zero-waste plan to include a plastic reduction program. C. Adopting an inclusionary housing and investigate tiny house ordinance. D. Acting to have Escondido joining Community Choice Aggregation Program by 2023. E. Establish a climate commission. F. Develop a green infrastructure plan for urban Escondido I ask for your consideration and support for these additions and revisions to the final ECAP document. Sincerely, Chris Nava

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Agenda # 7

Subject Read Outloud: Climate Action Plan

Position In Favor

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Comments I urge the council to support a strong climate action plan that centers social equity and environmental justice. The proposed ECAP would be a big step toward making Escondido an open and hospitable environment for all who live here. Mayor McNamara, in 2019 you said you supported a "Bold" and "Gold Standard Climate Action Plan," so support this plan! The Escondido Community Advisory Committee on Climate Action and Environmental Issues, as well as the ECAP subcommittee, have worked incredibly hard to make this a plan that uplifts all Escondido residents and pushes our city into the future. The Zero Waste Plan will help us figure out how to reuse more materials and send less stuff to landfills. An Urban Forestry program would bring much-needed shade, or even fruit, to the sidewalks so more people can comfortably walk or bike around the city. Doesn't that sound great? I do believe there is more that can be added to make the ECAP even better, but this is the direction we need to be going! Please support this Climate Action Plan because we must do something or it will be too late. Please listen to the advisory board that was created to advise you on this in the first place. You must listen to them and your constituents, *not* your investors. Vote YES on this Climate Action Plan!

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Subject Include plastic waste in the CAP

Position In Favor

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Comments Hi. I'm a mother of four. I raised my kids here in Escondido and taught school here. I'm now retired. I love Escondido. This is the first time I have ever shown up at a council meeting. The last election is the first time I ever campaigned for an Escondido candidate. Why am I doing it now? Climate change. It scares me, a lot. We, as individual citizens, can change our way of doing things and our way of thinking about our relationship to the environment, but that can only take us so far. We need our policy makers and our businesses to treat this emergency with the urgency it requires. I'm proud of our leaders for adopting a CAP. But, I can't imagine a good reason for not including plastic waste in the plan. You asked for a citizen's committee on the Zero Waste part of the plan. People answered your call. The plastic reduction language is reasonable and belongs in a Climate Action Plan. I urge you to include it. Thank You.

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Subject Climate Action Plan Update

Position In Opposition

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Comments Dear Mayor, Council Members, and City Staff, My name is Janis Jones, and I have been volunteering with Citizens for a Plastic Free Escondido for over a year. I am in opposition to Escondido's Climate Action Plan update if a Zero Waste Plan that INCLUDES PLASTIC REDUCTION measures is not added. Plastic is a petroleum-based product that produces emissions at every stage. The damage begins with extraction and transportation, continues during refining, and manufacturing, and it doesn't even end with disposal, because its degradation can take centuries. All of these processes contribute to climate change and are harmful to the environment and to human health. According to the Plastic and Planet report by the Center for International Environmental Law, "greenhouse gas emissions from the plastic lifecycle threaten the ability of the global community to keep global temperature rise below 1.5°C. By 2050, the greenhouse gas emissions from plastic could reach over 56 gigatons—10-13 percent of the entire remaining carbon budget." I urge you to add single-use plastic reduction language to the CAP. Thank you very much for taking action on this important issue. Thank you, Janis Jones

<https://www.ciel.org/plasticandclimate/>

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Subject Climate Action Plan

Position In Favor

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Comments The CAP draft that has been presented has built and improved upon the plans of previous years in many ways that will positively impact the community, such as a commitment to 100% clean energy, a Zero Waste Plan, urban forestry, and the establishment of a climate commission. As a High School Senior at Del Lago academy I am a part of the younger generation who is scared for what my future may look like unless large measures are taken immediately to remedy our environment. That is why I am in favor of this plans and the positive steps forward that it takes. However, I believe this plan can be improved upon with the addition of green infrastructure, expanding our zero waste goals to include single use plastic reduction, inclusionary housing, no housing developments in fire zones, and the restoration of other measures that were cut in the planning commission hearings.

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Subject Read Out Loud

Position In Favor

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Comments I urge the the city council to vote yes on the Climate Action Plan. These amendments being proposed are absolutely necessary. While I don't believe it is far enough, it is a step in the right direction. We need to make sure our transportation and energy networks are efficient and sustainable. Climate change is a global crisis that requires the most immediate action, we cannot wait and it starts in local area. Please vote yes.

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Position In Favor

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Comments While it is my hope that the City will still do more in the future, such as commitments to green infrastructure, inclusionary housing expansions and single use plastic reductions, this is a strong plan which the City has been moving forward for well over a year. It would be a significant mistake to throw away the planning that has gone into this Climate Action Plan and the progress it will foster. Additionally, I am hopeful that the City is ready and willing to take on the challenge of both protecting our climate for future generations as well as addressing housing needs to serve the current ones. If the leadership and political will from this Council exists, we have the means to do both, and we should do both.

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Subject CAP

Position In Favor

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Comments It is vital that Escondido moves towards better environmental practices. It is crucial that as a city we do everything we can to protect this land. We currently have the lowest score of the jurisdiction with CAP. Therefore, we must commit to better practices. .

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Subject Climate Action Plan

Position In Favor

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Comments It's absolutely crucial that Escondido prioritizes the wellbeing of its residents and its community by establishing an equitable and progressive Climate Action Plan. As climate change becomes a physical reality around the world, immediate action is necessary. This plan will help bring the city into the forefront of important local climate action mitigation plans. Without immediate action, more environmental harm will be unduly caused and affect all future generations to come. Further, it is inevitable that the state or the country will at some point impose much stricter environmental regulations onto local governments. Escondido now has the opportunity to prepare for these regulations and present itself as sustainable and equitable to the rest of the state.

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Subject Climate Action Plan

Position In Favor

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Comments To: Honorable Members of the City Council I am the director of Project Climate at UC Berkeley's Center for Law, Energy, and Environment. I was previously the director of the Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR) Under Governor Jerry Brown, and before that the head of the Environment Section of the California Attorney General's Office. I make this comments on my own behalf. I have a long history of involvement with the development of climate action plans. SB 97, the law that established the CAP requirement, was the result of litigation that I handled (involving San Bernardino) while at the Attorney General's Office. Much of the guidance, as well as the updated CEQA Guidelines, were developed by OPR during my tenure. I provide these comments in support of the Escondido CAP and congratulate you on the work to bring it to this point. I'm sure that there are elements that can be improved or modified (and I'm sure that other commenters will request some modifications). But, from my perspective, the essential points are well captured in the Executive Summary: Three essential steps to the climate action planning process include: Step 1: Develop and Maintain a CAP, which includes preparing baseline emissions estimates and projections and developing reduction targets and strategies. Step 2: Implement the CAP through local measures. Step 3: Monitor and Report Progress on CAP implementation and identify improvements or adjustments that can be made to the plan in the future. Adoption of this CAP marks the beginning of an iterative process of maintaining, implementing, monitoring, and updating the CAP. Over time, the City will continue to repeat the iterative process by updating this CAP as new technologies, legislative actions, information, and inventories become available. The key components of the climate action planning process are summarized below and shown graphically in Figure ES-1. A thorough and careful inventory and baseline is essential, along with implementation of a wide array of measures, subject to monitoring and adjustments as needed. Of course, a strong commitment from the City Council and excellent staff work are also essential. Here, the strong staff commitment is evidenced by the CAP itself and the work that has gone into producing it. As we well know, climate change is an existential challenge, requiring substantial and sustained response, but also the ability to adapt and respond as new approaches and strategies become available. The Escondido plan is an excellent blueprint for meeting the challenge at the local level. I encourage the Council to adopt the plan.

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Subject Please read out loud-Climate Action

Position In Favor

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Comments Dear Mayor and Council, It has been a long process to get to today and I think a little trip down memory lane will remind us how we started with the commitment of the Mayor and Council to significant climate action. Remember these statements from the 2019 hearing : • Mayor McNamara said, "Some people think economic growth is somehow in conflict with environmental awareness...and I think we can do both...Let's get out of our comfort zone and be bold...Let's be a leader." • Council member Consuelo Martinez agreed stating, "Now is our time to be bold." She went on to support a social equity commitment and said, "Yes to community choice energy, 100% renewable energy and creation of a Climate Action Commission" to applause from the audience. • Council member Mike Morasco noted his experience in the smog situation, "We have seen great changes...with the implementation of laws to help force reduction of emissions...and it's worked. Anything we can do to promote health and well-being by reducing emissions makes sense. That is the direction we should go." • Then, Council member Olga Diaz, a long-standing advocate of strong climate action joined in the support for clean energy goals. Community choice energy, and action on food waste. She noted that there is always a worry about the cost but, "There is a great cost to inaction. An opportunity cost to our children. We have achieved a lot along the lines of those direction with this ECAP Update. Sierra Club NCG submitted a letter yesterday for your consideration. I would like to underscore two points. The staff report notably points out 'We have reduced carbon pollution, while growing the economy'. There are many technologies and practices ready today to reduce GHG emissions and there are more and more every day. Adopting this 15-year plan with amendments suggested by the ECAG and the Climate Action Campaign will allow us to take advantage of all of the actions and opportunities that will present themselves over the next 15 years. Sierra Club urges these amendments be added to the ECAP. I would also like to summarize the analogy we provided as more descriptive of the situation we are in. We are all of us in one canoe and the waterfall is drawing closer. What will we do? We must stop accelerating our progress to devastation and, instead, all work to take us to the shore where we can make progress without endangering current and future generations. We are capable of this but we are running out of time. Let's be bold. Please strengthen and adopt the Climate Action Plan

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Subject CAP

Position In Favor

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Comments This vote should be unanimously in favor of the Climate Action Plan. Our city has to keep moving forward, and part of that is taking care of our environment. How we treat our climate effects our health, especially in our most underserved communities. I've seen citizens creating recycling programs, picking up trash, and innovating eco friendly ideas. Now it's time for city council to do their part in protecting and improving our environment.

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Subject Climate Action Plan Update Adoption

Position In Favor

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Comments Climate change impacts everyone. It is necessary to take action in order to minimize it's effects.

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Subject Climate Action Plan Update Adoption

Position In Favor

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Comments March 8, 2021 RE: CAP ESCONDIDO Dear Councilmembers, Developing a robust Climate Action Plan is crucial for combatting climate change and promoting public health. The importance of integrated climate action starts with planning at the city level. Cities are our first line of defense in the battle to curtail greenhouse gas emissions and build resilience to climate change impacts. The Environmental Center of San Diego supports the addition of compromise language suggested by the Escondido Community Advisory Group (ECAG) below. DRAFT Compromise language Edits for Measure S-8.1 • Develop a Zero Waste Plan that includes single-use plastic reduction measures in order to meet waste diversion goals. • Prioritize community education to priority investment neighborhoods (PIN) and local businesses • Move up the citywide diversion rate goal for 90% to 2030 Supporting Actions Edits: • Explore opportunities with franchise waste hauler and other local business organizations to develop and encourage participation in commercial food scrap collection and plastics reduction programs. • Explore partnership with the Escondido School Districts to work on Zero Waste Schools Initiative. Add to Measure C-9.2 1. "Seek funding to develop a Green Infrastructure Plan for Urban Escondido to maximize parks, open space, natural water quality improvements, green rights-of-way, trails, riparian restoration areas, and other measures to create a plan to ensure connected and accessible green space throughout the city." Add to Measure A-2.2 2. "Investigate adoption of an inclusionary housing and tiny home ordinances and other options as potential means to increase affordable housing near transportation corridors." Supporting Action for Measure T-1.1 3. "Actively seek opportunities to increase conversion of electric vehicles in the municipal fleet per general plan policies." Thank you for your consideration, Pamela Heatherington Board of Directors Environmental Center of San Diego 805-835-1833

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Agenda # #7

Subject Escondido Climate Action Plan - (Please read aloud)

Position In Favor

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Comments Mayor Paul McNamara and Escondido City Council, I join many others in Escondido who consider it essential that the Escondido Climate Action Plan update will address equity for residents most in need, with strategies to reduce dangerous greenhouse gas emissions, increase sequestration and ecological health, improve quality of life, and represent a robust climate action plan during the implementation phase. We are in the midst of intersecting economic, housing, and climate crises, and elected officials must not overlook practical tools and strategies necessary to form a robust Climate Action Plan for Escondido. When local officials approve more development in fire-prone areas instead of focusing on increasing affordable housing near city centers, we all pay the price. The Staff Report indicates the draft Climate Action Plan has a gap, that results in a GHG reduction deficit, which will require more intensive requirements for emission reductions. Therefore, I strongly urge the Council to add reductions in excess of the bare minimum, to both make good the earlier commitment to effective climate action, and to have a modest buffer in case other actions are not completed. The climate crisis is the unfolding catastrophe of our age, and a failure to act will have costly impacts on future generations. Please do not shrink from the duty to act in the public interest to maximize community benefit, or evade, or minimize the urgent need for real time target deadlines for action. Now is not the time for incrementalism, or foot dragging. In fact, there is proposed State legislation pending (Senate Bill 55) to prevent development in known high fire risk areas, that was recently introduced by Senator Stern, for a bill for "Fire Safe Growth", to prevent development in known high fire risk areas. For hundreds of families who live under the threat of fire risk in Escondido today, home hardening is urgent and necessary. However in certain instances, structural hardening alone is not enough. We now know that such developments not only pose an inherent risk to those who live in new projects in fire hazard zones, but also increases the wildfire risk to existing residents and households in neighborhoods as well, as they increase fire ignitions, intensity, and destruction. Evidence indicates new development in severe

fire hazard zones is a huge source of GHG emissions. As such, stakeholders request new methods be applied to control development in severe fire hazard zones, and also apply methods to contain costs of public services in locations where public infrastructure does not currently extend, and where roadways for emergency evacuation already have extreme deficiencies. When local officials approve more development in fire-prone areas instead of focusing on increasing affordable housing near city centers, we all pay the price. In Escondido elected officials need to take a hard look at the science and take strong action on construction in high fire-risk areas." Therefore, stakeholders request that Escondido Climate Action Plan update should include a new measure that will be consistent, as follows: "Avoid the siting of new land-use densities (i.e. density increases and annexations) in 'Very High Fire Hazard' areas to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, protect public safety and property, improve carbon sequestration, and reduce VMT. " The Escondido Community Advisory Group (ECAG) presented reasonable new recommendations that propose certain compromise measures. So I join many other stakeholders to support the request from the ECAG subcommittee that the City Council adopt the most recent ECAG recommendations, that were highlighted in yellow. Thank you for thoughtful consideration.

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Agenda # 7

Subject Read Out Loud We've Still Got Work to Do

Position In Opposition

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Comments Hello members of the council. Together as a community, we have made great strides in improving our Climate Action Plan, which we should all be proud of. However, it is still missing many important measures. I would like to see provisions added to mandate the following: The CAP should require the creation of green infrastructure. This will reduce the outflow of storm water, and increase the availability of water in our soil systems while also helping prevent flooding. We need inclusionary housing which is affordable, sustainable, and most importantly does not have any gratuitous restrictions on who can use it, such as drug testing, restrictions against pets, and restrictions based on age, sex, gender, race, or class. Zero waste goals must be expanded in order to drive the reduction of single use plastics from the local economy. Plastics are an exponentially worsening problem that we should have begun work on yesterday. New housing developments should NEVER be built in zones where they will increase fire risk. My neighborhood worked to stop the construction of a new development next to our community which fire authorities stated would not have had adequate road infrastructure to accommodate an emergency evacuation in the event of a fire. Risking hundreds of people burning to death in their cars while stuck in gridlock will NEVER be worth whatever tax revenues you raise from a new development in an area lacking sufficient egress. It is also time for Escondido to commit to community choice energy, or better yet, public power. This will give us increased suppleness in our transition to 100% clean energy. Finally, I ask that all the improvements we have worked to have added to the CAP draft remain in the final CAP. I would also like to see other measures we have worked to add that were subsequently removed in the planning commission hearings be restored back into the final CAP. Thank you, and may our future be bright.

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Agenda # 7

Subject Escondido Climate Action Plan

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Comments Good evening Escondido city council, My name is Polett and I am an educator, parent, property owner, and business owner that cares deeply about our local response to climate change. I am in full support of the draft being presented tonight and would like to remind our council that no short term profit will matter without making decisions that ensure our community thrives in the long term. I think the local farm to community initiatives outlined in the plan are great. As well as identifying our most vulnerable portions of the city to heat, wildfire, and precipitation-related threats. This plan uses Escondido's unique strengths to its advantage to step up to the challenges of climate change we're all facing which I'd like to acknowledge and give kudos to the planning commission for that. With a commitment to innovation and moving forward in an intentional way, I hope that our city will be poised to be a significant force in the green jobs space by 2025. Even though we have an affordable housing shortage in our city and we're in a budgetary deficit, our council recently voted to approve and subsidize the Palomar Heights project while citing that it is unrealistic to attempt to try to meet the affordable housing goals because no other municipality prioritizes it. A disappointing vote that seems to be in best interest of very few and without regard for what residents of Escondido can afford. In 2017, Escondido scored an F on our CAP, the lowest score of all jurisdictions in SD county. I hope that our council is not going to choose to be the outlier in this crucial situation when we were once the leader on this front. I hope that this council will step up and make decisions that serve the needs of all of us, especially our most vulnerable community members, which is why the climate justice aspect of this CAP draft is of particular importance. It is past time for us to take bold action, Escondido needs to catch up very quickly and I know our city is up to the challenge. I hope that we, as a city, won't just stand there as the water line rises. Thank you, Polett

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Agenda # 7

Subject ECAP / Please Read out loud!

Position In Favor

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Comments Dear Mayor & Council- I want to underscore the importance of capturing the Escondido Community Advisory Group (ECAG) recommendations into the updated Climate Action Plan (ECAP), as this is a critically important endeavor that we've all been diligently working on for well over a year now. Below is the comprise language I would like to request be included at a minimum, and which are referenced as "outstanding issues" in the staff report and agenda: Edits for Measure S-8.1 • Develop a Zero Waste Plan that includes single-use plastic reduction measures in order to meet waste diversion goals. • Prioritize community education to priority investment neighborhoods (PIN) and local businesses • Move up the citywide diversion rate goal for 90% to 2030 Supporting Actions Edits: • Explore opportunities with franchise waste hauler and other local business organizations to develop and encourage participation in commercial food scrap collection and plastics reduction programs. • Explore partnership with the Escondido School Districts to work on Zero Waste Schools Initiative. Add to Measure C-9.2 1. "Seek funding to develop a Green Infrastructure Plan for Urban Escondido to maximize parks, open space, natural water quality improvements, green rights-of-way, trails, riparian restoration areas, and other measures to create a plan to ensure connected and accessible green space throughout the city." Add to Measure A-2.2 2. "Investigate adoption of an inclusionary housing and tiny home ordinances and other options as potential means to increase affordable housing near transportation corridors." Supporting Action for Measure T-1.1 3. "Actively seek opportunities to increase conversion of electric vehicles in the municipal fleet per general plan policies." In addition to the above, I would also like to request inclusion of a revised version of the measure that the Planning Commission removed related to development in fire-zones: "Avoid the siting of new land-use densities (i.e. density increases and annexations) in 'Very High Fire Hazard' areas to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, protect public safety and property, improve carbon sequestration, and reduce VMT. So many of us are cynical of political processes these days b/c of a general myopathy and mounting failure to do what's best for a majority of citizens because, well, in many instances it's about machinations, money, influence & re-election. "Politics" as it were. With respect, the reality & urgency of our situation (locally & globally) is such that we need to go full tilt (TODAY!) on the full list of ECAG recommendations set forth at the onset of the public engagement process. The science and anecdotal evidence clearly demonstrate that climate

change impacts are THE geopolitical threat of our lifetime, one that underpins just about every other kitchen table issue at the forefront of policy & debate. Adopting a GOLD STANDARD climate action plan is indeed the “easier, softer way”, and we have the blueprint in front of us now to help make this a reality and to situate ourselves for a bright/safe future. Thank you for allowing me to be a part of the process, and for the consideration. Tim Swift

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Agenda # 7

Subject CAP

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Comments My air quality is 50% worse than the rest of California which means I live in an area that's environmentally burdened, an area that is majority Latinos. Latinos already face several health issues due to their systemic vulnerabilities. Growing up me and my two little sisters had asthma and although we are unsure why we got it, I can't help but think if where I live had any participation. I am in a region that would be considered a priority investment under the CAP plan. I want you to think about the huge positive impact this plan can have for communities of color who are already more affected by pollution and climate change. Consider the positive generational impacts this can have on children's health, so hopefully what happened to me doesn't happen to them.

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Agenda # 9

Subject Planning Commission Appointment

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Comments Hello, my name is Herminia Ledesma I would like to express my interest to serve on Escondido's Planning Commission. Thank you to the Mayor for reviewing my application, and recommending advancement. Through my work in Vista, with the City's Development and Engineering department, I have seen first hand how impactful it is to be involved in planning, and how increased engagement can help bring more resources. I hope to share my expertise on how public health and planning come together, and as an Escondido resident, I want to do my part to serve my community.

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Agenda # 9

Subject Planning Commission Appointment

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Comments I have worked with Herminia Ledesma through her position at Vista Community Clinic for the past five years on the Healthy Communities Healthy Residents (HCHR) program. She has great communication and organizational skills, and has an excellent perspective on community health and its connection to urban planning. I personally believe she will be an excellent addition to your Planning Commission, and I endorse her recommendation one hundred percent. I appreciate your consideration.

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