

CLIMATE SMART SAN JOSE: CLIMATE COMMISSION

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AGENDA

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COUNCIL DIRECTION

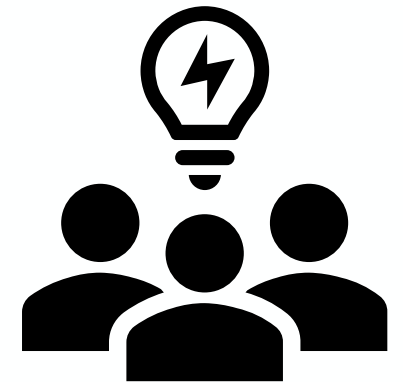
- Return to Council with recommendations on establishing a Climate Commission by March 2023
- Consider for FY 23-24 City staff funding



COUNCIL DIRECTION (CONT'D)

The purpose of the Climate Commission is to:

- Serve as the community's voice in matters related to San José environmental and climate policy
- Advise and make recommendations to staff on San José climate and environmental policy
- Provide feedback on staff recommendations to Council and Transportation and Environment Committee
- Identify and vet potential strategies for meeting San José's Climate Smart goals
- Monitor best practices employed by other municipalities around the world



COUNCIL DIRECTION (CONT'D)

Members of the existing Clean Energy Community Advisory Commission (CECAC) will be invited to serve out the remainder of their current term on the Climate Commission.

Members of the Climate Commission will include:

- Technical experts with experience in clean energy, power planning, transportation, planning and building, environmental law, and other relevant fields
- Climate scientists
- Climate and environmental advocacy organizations
- Community representatives
- One seat reserved for a youth representative



ADDITIONAL BACKGROUND

Current CECAC Composition:

- 9 seats (7 currently occupied)
 - 4 members expire at the end of 2025, 3 expire at the end of 2023
 - 2 seats in the process of being filled
- 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

ADDITIONAL BACKGROUND (CONT'D)

Examples of California cities with similar commissions:

Other CA City Examples

City	# of Members	Purpose and Composition
Chico	7	Advise the council on climate action planning 3 members with experience in social/community services, greenhouse gas accounting, energy, transportation, economics, community management, and business leadership.
Petaluma	9	Advise the council on climate action policy implementation 1 member with expertise in climate issues and at least 2 members between the ages of 14-24 (youth), 1 council liaison
San Anselmo	5	Support the implementation of the town's sustainability goals 2 youth seats and opportunities for 1 councilmember and 1 staff liaison

CITY LOGISTICS

- Income-dependent stipends available for commissioners beginning January 2023
- Commissioners must live within 50 miles of City Hall
- The Council Appointment Advisory Committee reviews applications and makes nominations to the City Council
- The Mayor can also make nominations to the City Council for approval

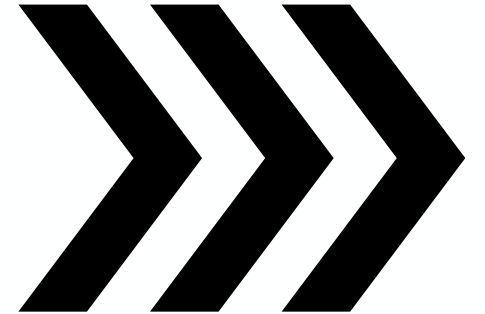


DRAFT PROPOSED APPROACH

- Purpose:
 - Meet Council's direction
 - Continue to cover San Jose Clean Energy's rates, Integrated Resource Plan, and programs.
- Composition:
 - **Up to eight (8) seats** representing the following:
 - (1) Technical expert with experience in clean energy, power planning, transportation, planning and building, environmental law, and other relevant fields
 - (1) Climate scientist
 - (1) Representative from climate and/or environmental advocacy organization
 - (1) Representative from labor, business, and/or educational institution
 - (3) Community representatives (limit one per Council district)
 - (1) Youth representative (14-21 years of age)
 - Required to live in San José, excluding climate scientist
 - 1 4-year term, staggered by member to ensure continuity
 - Quarterly meetings

NEXT STEPS

- Provide recommendations at the March 28, 2023, City Council Meeting
- Pending Council direction and budget approval:
 - July 2023 – Hire City staffing support and recruit any new members of the Climate Commission
 - Jan. 1, 2024 – Launch new Climate Commission



QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

What are your questions and suggestions on the Climate Commission's purpose, composition, and/or logistics?

Comments can be provided via email through January 27, 2023, at climatesmart@sanjoseca.gov

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Thank You

