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**San Diego County Supervisors Aguirre and Montgomery Steppe
Join Fight to Lower Bills and Rein in Utility Power**

*Board of Supervisors to vote Tuesday on state reforms to slash bills and hold monopoly utilities
accountable*

San Diego, September 5 — Today, San Diego County Supervisors Paloma Aguirre and Monica Montgomery Steppe joined Climate Action Campaign (CAC) to express support for a package of landmark state legislation to lower energy bills and rein in monopoly utilities. This County action follows the City of San Diego's recent commitment to tackling one of the region's most urgent challenges: the affordability crisis.

"I've heard from many people, from seniors on fixed incomes to working parents who are so overwhelmed by bills that they simply can't keep up, and when electricity and other essential services become unaffordable, their health, safety, and economic security are at risk," **said Supervisor Paloma Aguirre, District 1.** "That's why the 2025 Utility Affordability and Accountability Legislative Package is so important. It doesn't just tackle affordability, it demands accountability."

"Utility affordability is not just an economic issue; it's a matter of equity and justice," **said Supervisor Monica Montgomery Steppe, District 4.** "I have always believed that local community-based energy solutions are critical to advancing environmental justice, economic empowerment, and democratic control over our energy future."

The legislative package strengthens oversight, limits utility profiteering, and delivers real rate relief to working families.

The County Board of Supervisors will vote on the item on Tuesday, September 9.

Corinna Contreras, Climate Action Campaign Policy Advocate, said:

"From city halls to the county, CAC has been the driving force building momentum for utility reform. We've proven that communities are ready to stand up to monopoly power, and this package is the next step toward fairness, transparency, and affordable clean energy for all."



Climate Action Campaign is calling on more Southern California cities to join the push, noting the package addresses “the structural issues behind skyrocketing bills and unchecked utility power.”