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City of San Diego Continues to Fall Short on Legal Obligations to Reduce Pollution

Advocacy Group Demands Action and Course Correction

San Diego, November 13 — Today, Climate Action Campaign (CAC) will call out the City of San Diego at the City's Environmental Committee meeting at 1 p.m. for failing to meet its legal obligations to protect community health and reduce dangerous climate pollution.

Read: Climate Action Campaign's letter to the City.

In 2024, <u>Climate Action Campaign</u> (CAC) and the <u>Coastal Environmental Rights Foundation</u> (CERF) reached a landmark <u>settlement</u> in their lawsuit over the City's 2022 CAP update, setting a national precedent for climate accountability. The settlement requires the city to disclose greenhouse gas emissions and revise the CAP to stay on course to reach its targets.

Despite that legal settlement, the City has refused to propose the necessary new policies, realign its priorities, or take the actions required to fulfill its obligations and protect our communities.

Even more alarmingly, emissions are rising — putting public health and our collective future at greater risk. The City must issue a public acknowledgment of these failures and present a clear, actionable plan to get back on track.

Climate Action Campaign issues the following statement from Nicole Capretz, Chief Executive Officer:

"The City of San Diego is failing to protect residents and act on its promises. The City continues to treat the CAP as an aspirational vision rather than a mandate for action. That persistent gap between promises and progress is why we pursued legal action.

Every day we delay electrifying homes, scaling up transit, accelerating mode shift, and reducing emissions is another day our communities breathe dangerous air, sit in gridlock, and shoulder the escalating costs of inaction."