

MOMENTUM

— 2022 ANNUAL REPORT —

The movement for climate justice is gaining **momentum**, but so are climate disasters. In 2022, local, state, and federal climate action accelerated, marking a new era for the climate movement with bigger and bolder commitments and more funding for the solutions we need.

Climate Action Campaign is capitalizing on this **momentum** to build a pathway to zero carbon—right here in Southern California—then replicate and scale.



"2022 was a watershed moment for the climate movement. As we enter this new era, we must work across sectors to transform our economy, create good, green jobs, and invest in the solutions our communities deserve. My team is fighting to ensure that the communities that have suffered the most from environmental racism and disinvestment are the **FIRST** to receive the benefits of climate policies and investments."

In San Diego and Orange Counties, Climate Action Campaign is leading the charge on equitable regional climate action and cooperation, driving climate policies forward in every agency and city." — Nicole Capretz, CEO

LETTER FROM THE CEO

REGIONAL

In 2022, CAC pushed against the current dangerous and ineffective siloed approach to climate action by advocating for cities and agencies to work together. We helped pass the County of San Diego's first-in-the-nation Regional Decarbonization Framework (RDF) and Just Transition Plan.

This project mapped regional opportunities for collaboration on transportation, energy, electrification, and housing. In 2023, we're partnering with the County of San Diego to educate our community about the solutions in the RDF.

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FIGHTING FOR PUBLIC HEALTH AND CLIMATE SOLUTIONS

Our Public Health Advisory Council also successfully advocated for Sharp Healthcare to become the first health system to power all its facilities with 100% clean energy through San Diego Community Power. **This will remove 6,500+ metric tons of CO₂ annually, the equivalent of the carbon sequestered by 7692 acres of forest in a year.**

"We must create the environment & programs that support people in being active in their everyday life. If we can get more people walking, biking, and taking transit, it'll support their health and the health of our climate. We have to design our communities for this."

- Dr. Katie Crist, PHAC speaker at CAC's 2022 NEXUS Conference



Climate change is a public health emergency, so we're activating and engaging public health professionals through our Public Health Advisory Council (PHAC). This year, they advocated for policies to curb pollution from dangerous methane gas, advance 100% clean energy, and protect our health and safety.

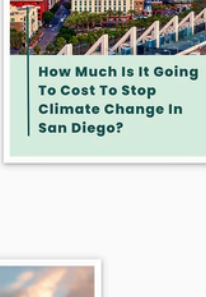
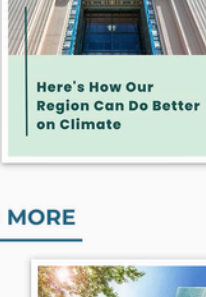
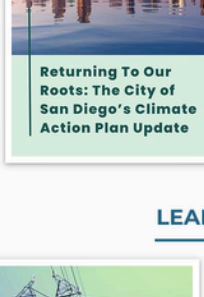
They held a first-of-its-kind climate and health advocacy training for medical residents across San Diego's healthcare networks, including Sharp, Kaiser, and UCSD, empowering the next generation of doctors to speak up for climate solutions.

SAN DIEGO CLIMATE ACTION PLAN

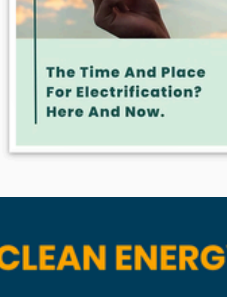
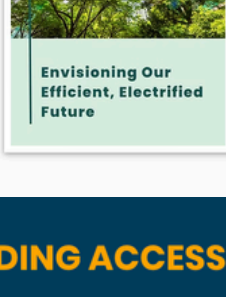
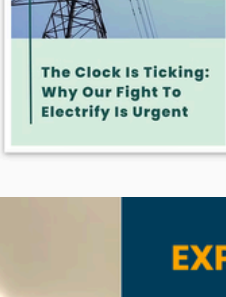
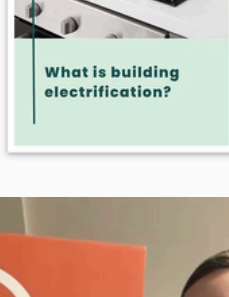
After a year of advocacy by CAC and partners, the San Diego City Council voted unanimously to adopt an updated Climate Action Plan. The CAP update set ambitious goals for clean energy, transportation, land use, equity, and more.

It also includes a **bold commitment to electrify our appliances and phase dangerous methane gas out from nearly all homes and businesses by 2035**. Moving forward, we'll advocate for San Diego to fully fund and implement the CAP so that residents can enjoy the quality of life benefits.

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CAMPAIGNING FOR CLIMATE ACTION

MEASURE B

MEASURE C

MEASURE D

This year, we co-signed and campaigned for two successful City of San Diego ballot measures: **Measures B and C**. We also supported **Measure D**, which passed.

MEASURE B

MEASURE C

MEASURE D

For the past 100 years, single-family homes in San Diego have not had to pay for trash collection, forcing families in apartments, condos, and other multi-family housing to pay more than their fair share. **Measure B will pave the way for more equitable and sustainable trash services in San Diego.**

MEASURE B

MEASURE C

MEASURE D

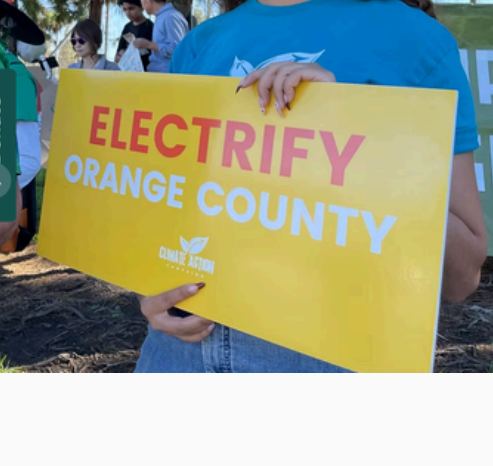
San Diego is not building enough homes for its growing workforce. **Measure C repealed the 30-foot height ban in the Midway District so that we can build more homes near existing jobs, transit, and schools.**

MEASURE B

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MEASURE D

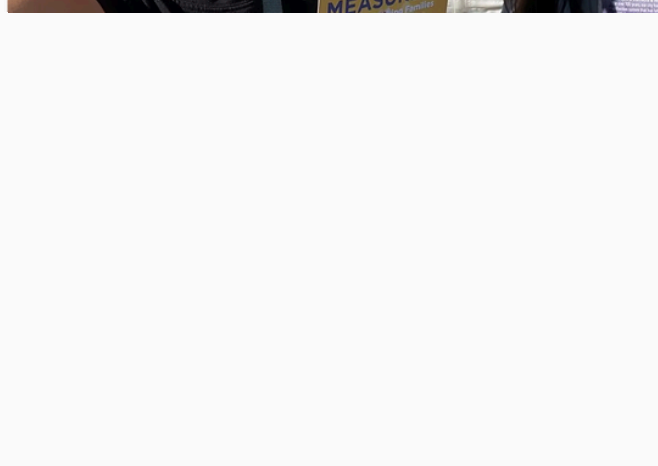
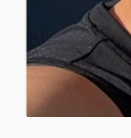
Climate Action Campaign also supported San Diego ballot Measure D, repealing San Diego's ban on Project Labor Agreements. PLAs ensure that large infrastructure projects can be completed on time, on budget, and with training opportunities and other worker benefits that strengthen our communities.



EXPANDING ACCESS TO CLEAN ENERGY

Through CAC's advocacy, San Diego Community Power and the Clean Energy Alliance expanded their reach to **13 cities and the unincorporated county**. They will bring cost-competitive and cleaner electricity to **1.23 million people** in our region in 2023.

Our communities have been locked into buying electricity from our anti-climate utility for over a century, but now we finally have a real choice.



BUILDING POWER THROUGH COALITIONS: SDGND and OCC

Community will and coalitions get the job done, which is why we lead the grassroots San Diego Green New Deal Alliance and Orange County Climate Coalition.

In 2022, the San Diego Green New Deal Alliance continued to hold space for important conversations and campaigns at the intersection of climate, jobs, and justice, including San Diego's Climate Action Plan update.

In 2022, the Orange County Climate Coalition galvanized activists and organizations around campaigns for electrification, equity, and climate action. With a new slate of climate champions slated to enter office in Orange County in 2023, we're ready to capitalize on the community and political will we've built to pass climate policies.

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EVENTS AND OUTREACH

In 2022, Climate Action Campaign engaged over 1200+ community members through our educational presentations, events, and programming.

200+ community members attended our inaugural **NEXUS climate conference**, which brought policymakers, business and labor leaders, public health officials, and community activists together for candid conversations about achieving a zero carbon future.



IMPACTS BY NUMBERS

110+

public comments given by our policy team

80%

of CAC income spent on educational and advocacy programs

65+

media hits in 2022

1200+

community members engaged by CAC's educational presentations and programming

75+

policy letters sent out or signed by CAC

1.23 MIL

total customers in SD county served by SDCP or CEA

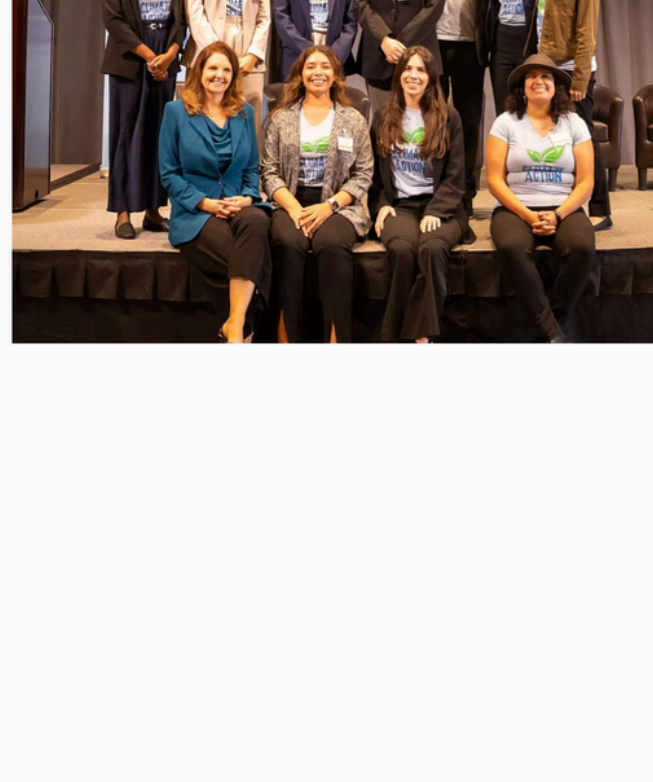


FINANCIALS

HIGHLIGHTS

- \$1,277,847 raised for our fight for bold climate action
- Gold Star on GuideStar
- Favorable 2021 audit

CAC SPENDING



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