



Mayor Weiss and Council
City of Oceanside
City Council Chambers
Oceanside City Hall
300 N. Coast Highway
Oceanside, CA 92054

May 8, 2019

Re: 100% Clean Energy Goal, Community Choice Energy and Other Recommendations for Oceanside's Climate Action Plan (CAP)

Dear Mayor Weiss and Council,

Climate Action Campaign is a San Diego-based nonprofit organization with a simple mission: stop the climate crisis. We are writing to ensure that Oceanside's CAP maximizes emissions reductions in line with state targets and protects public health and safety.

We urge you to adopt the Planning Commission's recommendation to amend the draft CAP to include a 100% clean energy target by 2030 and commit to pursue Community Choice Energy (CCE).

Achieving 100% clean energy is the single most powerful strategy a city can adopt to reduce GHG emissions, and Community Choice is the only viable pathway to reach that target. Additionally, CCE delivers myriad benefits to cities, including choice, lower rates for families, local decision-making, and economic development opportunities. Further, the EIR identifies that the 100% clean energy alternative is feasible and would offer greater GHG reductions than the project, identifying it as the Environmentally Superior Alternative.

We also urge Oceanside to continue participating in ongoing conversations to create a regional CCE program under a Joint Powers Authority to protect the city's finances, maximize efficiency and economies of scale, and foster regional unity in the face of the climate crisis.

Further, as a long-range planning document, Oceanside's CAP planning horizon should extend until at least 2045, and the target for that year should align with Executive Order B-55-18 to achieve carbon neutrality by 2045. The UN IPCC Special Report on Global Warming of 1.5°C and other recent climate science findings show that, at every level of government, we must plan for and fully execute a total transition away from fossil fuels. To achieve that transition, cities need to establish the roadmap and begin deep decarbonization today.

The current CAP under consideration today leaves strategies for GHG reduction and equitable implementation on the table, including setting mode share targets for biking, walking, and transit, and establishing enforceable strategies to meet them, setting a zero waste target, electrifying buildings to reduce reliance on natural gas, setting an urban tree canopy target, and defining strategies to ensure that the communities who are most vulnerable to the impacts of climate change and have done the least to contribute to the crisis are the first to benefit from implementation. Introducing those targets and related strategies would significantly enhance the city's ability to move toward net-zero emissions by 2045.



Thank you for the opportunity to weigh in on the development of this critically important document. Oceanside's CAP presents an opportunity to help protect the health and safety of current and future generations from the worst impacts of climate change. We urge you to direct staff to incorporate the recommendations above to deliver economic, safety, and health benefits, and stave off the worst impacts of climate change.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sophie Wolfram". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Sophie Wolfram
Director of Programs
Climate Action Campaign