Dear Members of the Sustainability Commission,

Climate Action Campaign is a non-profit organization working to fight climate change and improve quality of life through policy and planning at the local level. We are pleased to write in support of the two proposed ordinances for the city of Chula Vista, which will reduce greenhouse gas emissions citywide and provide cost savings for the city and for families.

Both the PV Requirement and the Outdoor Lighting Efficiency Requirements will help implement the City’s Climate Action Plan (CAP), which is a comprehensive roadmap to reduce emissions citywide. Especially given Chula Vista’s growing population, it is important to minimize emissions from new residential development; the PV Requirement offers one tool to do just that. In addition, the Outdoor Lighting Efficiency Requirements would both save money and reduce emissions by mandating the use of more efficient LED technology when lights are replaced. This is a common-sense measure that, like the PV Requirement, would allow Chula Vista to remain ahead of the state in adopting stringent energy efficiency standards.

We commend the City of Chula Vista for considering these two ordinances to implement the CAP, and we ask that the Sustainability Commission recommend adoption of both to City Council.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this matter, and we look forward to continued partnership with the Commission on CAP implementation and other related efforts to safeguard public health and improve quality of life.

Sincerely,

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