

# The Mayors' Commission on Climate Change

A Green and Growing Capital Region

With an urgent need to take action, Mayor Steinberg and Mayor Cabaldon are leading the Mayors' Commission on Climate Change to develop a common vision and set of strategies for both cities to achieve Carbon Zero by 2045. Taking action towards Carbon Zero will not only improve our air quality and public health but also promote social equity and economic prosperity and ensure a thriving business environment that attracts workers and investments into the region. We believe our communities can be stronger and more prosperous if we take actions now to increase our resiliency and adopt strategies to dramatically reduce our carbon emissions.

## Commission Structure

The Commission will structure its work around key sectors including the built environment, mobility, and community health and resiliency. The final result will be a Recommendations Report that highlights priority strategies to achieve Carbon Zero to inform Sacramento and West Sacramento's update to their Climate Action Plans.

Local and regional experts will meet in Technical Advisory Committees that will dive deeper into each sector to develop recommendations for the full Commission to consider. Roundtable discussions with business leaders, developers, and other key stakeholders will also be conducted to gain buy-in from the private sector to accelerate climate action.

## Mayors' Vision

1. Establish goals and priority actions to achieve Carbon Zero by 2045
2. Strengthen local and regional partnerships to address climate change and increase resiliency
3. Engage local leaders to build political support for robust climate action
4. Provide a forum to develop and vet the guiding principles of ambitious strategies within the City of Sacramento and West Sacramento's Climate Action Plans
5. Advance social equity and economic prosperity
6. Attract additional investments into the region



"By working together, we can accelerate and shape the transition to a clean energy economy that's already occurring to ensure that it benefits our local businesses and residents. We can strengthen Sacramento's position as a hub for investment in clean technologies and promote social equity and economic prosperity for all."

**Mayor Darrell Steinberg**



"The City of West Sacramento is partnering with the City of Sacramento on its efforts to provide input and feedback on climate policies that can not only reduce greenhouse gas emissions but promote our shared goals for equitable mobility and sustainable communities. We look forward to adding our perspective to this collective effort, resulting in strategies that can truly have a regional impact."

**Mayor Christopher Cabaldon**

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## Carbon Zero Benefits for Key Sectors

	Built Environment	Mobility	Community Health & Resiliency
Equity	Lower energy costs for lower-income residents and small businesses	Enhanced mobility options that will help low-income and disadvantaged community members get to work, school, doctor's appointments, and other places in a more convenient, affordable, and environmentally sustainable manner	Help our most vulnerable communities (low-income communities of color, migrant workers, elderly and youth) prepare for and withstand the impacts of climate change that are already happening
Public Health	Reduced fossil fuel use in buildings and energy generation that can improve regional air quality and lower the risk of asthma and other respiratory illnesses	Reduced risk of asthma and other respiratory illnesses by increasing zero-emission transportation and reducing the need for solo vehicle trips	Reduced heat-related ailments and lower transmission of communicable diseases that thrive in warmer climates
Local Economy	Locally generated renewable fuels that can insulate our local economy from volatile and dwindling supplies of energy produced elsewhere	Better connecting people to jobs, reducing congestion, and enabling a more efficient movement of goods in a manner that strengthens our regional economy	Local and regional policy leadership that can drive investment in new clean, green industries and infrastructure that enable our communities to withstand the impacts of climate change

## Commissioners

- Anne Stausboll, *Commission Chair*
- Steve Hansen, *Vice Mayor, City of Sacramento*
- Chris Ledesma, *Mayor Pro Tem, City of West Sacramento*
- Alberto Ayala, *Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District*
- April Wick, *Resources for Independent Living*
- Arlen Orchard, *Sacramento Municipal Utility District*
- Dave Tanner, *Sacramento Association of Realtors*
- Henry Li, *Sacramento Regional Transit*
- James Corless, *Sacramento Area Council of Governments*
- Khaim Morton, *Sacramento Metro Chamber*
- Laurie Litman, *350 Sacramento*
- Mackenzie Wieser, *City of Elk Grove Planning Commission*
- Meg Arnold, *Valley Vision*
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