



**COUNCIL PRESIDENT SEAN ELO-RIVERA
NINTH COUNCIL DISTRICT**

M E M O R A N D U M

DATE: January 12, 2024

TO: Mayor Todd Gloria

FROM: Council President Sean Elo-Rivera

SUBJECT: Recommended Projects for the Climate Equity Fund FY2025
– Council District 9

Thank you for the opportunity to recommend projects for Climate Equity Fund (CEF) in FY 2025. Our recommendations are listed below and are based on engagement with community members and a review of existing capital improvement projects.

As we move forward in the budget cycle, I am interested in working with your office to democratize the use of public funds. Cities throughout the world have employed a participatory budgeting model that builds stronger communities and creates a more equitable distribution of public resources. I believe the CEF would be the perfect vehicle to pilot that at the City. I look forward to future conversations regarding this model.

Additionally, the CEF should be leveraged to make strategic land and property acquisitions. Land use is central to the connected goals of housing affordability, reducing greenhouse gas emissions, and climate resiliency. Property acquisitions would better position the City to advance these goals in CEF-eligible tracts.

The following are our office's project recommendations. Please contact Brendan Dentino, Policy Director, Council District 9, at dentinob@sandiego.gov with any questions.

FY25 Climate Equity Fund projects recommendations – Council District 9

CIP P24002 – City Heights Urban Village/Henwood Park revitalization

Requested amount: TBD

The City Council funded a General Development Plan in the FY2024 budget to revitalize this essential community asset. Considering the relatively small size of the project, construction dollars should be allocated to advance this project as expeditiously as possible.

CIP P20005 – Chollas Triangle Park

Requested amount: TBD

Chollas Triangle Park has long been a priority for District 9, as it will serve numerous communities such as City Heights, El Cerrito, and Redwood Village. The City developed a General Development Plan and should begin funding the construction phase of the project.

CIP P23003 – Mt. Hope Recreation Center and improvements at Dennis V. Allen Park

Requested amount: TBD

In the FY23 budget, the City Council budgeted \$750,000 to initiate the development of a Mt. Hope Recreation Center at Dennis V. Allen Park. This project has long been a priority for the community, but little progress has been made toward developing a General Development Plan. This project should be prioritized and funded.

CIP S18000 – Streamview Drive Phase II

Requested amount: TBD

This project is in the design phase, but residents have expressed concerns with the lack of planned investments in greenery and tree canopy. The project budget should be supplemented with additional CAP-aligned infrastructure and beautification investments.

CIP N/A – Tree canopy in Communities of Concern

Requested amount: \$750,000

Climate change mitigation and resiliency

The City's draft CAP update includes a goal of 35% tree canopy cover by 2035, with

a focus on tree canopy in Communities of Concern. To progress toward this goal, the City should fund tree planting in District 9's CEF-eligible census tracts.

Additional CIPs

The following projects are relatively low-cost and would result in immediate and tangible improvements to communities that are in desperate need of infrastructure investment.

- CIP 15014 – 31st Street and Market St School Traffic Signal
- CIP B19052 – Citywide Street Lights 1901 (City Heights)
- CIP 19080 – Castle Neighborhood New Streetlights

FY25 Climate Equity Fund projects recommendations – Other Council Districts

Alongside the projects above in Council District 9, I would like to highlight important projects in other Council Districts that should be considered for CEF investment.

CIP 22006 – Berardini Field GDP, Council District 4

Amount requested: \$300,000

CIP S22002 – Southwest Neighborhood Park, Council District 8

Amount requested: \$3,000,000

CIP S00752 – Beyer Park Phase 1, Council District 8

Amount requested: TBD

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