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**Chair LaCava to Prioritize Climate Solutions, Resiliency in Environment Committee Work Plan**

**San Diego** — At the February 17, 2022 San Diego City Council Environment Committee, Councilmember LaCava will present his first work plan as chair. This plan will guide the Committee’s discussions and actions towards a more sustainable and equitable San Diego.

Per the Work Plan, the Environment Committee will prioritize 25 specific policy initiatives that accelerate the City’s response to the climate emergency. Set on implementing the Climate Action Plan and the Climate Resilient SD Plan, these priorities broadly focus on energy/decarbonization, water and sustainability, environmental justice, and natural resources. Furthermore, Chair LaCava outlined six core principles to guide the committee’s policies and priorities. These include:

1. Adopting and advancing ambitious climate goals;
2. Leading with equity;
3. Acknowledging past harm and need for environmental justice;
4. Ensuring transparency and promoting inclusion;
5. Ensuring high quality job standards while expanding a skilled and trained workforce for a green economy;
6. Partnering with government agencies and community organizations to improve strategies and leverage resources.

“To protect our region’s public health and a thriving economy, San Diego must prioritize climate resiliency and equity,” said Chair LaCava. “I am proud to present a work plan that is the product of over 300 community voices and my committee colleagues. This work plan will take the actions that allow the City to act with urgency in mitigating the effects of climate change, reconciling decades of environmental injustice, and improving our residents’ daily lives.”

Chair LaCava’s work plan is online at <https://bit.ly/SDenviro22> or under the “Policies and Priorities” section of his [website](#). A summary of the 339 survey responses (Appendix A) can be found [here](#).

*Councilmember Joe LaCava represents San Diego City Council District 1, which includes the communities of Carmel Valley, Del Mar Heights, Del Mar Mesa, La Jolla, Pacific Highlands Ranch, Torrey Hills, Torrey Pines, and University City.*

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