

Climate Advisory Board

Item 9: ZEMBOP Update

- At the 12/3/24 CAB meeting, staff presented proposed ZEMBOP updates
 - CAB members provided a number of substantive comments, and staff suggested emailing specific recommendations
- The ZEMBOP updates were brought to the 12/16/24 City Council Meeting
 - Staff did not make any changes, and their staff report included this comment:

This item was presented at the Climate Advisory Board on December 3, 2024 as an informational item. Board members suggested addition of detail regarding exception requests and durations but no formal action was taken.
- During the meeting Council President LaCava indicated that the feedback from the CAB influenced him to make this amendment, which passed:

In Council Policy 900-03, Section III. Implementation, Paragraph I.
Exceptions, insert the following language:

3. It is the expectation of this Council that exceptions are rare and well documented. Approval of an exception should include a plan and a timeline to resolve the exception before the Climate Action Plan target date. The plan and timeline should be included in the annual monitoring report to Council on policy implementation.

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- Also during the 12/16/24 City Council Meeting
 - Councilmember Elo-Rivera noted that it is better to make amendments like this in committee
 - As the newly appointed Environment Committee Chair, Councilmember Elo-Rivera requested that staff bring items to the CAB before going to his committee, and staff agreed.
- Takeaways
 - The CAB has been empowered to advise, but needs to be responsive to timely briefings from staff prior to committee submissions
 - The CAB needs to take action for any advice on changes
 - Best is if a member can come to the CAB meeting prepared with proposed language for an action