Sacramento Mayor Darrell Steinberg and West Sacramento Mayor Christopher Cabaldon launched the Mayors' Commission on Climate Change in recognition of the urgent need to take action on climate change. The Commission, comprised of 19 community, public agency, and private sector leaders, has been charged with identifying priority strategies to achieve Carbon Zero by 2045 in both cities. The Commission will issue a Recommendations Report, which will be released for public review and supplemented by additional recommendations and input from the Technical Advisory Committees, Roundtables, and the public.

The Commission’s recommendations will seek to achieve the mayors’ vision for a Green and Growing Capital Region:

- Engaging community and business leaders to build political support for robust climate action
- Providing a forum to identify strategies to inform the cities’ Climate Action Plans
- Attracting investments into the cities and the region to foster innovation and accelerate implementation
- Strengthening local and regional partnerships to address climate change and build resilience
- Advancing social equity and economic prosperity, prioritizing our most underserved communities
- Providing a forum to identify strategies to inform the cities’ Climate Action Plans

Community Engagement  Technical Advisory Committees (TACs)  Equity Roundtable  Business Roundtables

Mayors’ Commission on Climate Change

Mayor Christopher Cabaldon  Mayor Darrell Steinberg
Technical Advisory Committees
Built Environment • Mobility • Community Health & Resiliency • Finance

Technical Advisory Committees (TACs) have been formed to develop and present high-impact strategies to the Commission to inform its recommendations to the mayors. The technical experts and community leaders serving on each TAC will be further supported by the Equity Roundtable, which has been convened to ensure equity remains a priority and is reflected appropriately in strategies to address community-defined needs and avoid any unintended consequences related to pursuing Carbon Zero strategies.

Sector-Specific Background provided to each TAC: Key frameworks and considerations; community priorities based on City outreach, direct public input, regional surveys, and previous engagement with the Equity Roundtable; sample strategies based on research and best practices; and key metrics and baseline data

Commission Meetings 1-2
- Preliminary Recommendations
  - Top 3-4 high-impact strategies to achieve Carbon Zero

Direction to the TAC
- Commission feedback & public comment to inform the TAC

TAC Meeting 3
- Updated Recommendations
  - Updated strategies & priority implementation tactics

Direction to the TAC
- Guidance & final review of recommendations prior to finalization

TAC Meeting 4
- Final Recommendations
  - Final strategies presented for action

Commission Meeting

Each TAC will recommend 3-4 high-impact strategies to achieve Carbon Zero to the Commission, which will be voted upon for tentative adoption. After all TACs convene, all strategies will be reviewed for integration and to address any remaining gaps. The final set of strategies will be presented to the Commission for adoption and inclusion in the Commission’s Recommendations Report to the Mayors.

Additional recommendations from each TAC, including priority implementation tactics, will be presented to the Commission for context and expanded upon in the TAC Recommendations Report.
Community and stakeholder input and feedback will be gathered throughout the full duration of this initiative to inform the TACs and Commission on an ongoing basis and to reflect community priorities in the Commission’s recommendations for achieving Carbon Zero by 2045.

Community members have the opportunity to provide comment through an online form and at each Commission meeting prior to Commission discussion and/or action.

Input gathered through the cities’ robust outreach efforts, including community meetings and the Environmental Justice Working Group, will inform the development of Carbon Zero strategies and recommendations.

Youth Summits for High School and College students are being organized, and a Youth Roundtable will be convened to review the final strategies prior to adoption.

Prior to finalization, the Commission Recommendations Report and the supplementary TAC Recommendations Report will be released for public review and feedback.

Equity Roundtable

In addition to gathering input from the community and engaging with community leaders directly through their participation on the Commission and the TACs, the urgency and importance of advancing social equity demands focused attention. An initial Equity Roundtable was convened to review the Built Environment TAC’s recommendations, which has since evolved and expanded to establish a broader Equity Roundtable that will meet throughout the course of this initiative to provide direct recommendations to the Commission, provide both input and feedback to inform TAC recommendations, establish a definition and guiding principles for equity, and support additional efforts to gather input from underserved and marginalized communities.

Business Roundtables

A series of Business Roundtables will be conducted to gather input on key challenges and potential solutions to implementing the Commission’s recommended Carbon Zero strategies, as well as to seek buy-in from the business community to achieve the mayors’ vision. Industry-specific roundtables will be convened to enable focused discussions on the challenges and opportunities facing each industry, as well as to share targeted resources related to incentives, cost-effectiveness, and model projects and programs. Priority industries and stakeholder groups include real estate and development, multifamily property owners and managers, building contractors, restaurants, manufacturing, major employers, green businesses, and shared mobility service providers. Labor unions and workforce development organizations will also be engaged.
Timeline
Anticipated timeline of key activities pertaining to the Commission

2018
- First Public Meeting of the Mayors’ Commission on Climate Change
- Mobility TAC Launch
- Community Health & Resiliency TAC Launch
- Commission Meeting #7

2019
- Built Environment TAC Launch
- College Youth Summit
- Finance TAC Launch
- New Equity Roundtable Launch
- Business Roundtables Launch
- Strategy Integration & Development of Structural Recommendations Begins
- Commission Meeting #4
- Commission Meeting #3
- Commission Meeting #6
- Commission Meeting #5

2020
- Commission Meeting #8
- Final Commission Meeting & Release of Recommendations Report
- Final Equity Roundtable & Youth Roundtable
- Public Review of the Recommendations Report