Dear City Clerk, please read the public comment below into the record for Item 11 "Climate Action Plan Progress Report" on the April 14, 2020 City Council agenda. Let me know if you have any questions. Thank you.

Dear Honorable Mayor and City Council members,

My name is Matthew Vasilakis, Co-Director of Policy at Climate Action Campaign. We are excited to hear the City of Carlsbad is moving forward with updates to its Climate Action Plan, and hope the City will consider a few key measures to strengthen its CAP.

As we recommended in our recent 4th Edition of the Climate Action Plan Report Card, Carlsbad can build on its CAP by committing to 100 percent clean energy by 2030 or 2035, including a social equity section articulating how the CAP will prioritize its most vulnerable populations from the impacts of climate change, and building in effective strategies to develop more affordable homes near transit to reduce vehicle miles traveled, greenhouse gas emissions, and air pollution.

Additionally, we recommend the CAP horizon be extended to 2045 to align with Executive Order B-55-18, which aims to achieve carbon neutrality by that same year.

Thank you to city staff for bringing this item forward. We look forward to partnering with the City on this important initiative to fully realize Carlsbad’s Climate Action Plan.

Thank you.

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