



Reconnecting Our People to
the Planet and Each Other

Prioritize Climate Equity for the Communities That Need it Most

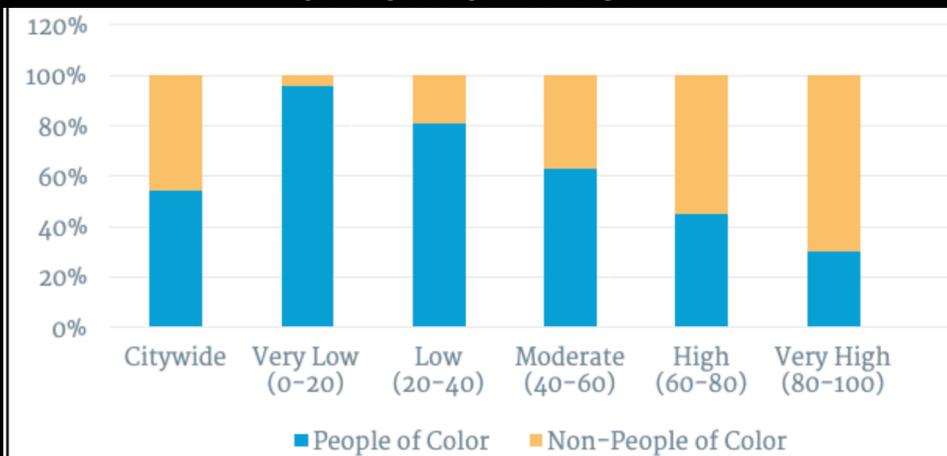
THE TALE OF TWO SAN DIEGOS

WHY IS CLIMATE EQUITY SO IMPORTANT?

The effects of climate change are already happening and already deadly. In 2019, the City of San Diego partnered with local community-based organizations to create the Climate Equity Index (CEI) to “measure the level of access to opportunity residents have within a census tract and assess the degree of potential impact from climate change to these areas.”* The resulting data spotlighted discrepancies that many of our communities have long felt and known about that cause adverse effects in many aspects of our daily lives.

These discrepancies stem from a long history of unequal access to opportunity and concentration of environmental burdens like toxic release from facilities, urban heat islands, and barriers to safe and reliable transportation, to name only a few.

A DISPROPORTIONATE AMOUNT OF PEOPLE OF COLOR HAVE VERY LOW TO MODERATE ACCESS TO OPPORTUNITIES.



HISTORICALLY IN SAN DIEGO, SOME COMMUNITIES HAVE BEEN AFFORDED GREATER ACCESS TO OPPORTUNITY THAN OTHERS OVER MANY YEARS OF GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT.*

HISTORY OF INEQUITY



96%

Thirteen census tracts were identified as having **very low access** to opportunity in which 96% identify as **people of color**.*

81%

Forty-eight census tracts were identified as having **low access** to opportunity, with an average of 81% identifying as **people of color**.*

63%

Sixty-four tracts were identified as having **moderate access** to opportunity, with an average of 63% of their population identifying as **people of color**.*

DEFINITION: Climate Equity

CLIMATE EQUITY:

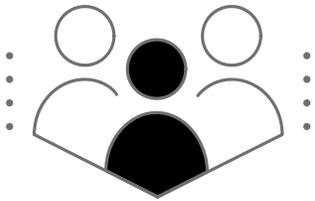
Addresses the historical inequities suffered by people of color, allowing everyone to fairly share the same benefits and burdens from climate solutions and attain full and equal access to opportunities regardless of one's background and identity.*

WHERE IS THE VOICE OF THE COMMUNITY?

DID YOU KNOW?



The City of San Diego has a Climate Equity Fund? Communities most affected should have a say in how it is spent!



OUR MISSION

The Climate Equity Task Force implements local and actionable climate equity goals to support robust and resilient communities.

WHO WE ARE

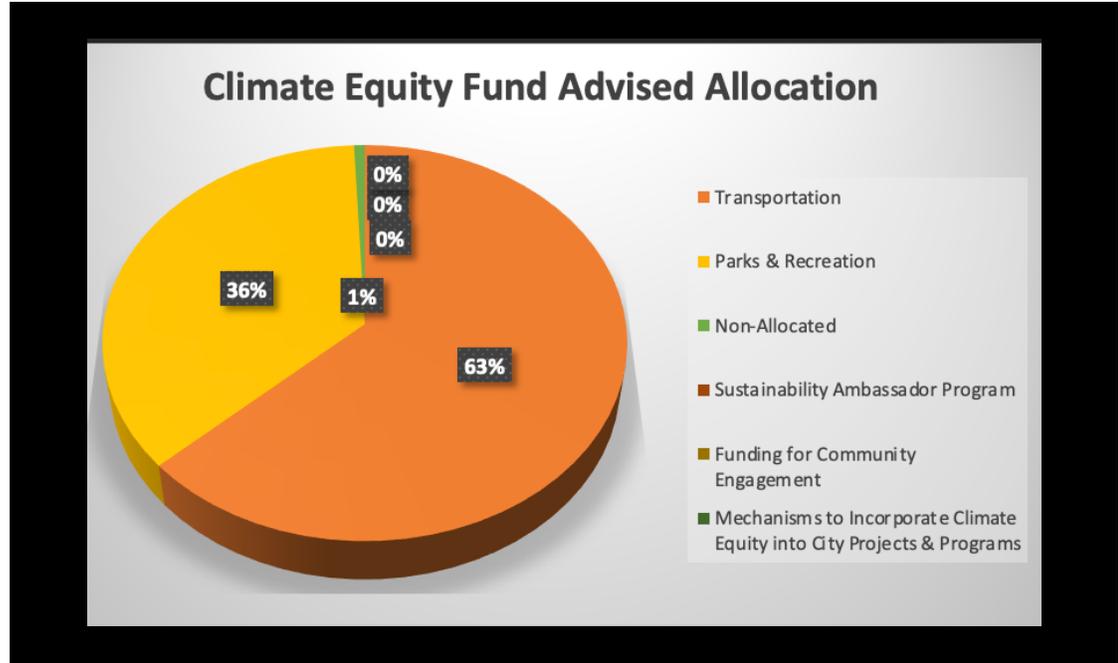
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SHOW US THE MONEY



Nearly one hundred percent of the Climate Equity Fund is allocated, yet zero percent prioritized community education, engagement, and empowerment as recommended by the Climate Equity Index.*

WHAT CLIMATE EQUITY LOOKS LIKE

- Reduced greenhouse gas emissions
- Improved community health
- Tangible investments in Communities of Concern
- Equitable solutions integrated in Citywide policies
- Strong community partnerships
- More jobs that support climate action

SOLUTIONS

Equity Plans & Policies have been adopted in several counties and municipalities throughout the nation, such as King County, WA, Baltimore City, MD, and here in San Diego with the Climate Action Plan. The Climate Action Plan is through the lens of equity; however, all disproportionately impacted communities need and deserve a greater focus.

- **Call on the City of San Diego's City Council to prioritize through policy:**
 - Transparent funding of opportunities to support prioritized investment in areas with very low to moderate access to opportunity
 - Intentional and appropriately-supported public engagement within Communities of Concern with very low to moderate access to opportunity
 - Implemented mechanisms to incorporate climate equity into city programs and projects in communities with very low to moderate access to opportunity.

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