

CLIMATE AND ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE AGENDA

December 16, 2025, 4.00 PM – **5.15 PM** CH City Hall

Zoom Link

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87450352230?pwd=6S4v31K3nOeJXw6A98bO6wg3lpvM8I.1>

Call to Order .

1. November's Minutes approval.
2. CESC Contact Form Submissions Review - YTD CESC has received 32 contact submissions.
 - a. All submissions have been addressed.
3. Discussion Topics: New business
 - a. The 2026 Budget Book emphasizes fiscal responsibility and alignment with policy goals, including sustainability. **Departments are expected to embed sustainability narratives in their budget submissions.** Should CESC consider guiding how each city department would take the most recent budget and build a sustainability narrative around it? *Use this link for background information.* **Mark**
 - b. Economics of Energy Efficiency Projects presentation **Mohammad**
4. CESC Initiatives:
 - a. Alignment on 2026 Initiatives and next steps discussion
 - i. Advance the six initiatives delineated in the Stakeholders Plan:
 1. **Buildings and Energy sector:** Action 1.2.6: Develop an energy dashboard to monitor city building energy use, prioritize upgrades, and quantify energy and emissions savings - **Mohammad**
 2. **Transportation sector:** Action 2.2.1: Install publicly available electric vehicle charging infrastructure with a focus on high traffic areas, such as apartments and business districts - **Carly**
 3. **Materials and waste sector:** Action 3.2.3: Encourage restaurants to adopt policies that provide plastic utensils by request only and discourage the use of Styrofoam - **Catalina**
 4. **Water and Wastewater sector:** Action 4.3.4: Educate residents and businesses on the negative effects of synthetic fertilizer use to reduce runoff into local waterways - **Tami**

5. **Air Quality and Public Health sector:** Action 5.3.2: Catalog gas-powered city equipment, such as lawn equipment and generators, and develop a timeline to transition to electric - *John*
6. **Natural Areas and Land Use sector:** Action 7.4.1: Collaborate with local partners to host educational events for residents on pollinator gardens, native species, and environmentally friendly landscaping - *Sean*
7. **Natural Areas and Land Use sector:** Action 7.4.2: Generate local compost at City Hall to decrease the use of synthetic fertilizer - *Sean*

ii. 2-stroke engine phaseout - (supports **Air Quality and Public Health**

sector actions 5.3.3). Topics for consideration include:

1. Noise and air pollution reduction
2. Forwarding recommendations to council, and help craft legislation draft

iii. Single use plastic reduction in CH restaurants - (supplemental to

Materials and waste sector - action 3.2.3). Topics for consideration include:

1. Review data collected from Skip the Stuff pilot test
2. Forwarding recommendations to council, and help craft legislation draft

iv. Tree Commission formation - (supports **Natural Areas and Land Use**

sector - all points in Strategy 7.2) Topics for consideration include:

1. Forwarding recommendations to council, and help craft legislation draft

v. Expansion of composting and recycling programs - (supports **Materials**

and waste sector - action 3.2.1) Topics for consideration include:

1. Schools, city wide events, apartment buildings, public spaces permits including block parties and park celebrations
2. Diversion of rigid styrofoam from landfill

3. Forwarding recommendations to the Mayor and Public Works director
- vi. Address light pollution in CH (supports **Buildings and Energy sector - supports strategies 1.2.4, 1.2.5, 1.2.6**)
- vii. Other?

5. Discussion Topics: Follow up
 - a. Transitioning CESC files to CH server *Director Schantz*
 - b. Annual Report *John*
6. Adjournment:
 - a. Next Meeting January 20, 2026

