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ORDINANCE OR RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL***

AN ORDINANCE

**ESTABLISHING THE SA CLIMATE READY ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO
IMPLEMENT THE SA CLIMATE READY CLIMATE ACTION AND ADAPTATION
PLAN, BY MERGING THE CLIMATE READY TECHNICAL AND COMMUNITY
ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND CLIMATE READY CLIMATE EQUITY ADVISORY
COMMITTEE**

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WHEREAS, the SA Tomorrow Sustainability Plan was adopted by City Council on August 11, 2016 (Ordinance 2016-08-11-0590), seeking to incorporate the objectives of the Mission Verde Plan, while guiding the City toward smart, sustainable growth in preparation for the projected million-person influx by 2040; and

WHEREAS, the need for a Climate Action Plan was identified in the SA Tomorrow Sustainability Plan. towards that end, the City Council passed Resolution No. 2017-06-22-0031R in support of the Paris Climate Agreement on June 22, 2017, and directed staff to develop a plan that would help San Antonio meet the objectives of the Paris Climate Agreement; and

WHEREAS, on October 17, 2019, the City Council adopted Ordinance 2019-10-17-0840, the SA Climate Ready Climate Action and Adaptation Plan (CAAP) which call for San Antonio to be carbon neutral by 2050 and adapt to the rapidly accelerating impacts of climate change; and

WHEREAS, to effectively implement the CAAP, two externally recruited committees, the SA Climate Ready – Technical and Community Advisory Committee (24 members) and the SA Climate – Equity Advisory Committee (11 members) which were created by the City Council on December 12, 2012 (Ordinance No. 2012-12-12-1066,) to advise City staff and City Council on the advancement and implementation of the CAAP and other associated long-term sustainability plans, such as the SA Tomorrow Sustainability Plan, while serving as a forum for the community to offer input on climate action and sustainability under the oversight of the City’s Office of Sustainability; and

WHEREAS, at a May 9th, 2024, B-Session, Mayor and Council were briefed on Office of Sustainability initiatives including a recommendation to merge the two SA Climate Ready Advisory Committees. As per City Manager guidance, OS staff were directed to present consolidation recommendations to City Council in June 2024 which will effectively advise City staff and City Council on the advancement and implementation of the CAAP and other associated long-term sustainability plans, such as the SA Tomorrow Sustainability Plan, while serving as a forum for the community to offer input on climate action and sustainability, and

WHEREAS, this ordinance authorizes merging the SA Climate Ready Climate Equity Advisory Committee and the SA Climate Ready Technical & Community Advisory Committee into the SA Climate Ready Advisory Committee to better integrate equity, increase committee effectiveness

and efficiency, and continue to provide stakeholder input and guidance as per the adopted 2019 SA Climate Ready Climate Action and Adaptation Plan (CAAP); **NOW THEREFORE,**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO:

SECTION 1. Establishment of the SA Climate Ready Advisory Committee. The 17 member SA Climate Ready Advisory Committee is hereby established by merging the functions and responsibilities of the SA Climate Ready Climate Equity Advisory Committee and the SA Climate Ready Technical & Community Advisory Committee.

SECTION 2. Mission of the SA Climate Ready Advisory Committee. The mission of the SA Climate Ready Advisory Committee includes advising City staff and City Council on the implementation of the CAAP, and other associated long-term sustainability plans, such as the SA Tomorrow Sustainability Plan, while serving as a forum for the community to offer input on climate action and sustainability.

Responsibilities and Expectations of the Committee include:

- Participating in City of San Antonio Office of Equity facilitated training;
- Attending an annual CAAP advisory committee retreat;
- Providing expertise and input on annual priorities, in addition to recommendations on the equitable implementation of the CAAP;
- Providing input on updates to the greenhouse gas inventory, climate projections, and sector and strategy-level targets;
- Gathering and reviewing up-to-date scientific information on climate change;
- Delivering an annual report to City Council regarding committee activities and the status of progress made on climate action and the CAAP;
- Working collaboratively with other City Boards and Commissions on CAAP equity related priorities and objectives;
- Providing input on the implementation of the CAAP to ensure an equity-centered approach;
- Bringing diverse stakeholder opinions to the table, with particular focus on marginalized communities to ensure those communities are included in planning and decision-making;
- Ensuring proposed climate equity considerations are part of all actions and priorities reviewed through the Committee;
- Identifying, tracking, and reporting climate equity metrics;
- Promoting and engaging the community, in particular, marginalized communities and committee member networks, on CAAP priorities and objectives; and
- Providing a venue that the general public may use to provide input in CAAP planning and implementation.

SECTION 3. Composition of the SA Climate Ready Advisory Committee. The SA Climate Ready Advisory Committee is comprised of seventeen (17) members: Ten (10) City Council Appointed Members, one (1) member appointed by the Mayor, one (1) Mayor's Youth Engagement Council for Climate Initiatives Member appointed by the Mayor, and (5) Ex-Officio Organizational members from CPS Energy; San Antonio Water System; VIA Metropolitan

Transit; San Antonio River Authority, and Joint Base San Antonio. Members serve a two-year term which runs concurrently with the term of the appointing Councilmember. No more than two members can represent a professional organization, specialty, or interest. The members of the Committee shall reside inside the city limits of San Antonio, its ETJ, or the otherwise incorporated or unincorporated areas of Bexar County. who demonstrate the following desired technical expertise and perspectives:

- Energy Generation/Distribution
- High Performance/Green Buildings
- Vehicle Technology
- Active Transportation/Mobility/ Accessibility
- Food Systems
- Urban Planning and Land Use
- Historic Preservation/Cultural Heritage
- Waste and Consumption
- Natural Systems: Water/Green Infrastructure/Forestry/Biodiversity
- Public Health
- Climate Science
- Educational Institutions
- Neighborhoods
- Business and Industry
- Social/Environmental/Climate/Racial Justice
- Environmental Advocacy

Organizational representatives shall be appointed by senior management of the organization and will be provided a letter of appointment by the organization. Organizational representatives serve at the discretion of the sponsoring organization.

SECTION 4. Commitment to equity and diversity. As per the original ordinance, the committee shall represent those that live and work within the City of San Antonio, inclusive of indigenous persons, communities of color, low-income residents, LGBTQIA+ persons, persons of varying ages, persons with disabilities, and other marginalized communities who hold diverse expertise, identities, and/or perspectives,” an extensive equity analysis has been and will continue to be conducted to ensure that the resulting committee has the most diverse representation possible, while maintaining the needed technical expertise. All committee members will be required to receive regular racial equity training.

SECTION 5. Appointment Terms. Committee members shall serve two-year terms, for a maximum of two consecutive terms, or a total of four years. Terms are coterminous with Council. No member may be appointed to the Committee should their service exceed four full years. Should a member have two or more unexcused absences in the course of a year, the Chair of the Advisory Committee may recommend to Council and Mayor that the Advisory Committee remove the member and appoint a replacement. In the case of absence of the Chair, the Vice-Chair may make such recommendation. Furthermore, it is the responsibility of the Advisory Committee member to contact the chairperson of the Advisory Committee or City staff liaison if they are unable to attend any particular meeting for the absence to be excused.

SECTION 6. Chair and Vice Chair of Committee. Committee shall elect a Chair and a Vice Chair, who serve one-year terms. The Chair and Vice Chair are not limited on number of terms served as Chair and Vice Chair; however, they must comply with the overall maximum terms for members of the Committee.

SECTION 7. Application of City Code provisions for Boards and Commissions. To the extent not in conflict with this Ordinance, the City's Rules for Boards and Commissions, codified in Chapter 2, Article IX of the City Code of the City of San Antonio shall apply.

SECTION 8. Subcommittees. The committee may form subcommittees for individuals representing certain technical disciplines or areas of special expertise, who can provide the Committee with their technical and specific professional assistance. Two Committee members shall lead each subcommittee.

SECTION 9. Compensation. Members are not compensated for service on Committee or subcommittees.

SECTION 10. Effective Date. This ordinance is effective immediately after passage upon the receipt of eight affirmative votes, or, in the absence of eight affirmative votes, ten days after passage.

PASSED and APPROVED this 7th day of November, 2024.

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RON NIRENBERG

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Debbie Racca-Sittre, City Clerk

Andrew Segovia, City Attorney