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What's the climate action plan, Mayor Faulconer?



On the same schedule as planned by the Sanders administration

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On Monday, September 22, city-council president Todd Gloria followed through on his <u>Sunday</u> <u>promise to environmental activists</u>. Gloria said he would push mayor Kevin Faulconer to take action on the city's "Climate Action Plan," introduced during Gloria's stint as interim mayor before Faulconer assumed the office but given little notice since.

On Monday, the full council backed the Environment Committee sub-group in adopting a resolution urging Faulconer to move toward implementation of the plan.

Already, the matter has been delayed — Gloria originally envisioned final approval by early 2015, but recent statements from the mayor's office indicate the earliest timetable for adoption has been pushed to later in the spring.

Activists, including Environmental Health Coalition policy advocate and city Economic and Environmental Sustainability Task Force member Kayla Race, applauded the move.

"Dozens of public meetings have guided the climate plan's development over a four-year process. It's all complete — now we're just waiting for the mayor to take action," said Race in a statement issued shortly after the council's 5-3 unofficial party-line vote (Marti Emerald was absent from the session) backing the plan. "We hope mayor Faulconer will make a concrete commitment now to support the plan and the years of public input that has gone into it so our city can get to work on effective solutions."

Faulconer's office has made no mention of the plan since late July, when spokesman Craig Gustafson said in a statement that progress was being made "on the same timeframe as was planned by the previous administration."

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The Mayoral plan is to delay, if not why wouldn't he of announced something while all the climate events were happening across the nation, and locally!?! Even the petroleum maven Rockefeller Bros. Foundation moved from dirty coal & called for moving to #renewables investing! Once again San Diego gov't is gonna be a follower rather than 21 century leader! SHAME on the Sham! & Monopolistic SDG&E/SEMPRA!

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