Climate Action Plan (CAP) Update- We Want to Hear from You!

Summary Of Responses

Topic Registration Type: No registration

As of July 29, 2020, 8:55 AM, this forum had: Topic Start

Attendees: 491 June 15, 2020, 3:55 PM

Responses: 387 Hours of Public Comment: 19.4

QUESTION 1

1. How would you describe your knowledge about climate change?

		%	Count
I've heard of climate change, but don't know much about it		1.6%	6
I feel somewhat informed about climate change issues		36.3%	139
I feel very informed about climate change issues		59.0%	226
I am an expert in the field	l	3.1%	12

QUESTION 2

2. Please describe in 1-2 sentences what a climate-friendly Santa Clara would look like to you. (for example: I envision a Santa Clara with EV (electric) buses, safe bike lanes and routes, and more trees.)

Answered 354
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QUESTION 3

3. Please prioritize each of the following climate-related issues in order of most to least importance to you.

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- 1. Renewable energy
- 2. Energy efficiency
- 3. Waste reduction
- 4. Urban forest and green space
- 5. Water conservation
- 6. Biking and walking
- 7. Recycling + composting
- 8. Public transit
- 9. Food systems security and supply chains
- 10. Climate resiliency
- 11. Electric vehicles
- 12. Access to trustworthy information and data
- 13. Electrification of buildings
- 14. Other

QUESTION 4

If you selected other, please elaborate:

Answered 60

Skipped 327

QUESTION 5

4. Please rank each of the following climate-related threats facing Santa Clara in order of importance to you, 1 being most important, 5 being least important.

Extreme heat

	%	Count
1	17.2%	65
2	24.3%	92
3	21.7%	82
4	17.5%	66
5	13.8%	52

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Worse air quality

	%	Count
1	38.9%	147
2	23.5%	89
3	16.1%	61
4	10.1%	38
5	9.3%	35

Drought

	%	Count
1	38.1%	144
2	26.7%	101
3	16.9%	64
4	9.0%	34
5	8.5%	32

Wildfire		
	%	Count
1	15.1%	57
2	19.8%	75
3	19.8%	75
4	18.3%	69
5	16.1%	61

Sea level rise

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	%	Count
1	9.5%	36
2	15.3%	58
3	14.3%	54
4	17.5%	66
5	26.7%	101
Grid/electricity disruption		
	%	Count
1	17.5%	66
2	15.9%	60
3	22.2%	84
4	16.1%	61
5	18.5%	70

QUESTION 6

5. Since the adoption of Santa Clara's 2013 Climate Action Plan, the City has reduced emissions by 15% below 2008 levels. Moving forward, what target should Santa Clara set for reducing Green House Gas (GHG) emissions ? (Select one)

The State target of 40% below baseline levels by 2030 and 80% below baseline levels by 2050 (California SB 32 target)

%	Count
21.9%	80

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	%	Count
The State target of carbon neutral by 2045, which refers to achieving net zero carbon dioxide emissions by balancing carbon emissions with carbon removal or offsetting, or eliminating carbon emissions altogether (California Executive Order B-55-18)	24.9%	91
Less/slower than the State GHG reduction targets above (i.e. 25% by 2050)	6.0%	22
Faster than the State GHG reduction targets above (i.e. carbon neutral by 2035)	41.0%	150
Other	6.3%	23

QUESTION 7

6. Who do you feel is most responsible for addressing climate change? (Prioritize from most to least responsible)

- 1. State government
- 2. Federal government
- 3. Local and regional government agencies
- 4. Private corporations
- 5. Residents
- 6. International government organizations
- 7. Academic organizations and research institutions
- 8. NGOs/non-profit and advocacy organizations
- 9. Religious and faith-based organizations

OUESTION 8

7. What are some things you can do as an individual to support Santa Clara's efforts to reduce its greenhouse emissions?

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QUESTION 9

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8. What do you think the City of Santa Clara should do to address climate change?

Answered 328

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QUESTION 10

9. Are there significant barriers to addressing climate change in Santa Clara? If so, what are they?

Answered 271

Skipped 116

QUESTION 11

10.Please prioritize each of the following co-benefits provided by the implementation of climate solutions in order of most to least important.

- 1. Improved air and water quality
- 2. Improved public health
- 3. Reduced dependence on fossil fuels
- 4. Biologically diverse and healthy ecosystems
- 5. Reduced waste
- 6. Reduced traffic congestion
- 7. Increased community resilience to climate and other hazards
- 8. Creation of green jobs and businesses
- 9. More equitable community

QUESTION 12

a. How old are you?

	%	Count
Under 18	2.0%	7
18-30	15.2%	53
31-64	61.0%	213

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	%	Count
65+	21.8%	76
PUESTION 13		
What is your background?		
	%	Count
merican Indian + Alaska Native	0.6%	2
sian	14.0%	47
lack or African American	1.2%	4
lispanic or Latino	6.3%	21
lative Hawaiian + Other Pacific Islander	0.6%	2
Vhite or Caucasian	71.0%	238
wo or more races	6.3%	21

QUESTION 14

c. Do you live or work in Santa Clara?

	%	Count
Live	45.1%	161
Work	15.7%	56
Both	34.2%	122
None	5.0%	18

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QUESTION 15

d.If yes, where? Please denote live and/or work, and Zip code or neighborhood:

Answered 322

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QUESTION 16

e.Do you rent or own your home/apartment?

	%	Count
Rent	23.9%	82
Own	68.5%	235
N/A	7.6%	26

QUESTION 17

f.Do you represent, or are you associated with, any of the following sectors? (Select all that apply)

	%	Count
Energy	2.1%	7
Institutions	14.4%	47
Tech	21.7%	71
Faith/religious based groups	10.4%	34
Environmental advocacy organizations	12.5%	41
Walking and cycling	17.4%	57
Public transit	2.8%	9

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	%	Count
Water	1.5%	5
Waste	1.2%	4
Design, development, or construction	3.4%	11
Business owners	8.6%	28
None	31.8%	104
Other	15.9%	52

QUESTION 18

Please provide your email address, if you would like to receive updates about Santa Clara's Climate Action Plan:

Answered 178

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