

# Memorandum



DATE August 16, 2024

TO Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

SUBJECT **2024 Bond CECAP Resolution**

On August 21, 2024, the Office of Environmental Quality and Sustainability (OEQS) will join the Office of Bond and Construction Management to brief the City Council on “2024 Bond Program Prioritization and CECAP Bond Resolution.” OEQS will seek City Council adoption of the 2024 Bond CECAP Resolution on August 28, 2024. Financing: No cost consideration to the City.

## **BACKGROUND**

On May 27, 2020, the City Council unanimously adopted the Comprehensive Environmental and Climate Action Plan (CECAP). The CECAP includes 8 goals and 97 climate mitigation, climate adaptation, environmental quality, and environmental justice actions.

In May 2023, the Office of Environmental Quality and Sustainability (OEQS) briefed the Environment and Sustainability Council (ENVS) Committee, now the Parks, Trails, and the Environment (PTE) Committee, on advancing the CECAP through the 2024 Bond Program. At the request of the ENVS Committee, staff began working with departments to ensure the City advances the CECAP through the 2024 Bond Program. Staff also began working with the City of Dallas Environmental Commission (EVC) to provide specific recommendations for the 2024 Bond Program.

The focus of the 2024 Bond CECAP Resolution is to advance CECAP targets, such as achieving 100.00% net zero energy new construction by 2030. The resolution outlines goals for City infrastructure projects included in the 2024 Bond Program and thereafter to target, to the greatest extent practical: requiring LEED™ Gold for appropriate City buildings and considering piloting building projects using more sustainable certification levels and programs (e.g., LEED™ Zero Carbon, Architecture 2030 Framework, International Living Future Institute design principles); requiring Envision and/or SITES for non-building infrastructure projects and considering piloting Smart Surface tools, Parksmart, and climate positive design; requiring appliances and equipment with a top 20% energy rating; requiring the energy benchmarking and tracking of performance data of projects using tools such as Department of Energy’s Green Button product; and requiring the submittal by vendors of environmental product declarations prior to the material’s purchase.

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## **PRIOR ACTIONS**

On May 10, 2023, the EVC unanimously supported recommendations from the EVC Strategic Partnerships & Innovation Subcommittee. On June 6, 2023, OEQS briefed the ENVS Committee on Environmental Commission Recommendations. On June 6, 2023, OEQS briefed the ENVS Committee on Environmental Commission Recommendations. On February 5, 2024, OEQS provided a briefing update to PTE Committee, which requested that OEQS draft a resolution to better ensure the incorporation of the CECAP into the 2024 Bond Program. The resolution's status was briefed to the PTE on June 3, 2024, and then to the EVC on July 10, 2024.

## **NEXT STEPS**

Briefing City Council on August 21, 2024, on the "2024 Bond Program Prioritization and CECAP Bond Resolution."

Seeking City Council support and adoption of the 2024 Bond CECAP Resolution on August 28, 2024.

If you have questions or need additional information, please contact Carlos Evans, Director of OEQS, at 214-670-1642 or [carlos.evans@dallas.gov](mailto:carlos.evans@dallas.gov).



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