

May 13, 2024

Dear Grant Reviewer,

As co-applicants, the Southeastern San Diego (SSD) Community Planning Group (CPG) is committed to supporting the "Blueprint for Community Climate Resilience" project led by Groundwork San Diego. As voices for the Southeastern San Diego communities, we advocate for investments in our neighborhoods—areas historically overlooked—and ensure they are no longer marginalized in urban planning discussions.

This initiative is a crucial step forward in transforming our approach to climate resilience. It not only integrates the insights of our residents but also positions them as central figures in directing project outcomes. To amplify our impact and extend our outreach, this grant would allow us to allocate resources for a dedicated support staff. This enhancement would bolster our all-volunteer group, enabling us to advocate more effectively for transformative, community-led environmental improvements.

We are enthusiastic about leveraging community science alongside sophisticated mapping efforts to pinpoint critical needs and opportunities. The anticipated General Development Plan for Southcrest Parks and Recreation Center is a response to long standing community demand, promising essential recreational spaces and significant climate resilience benefits such as improved air quality, flood mitigation, and reduced urban heat effects.

This project is about empowering our community to craft solutions that address the unique climate risks we face, including flooding and air pollution. Our commitment extends to actively engaging our community, encouraging participation in scientific data collection, raising awareness of environmental challenges, and embedding local perspectives into comprehensive adaptation strategies. The "Blueprint for Community Climate Resilience" project is set to catalyze significant change, fostering sustainability and resilience that will ripple throughout our community. We are fully committed to the success of this project and the profound impact it promises for the livability and environmental health of our neighborhoods.

Thank you for considering this initiative. We are poised and ready to drive transformation through strategic, community-driven climate adaptation efforts, setting a standard for how communities can shape their future resilience.

Sincerely,

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Southeastern San Diego Community Planning Group