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Mayor Edwin Lee to hear from climate advisory panels

Climate policy key to green jobs; local businesses support city's emissions reduction goals

What: At the city's first Green Economy Forum, Mayor Edwin Lee will hear the greenhouse gas reduction recommendations of local climate action committees relating to business, energy independence, transportation, and more. Five community and business advisory panels will present Mayor Lee with letters in support of the city's greenhouse gas reduction goals.

Who: Mayor Edwin M. Lee, SF Environment Director Melanie Nutter

When: Wednesday, May 25—1 pm

Where: Golden Gate University, 536 Mission St

SF Environment's Climate Action Program, which is in charge of developing a citywide climate action plan to reduce greenhouse gas emissions 20 percent below 1990 levels, convened a series of advisory panel meetings with businesses, nonprofits, city agencies and members of the public to share what the city is doing to address climate change, as well as to solicit ideas about what can be done within each sector. The five panels looked at green space in the city and its role in mitigating and adapting to climate change, energy efficiency, transportation, challenges faced by the commercial sector, as well as the connection between climate policy, green jobs and underserved communities.

The Business Advisory Panel released the following statement:

We recognize that the commercial sector comprises approximately 40 percent of San Francisco's greenhouse gas emissions (primarily through building energy use and vehicle trips), and that as such, businesses play an important role in meeting our community's emissions reductions targets. ... We believe that collective cross-sector efforts have a greater impact than acting alone. Through organizations such as the Business Council on Climate Change, we seek to engage the City, County and other businesses, to assist the City and County of San Francisco in meeting its greenhouse gas emissions reduction goals.

The Business panel was convened by the Business Council on Climate Change, and included representatives from Arup, Bentley Prince Street, Blue Shield of California, Cole Hardware, Gap in., Google, Hilton, New Resource Bank, PG&E, Safeway, True Market Solutions, Wells Fargo, and Yahoo! Inc.

The Green Economy Forum, sponsored by the Environment Department and the Office of Economic and Workforce Development, will address advancing the green job landscape in San Francisco. Attendees include representatives from community organizations, jobs training programs, government agencies, and the business community. ###