

October 26, 2023

**Subject:** SGC Priority 3 on Housing, Climate, and Equity: Panel Discussion

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## Summary

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## Background

On December 15, 2022, the Strategic Growth Council passed a [resolution](#) calling for a coordinated approach to housing, climate, and equity efforts that support strategic growth across California ("Council Priority 3" or "Priority 3"). The Resolution creates a framework for elevating and coordinating the growing number of goals, policies, and programs designed to improve access to affordable housing in healthy and amenity-rich communities, provide a variety of transportation options that reduce the need to drive, and preserve and ensure access to natural and working lands. Leveraging the Council's position as a public interagency body, Priority 3 aims to build awareness of and access to opportunities across the state, as well as to identify additional strategies to meet the State's housing, climate, and equity goals in a coordinated manner through a combination of public engagement, technical assistance, and coordination across traditional silos of policy and planning.

## Panel Discussion: Regional Planning for Housing, Climate, and Equity

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**Panelists**

- Murtaza Baxamusa, Ph.D. – Program Manager for Regional Sustainability and Climate Action, County of San Diego
- Darbi Berry - Director of Climate and Environmental Programs, San Diego Regional Climate Collaborative
- Shasta Gaughen, Ph.D. - Environmental Director and the Tribal Historic Preservation Officer for the Pala Band of Mission Indians in Pala, California