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# CLIMATE ACTION PLAN

For a Sustainable Community

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# Mesa's Climate Action Plan (MCAP)

- Lead by Council's Strategic Initiative: Healthy Environment

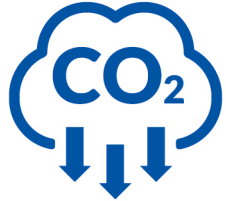


*“We proactively and responsibly protect and conserve Mesa’s environment and natural resources to reduce urban heat, carbon and waste for a healthy community for all.”*

- MCAP approved by Council in June 2021, lead with City operations

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# ASPIRATIONAL GOALS



## ASPIRATIONAL GOAL #1: **Carbon Neutrality**

- Achieve carbon neutrality by 2050 by reducing greenhouse gas emissions and enhancing carbon sinks
- Strive to reduce the carbon footprint of City Operations by 50% by 2030



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- Prioritize the use of renewable, resilient energy to achieve 100% renewable energy by 2050



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- Manage material responsibly and divert 90% waste from the landfill by 2050



## ASPIRATIONAL GOAL #4: **Community Action**

- Develop community-based action items to be incorporated into the Plan

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# FOCUS AREAS



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# City Leading By Example

- Pathway to achieving MCAP Goals
- Departments across the City are engaged
- \$10M approved by Council for MCAP projects for FY 22/23
- Major projects planned and underway
- Tracking progress



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# Engagement Opportunities

## Community Action



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Community Workshops



On-line Engagement



Virtual Public Meetings



Climate Action Prioritization Survey

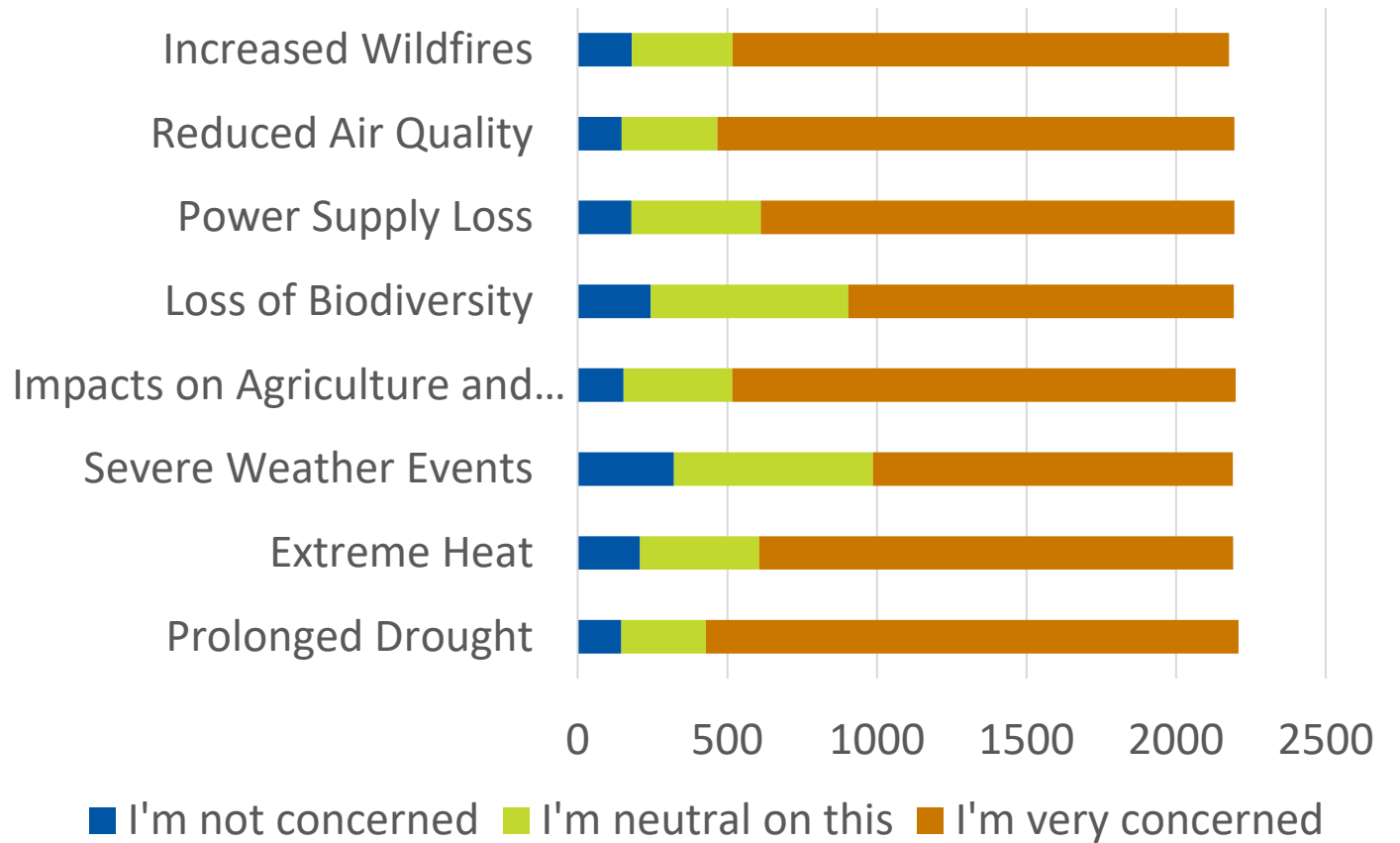
# Prioritization Survey



13 Questions



2,221  
Respondents



# Business Support for MCAP



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"We fully support the City of Mesa and their forward-thinking Climate Action Plan, which is in alignment with Meta's sustainability efforts both in Mesa and globally...We look forward to our continued partnership with the city as they work to achieve their important sustainability goals."

David Williams, Meta  
Community Development Regional Manager



"CAVU Aerospace gives 100% support to Mesa's Climate Action Plan. The plan will bring a much-needed awareness to increase sustainability in our growing community."

Ken Kocialski, CAVU Aerospace  
Owner



"SRP would like to congratulate the City of Mesa for developing Mesa's Climate Action Plan (MCAP) and its aspirational goals for 2050. SRP and the City have mutual goals and visions for the future of Central Arizona, and SRP is proud to support your efforts..."

Kelly Barr, Salt River Project  
Associate General Manager and Chief Strategy, Corporate Services and Sustainability Executive



"Banner Health is proud to see the positive strides that the City of Mesa is taking in the pursuit of making our communities healthier and more sustainable for the future. The philosophy of the city is one that aligns greatly with our organization. This will certainly help our communities for generations to come!"

Mark Barkenbush, Banner Health  
Vice President, Facilities Services



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An aerial photograph of a city street at dusk. The street is lined with palm trees and modern buildings. A large, prominent building with a red roof and arched windows is visible in the background. The sky is a mix of orange and blue, indicating sunset. The image is partially obscured by a white diagonal shape on the right side of the slide.

# Community Key Findings

## *Priorities*

Responsible Water Management

Improve Air Quality

Transition to Renewable Energy

***City initiatives viewed as providing the most benefit to mitigating the effects of climate change***

Resilient water supply

Tree and shade plan

Increase renewable energy infrastructure



# Community Recommendations

## Education

Identify opportunities to educate the Mesa community on green living, cost savings, and climate education.

## Inclusive Communication

Provide ongoing communications to keep the community informed about the progress toward climate goals.

## Strategic Partnerships

Build community partnerships with thought leaders, technical experts, youth, and other community leaders for climate action outreach and education.

## Funding and Incentives

Identify and/or develop funding, incentives, and resources that support climate action.

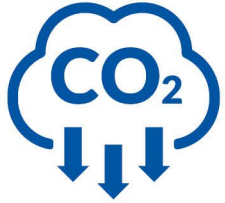


# Continued Engagement

- Enhance community action messaging
- Promote equitable solutions in our community
- Conduct community workshops
- Collaborate with interest groups
- Leverage partnerships
- Empower community leaders



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## ASPIRATIONAL GOAL #4: **Climate Ready Community**

- Enhance community resilience through collaboration and inclusive engagement

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## MCAP 2.0: What is New?



Updated MCAP 2.0 with  
community action



City operations  
implementation matrix



Adjusted Aspirational Goals  
and strategies to reflect  
progress



## Looking Ahead

- Track impact on ‘Healthy Environment’ Data Dashboard
- Collaborate and enhance community engagement
- Continue to bring department projects forward to Council for consideration
- Plan is a living document that will evolve over time - updates will be ongoing

# A VIBRANT HEALTHY FUTURE FOR MESA





QUESTIONS?