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# **POMONA ACTS CHECK PRESENTATION AND PRESS EVENT**

*Announcement of Pomona ACTS, a transformative new climate initiative funded by a $22 million California Strategic Growth Council grant.*

POMONA, CA—The City of Pomona, along The Energy Coalition (TEC), a California-based nonprofit organization, will be announcing the Awarded Transformative Climate Communities Round 5 Implementation Grant by the California Strategic Growth Council to fund an community-focused initiative – Pomona Activated for Community Transformation and Sustainability (Pomona ACTS).

Located within the vibrant city of Pomona, this groundbreaking effort aims to position Pomona as a model for the sustainable communities of the future. With its dynamic downtown, two Metrolink stations, mixed-use corridors, beautiful parks, and a diverse population exceeding 60,000, the 5 square mile project area within Pomona is poised to become a shining example of a climate-resilient community.

Pomona ACTS encompasses a range of strategies guided by principles of social justice, collaboration, and shared decision-making. Anti-displacement policies, workforce development programs, and greenhouse gas reduction initiatives are designed to maximize benefits, foster long-term investment, and create lasting partnerships.

The nine exciting projects connecting residents to transportation, renewable energy, green infrastructure, and improved community healthto be implemented as part of Pomona ACTS include:

* **Complete Streets Pedestrian and Bicycle Improvements:** that will provide active transportation improvements along a central corridor of the city, including bike lanes, enhanced lighting, sidewalk improvements, landscaped medians, and intersection improvements.
* **Metro Transit Pass Program:** that will launch the “Metro Transit Pass Program” which will provide passes to low-income students, seniors, and disabled residents within the project area.
* **E-Bike Library and Rebates:** that will provide free e-bikes to local residents annually.
* **EV Chargers and EV Adoption Education Campaign:** that will install and maintain EV chargers while conducting an outreach campaign to promote EV adoption.
* **Resilient and Healthy Homes:** that will install solar, batteries, and electrification measures in order to increase energy resilience and improve air quality in homes.
* **Residential Cool Roofs**: that will replace roofs on homes with cool roofs.
* **Community Energy Resilience Centers:** that will install solar, battery storage, and energy efficiency upgrades at Pomona Public Library and Palomares Park Community Center to create a Community Resilience Center.
* **Tree planting:** that will plant street trees in the project area and provide follow-up maintenance to make sure the trees thrive.
* **Community Urban Farm:** that will expand the infrastructure at Lopez Urban Farm to improve local access to healthy food and improve community health outcomes.

The $22,125,000 grant was awarded to The Energy Coalition along with the following co-applicants and sub-applicants: The City of Pomona, LA Metro, San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments, GRID Alternatives, Day One, Lopez Urban Farm, Latino and Latina Roundtable, Green Paradigm, CHERP, Active SGV, San Gabriel Valley Conservation Corps, Clean & Green, and God’s Pantry. Work on the projects is anticipated to start in quarter three of this year.

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| **What:** | **Pomona Acts Check Presentation and Press Event** |
| **Who:** | * **Laurel Rothschild, Vice President, The Energy Coalition** * **Mayor Tim Sandoval, City of Pomona** * **Stephanie Wiggins, CEO, LA Metro** * **Tim Hepburn, President, San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments** * **Lynn von Koch-Liebert, Executive Director, Strategic Growth Council** |
| **When:** | **Thursday, January 11, 2024 2:00pm - 2:30pm** |
| **Where:** | **City of Pomona Civic Center Plaza 505 S Garey Avenue, Pomona, CA 91766** |

*The Energy Coalition (TEC) is a California-based 501(c)3 nonprofit with almost 50 years of experience designing and implementing strategies that transform energy use, generate capital and inspire people to take responsible energy actions. By bringing ideas, technology, and expertise to public agencies, businesses, educators, and more, TEC is creating the building blocks for a new energy economy. TEC focuses on the following four core service areas: Program Design & Implementation, Education & Workforce Development, Marketing, Outreach & Engagement, and Policy Leadership & Planning. Learn more at* [*energycoalition.org*](http://energycoalition.org/)*.*

*For more information on the Strategic Growth Council's Transformative Climate Communities grant and Round 5 funding, please visit* [*https://sgc.ca.gov/programs/tcc/*](https://sgc.ca.gov/programs/tcc/)*.*