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For the first time in history, the majority of the planet's population lives in cities, and continued urbanization creates a new set of challenges and opportunities to address environmental issues.





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While many cities are part of the problem, a group of California cities has come together to create solutions.



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- Berkeley, Los Angeles, Pasadena, Sacramento, San Diego, San Francisco, San José, Santa Barbara, Santa Monica, Marin County
- Collectively we represent more than 8 million California residents







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Local environmental problems contribute to significant public health impacts in our cities, including:

- air pollution
- water pollution
- solid waste
- traffic congestion
- toxic chemicals



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Current global environmental challenges put our cities and our residents at serious risk over-consumption of natural resources

- climate change
- peak oil
- availability of clean fresh water
- food security
- environmental justice



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To address these problems, each of us has:

- Adopted local sustainability plans, the United Nations Urban Environmental Accords, and the U.S. Conference of Mayors Climate Protection Agreement
- Demonstrated leadership in achieving effective solutions to these environmental challenges



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Collectively, we have:

- Built more than 210 green buildings totaling more than 6.5 million square feet
- Installed more than 20 Mw of solar
- Purchased more than 4,700 alternatively fuelled vehicles



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Our PURPOSE:

Work together to promote state and national environmental policies to:

- reduce greenhouse gas emissions
- promote extended producer responsibility
- champion sustainable land use
- and advance environmental justice principles



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Our PURPOSE:

Assist other local governments throughout the state and the nation in adopting and implementing sustainable policies and practices



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## Our COLLABORATIONS:

- Purchase of 100% recycled paper
- Elimination of bottled water for government operations
- Develop and adopt campaigns for:
  - Municipal purchase of local California foods
  - A carbon offset plan for municipal air travel
  - Fuel efficiency standards for municipal fleets



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## Our IMPACTS:

- Members annually purchase half a billion sheets of office paper
- Our total office paper cost exceed \$5 million dollars



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## Our IMPACTS:

- By converting to 100% post-consumer recycled paper, the ten cities and counties will save:
  - 67,000 trees
  - 8,600,000 pounds of CO2 emissions
  - 19,600,000 gallons of water
  - 11,500,000 kilowatt hours of electricity



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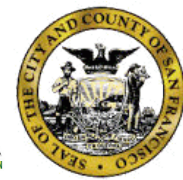
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## Our NEXT STEPS:

- Engage in collective campaigns
- Advance local, state and federal programs and policies
- Engage new cities in sustainability planning



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The cities and counties of Berkeley, Los Angeles, Pasadena, Sacramento, San Diego, San Francisco, San José, Santa Barbara, Santa Monica, and Marin THANK YOU for your support.

## QUESTIONS?

