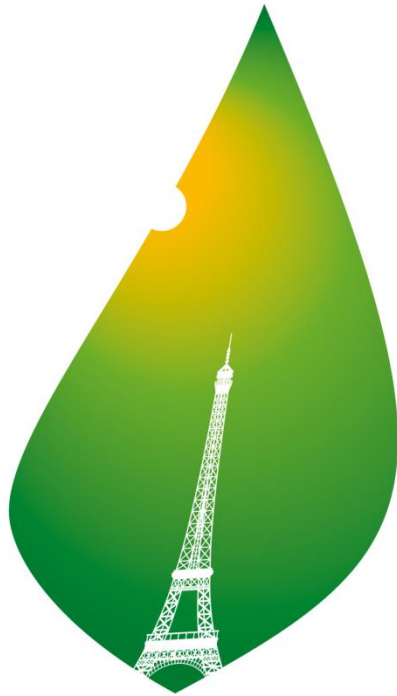


# UN Conference of Parties (COP21)

## Paris, France



# Background



COP21 • CMP11  
**PARIS 2015**  
UN CLIMATE CHANGE CONFERENCE

- Began at the Rio Earth Summit in 1992
- COP3 where the Kyoto Protocol was adopted in 1997 (Chula Vista attended and signed letter of support)
- COP 21 local and subnational governments are recognized as essential actors in fast tracking transformative action in the urban world

# Why Cities Are So Important



Cities represent 2% of global land area but generate 70% of GHG emissions. Also, 90% of cities are on coastal or inter-coastal waterways



Cities are in the best position to affect change by implementing smart city planning which can lower energy costs and improve mobility and quality of life.



Real momentum can only occur when nations and cities collaborate.



If cities take climate action in three sectors – buildings, transportation and waste – the impact would be greater than the total emissions of the United States and 28 member states of the European Union combined.

# Chula Vista Leadership



Founding member of ICLEI-Local Governments for Sustainability.



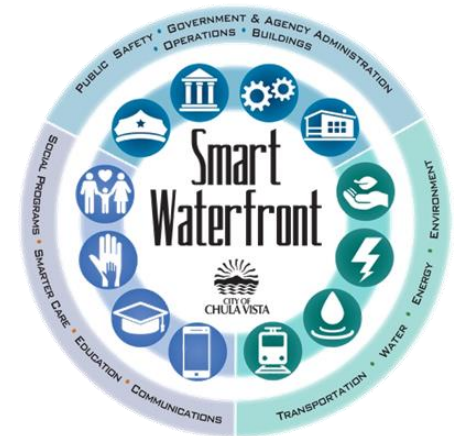
Recognized locally and nationally as a leader in environmental projects.



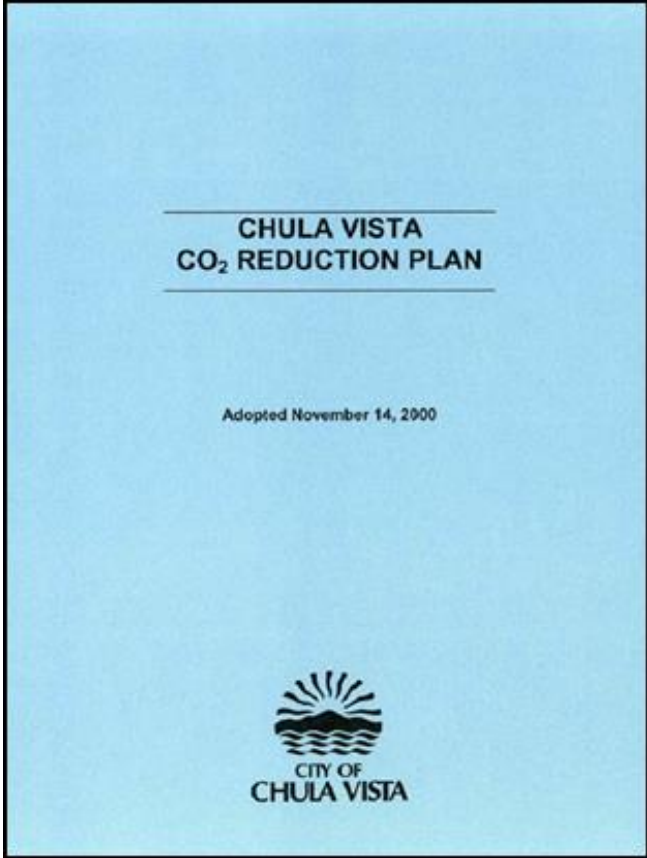
First City in the County to prepare a Climate Action Plan.



The Smart Waterfront Project will utilize technology to continue the fight against climate change.



# Chula Vista Leadership



CHULA VISTA  
CO<sub>2</sub> REDUCTION PLAN

Adopted November 14, 2000



- Citywide Recycling Plan – 1993
- First Climate Plan Adopted – 2000
- Mitigation Plan – 2008
- Adaptation Plan – 2011
- Mitigation Update – 2015
- Comprehensive CAP – Early 2016

# Local Climate Leaders Circle

- The Local Climate Leaders Circle consists of 12 mayors and local officials identified as champions for climate action in national and international policy forums
- The group formed a delegation for the UN Conference of Parties in Paris in December 2015
- The Leaders Circle committed to the Compact of Mayors



# Local Climate Leaders Circle

*“These 12 cities deserve great credit for acting quickly to confront climate change”* – Michael Bloomberg, United Nations Special Envoy for Cities and Climate Change and former Mayor of New York City.





# Compact of Mayors

Launched at the 2014 UN Climate Summit



Through the Compact, cities are:

- Increasing their visibility as leaders responding to climate change
- Demonstrating their commitment to an ambitious global climate solution
- Encouraging direct public and private sector investments in cities by meeting transparent standards similar to those followed by national governments
- Building a consistent and robust body of data on the impact of city action
- Establishing a common platform to capture the impact of cities collective actions
- Accelerating more ambitious, collaborative, and sustainable local climate actions



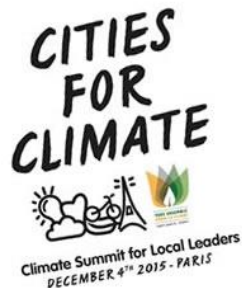


# Cities for Climate

Climate Summit for Local Leaders Paris City Hall (Hotel de Ville)

## **Paris City Hall Declaration**

*“We declare solemnly that climate change is our common challenge and that advancing climate solutions is a shared responsibility, and a matter of rights, equality and social justice. An effective, global response to climate change presents one of the greatest economic opportunities of the 21<sup>st</sup> century, will protect public health, and strengthen sustainable development mindful of human rights and women’s empowerment”*



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# UNFCCC COP 21 Agreement



Unanimously approved by 195 nations



Confirms to limit global warming to well below 2° degrees Celsius, with the intent to pursue a 1.5° target to protect island states which are the most threatened by rise in sea levels.



Countries will review their contributions toward reducing their greenhouse gas emissions every five years from 2020



Agreement acknowledges that \$100 billion must be raised each year through 2020 to finance projects that will enable countries to adapt to the impacts of climate change or reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

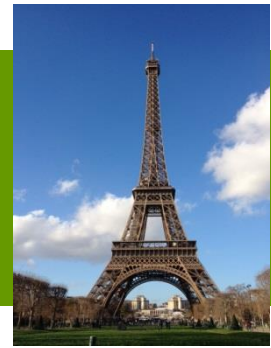


Establishes an obligation for industrialized countries to fund climate finance for poor countries



Creates a stronger system for tracking commitments

# Go Paris Go!



***“I was honored to showcase the work the City of Chula has been doing to combat climate change. It was a great experience made special by the many encounters with people from all over the world.” - Mayor Mary Salas***



Interview with Bloomberg News



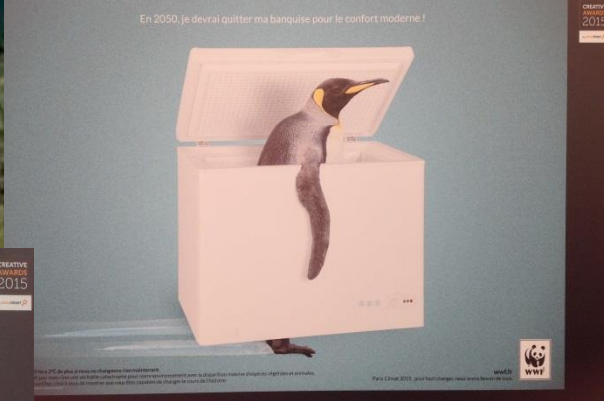
Mayor of Paris, Anne Hidalgo



Senator Kevin de Leon



# Climate Change Art



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Paris Climat 2015 : pour tout changer, nous avons besoin de tous.



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