Overview of OUSD Climate Action and Sustainability Planning Approach

A truly just planning process requires all voices to be lifted up, most importantly those voices from Black, Indigenous, Communities of Color (BIPOC) that have consistently been silenced throughout the entirety of US History.

The proposed approach to the creation of an equitable and just Climate Action and Sustainability Planning process can be described in three phases.

Phase One - OUSD Climate Emergency Action Resolution
This Resolution is high level and intentionally defers the work of strategic planning and goals-setting to the policy development phase in order to allow for deep and meaningful stakeholder engagement. The intent of this Resolution is to declare an emergency and establish an OUSD Task Force and Community Sustainability Advisory Council to work hand-in-hand to define and implement an equitable and just planning process.

In Summary the Resolution:
- Declares Climate Emergency
- Establishes Interdepartmental Task Force
- Establishes Sustainability Advisory Council
- Sets a concrete goal to achieve 100% clean electricity by 2030 and phasing out the use of fossil fuels by 2040 (this is the only goal called out in the Resolution as it is central to climate action)
  - Highlights the need to keep the concerns of Black and Indigenous People of Color (BIPOC), frontline and marginalized communities central in the planning process and implementation

Phase Two - OUSD Climate Action and Sustainability Board Policy
This policy will present the vision of OUSD's Climate Action and Sustainability Activities. The policy will provide high-level direction and establish overarching sustainability goals. The policy will be created by the OUSD Task Force and Community Sustainability Advisory Council, working in collaboration. Prior to the drafting of this board policy, these bodies will define an equitable and just policy planning process to guide policy development.

In Summary, the Policy will:
- Establish OUSD's vision for climate action and sustainability work
- Establish high-level goals for each area of this work as described in the Resolution
- Provide a general framework for related implementation activities
- Be developed in partnership with Oakland’s extensive network of community based organizations, especially those serving BIPOC members
  - Be fully vetted by the general public and by all corners of OUSD’s community of stakeholders
  - Will provide a road map for comprehensive and robust sustainability planning at the district level

Phase Three - Sustainability Plan / Administrative Regulations
This plan (AKA Administrative Regulation) will serve as OUSD’s comprehensive implementation plan related to climate action and sustainability. It will be the single resource containing all of OUSD’s sustainability goals, strategies, implementation timelines, funding considerations, etc. The Interdepartmental Task Force and Sustainability Advisory Council should be proactively proposing updates to this plan on a regular basis which will inform the formal board-approved updates every two years.

Tentative Timeline
Phase One - (Resolution) - Initiated in August; First Read September 23rd; Board Approval October 28th (2020)
Phase Two - (Policy) - March 2021 through March 2022 (target board meeting closest to earth day (4/22) for approval)
Phase Three - (Plan) - April 2022 - April 2023