

# City of Albany Climate Mitigation & Adaptation Plan Survey Questions

## Basic information

- What is your affiliation with the City of Albany? Please select all that apply
  - I live in Albany
  - I work in Albany
  - I own property in Albany
  - Other [please specify]
  - Please list any City affiliations or community groups you participate in (text box)
- How would you best describe your knowledge of climate change?
  - Novice - I've heard of climate change, but don't know much about it
  - Aware - I keep up on some climate issues, but not all of them or very often
  - Competent - I am generally informed about climate change issues
  - Expert – I am a professional in the field and/or closely involved in the issue

## Priorities for Climate Mitigation

- Please rate how important you think it is for the City to address climate change through “mitigation,” the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions.
  - Top priority
  - Medium priority
  - Low priority
  - Not on the agenda
  - Don't know
- Do you think Albany should be a leader among U.S. cities when it comes to addressing climate change?
  - Strongly agree, agree, neither agree/disagree, disagree, or strongly disagree
- Please provide your views on the following: (Strongly agree, agree, neither agree/disagree, disagree, or strongly disagree):
  - It is important for governments to prepare for the local effects of climate change.
  - It is important for individuals to prepare for the local effects of climate change.
  - It is important for the City of Albany to do its part to reduce emissions and combat global climate change.
  - A failure to plan for the local effects of climate change would have negative consequences for the community.
  - A failure to plan for the local effects of climate change would have negative consequences for our local economy.

- The City government should put the most effort into minimizing community greenhouse gas emissions from...

*Rank choices*

1. Transportation: including emissions from personal vehicles, freight transport, and public transit
  2. Buildings and energy use: including emissions from residential and commercial electricity and natural gas use
  3. Solid waste: including waste generated within the community
  4. Water: including emissions associated with cleaning, delivering, and treating water
  5. Consumption: including emissions associated with goods, and services consumed within the City
  6. Food and agriculture: including emissions associated with the consumption of food
- Individuals should put the most effort into minimizing their impact on community-wide greenhouse gas emissions from...

*Rank choices*

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- When developing an updated Climate Action Plan, it's also important to me that the City consider...

*Rate choices on sliding scale*

- Public health (such as local air quality, traffic injuries, and access to healthy food)
  - Beautification and increasing green space
  - Local economic growth
  - Housing affordability
  - Socioeconomic equity
  - Minimizing resource use, such as water use and waste generation
- What do you see is the role of the City of Albany in mitigating climate change?
    - Allocation of public funds
    - Regulating development
    - Education
    - Monitoring
    - Other (text box)

- Do you have specific suggestions of actions the City of Albany should take to reduce its greenhouse gas impact? Creative and innovative ideas are welcome! (text box)
- Please list examples of things the City could do to help motivate you to reduce your own carbon footprint (such as providing monetary incentives for home upgrades or better sidewalk and bike infrastructure). (text box)

### **Priorities for Climate Adaptation**

- In relation to other City services, please rate how important you think it is for the City to address climate change through “adaptation,” efforts to plan or prepare for or manage the projected impacts of climate change.
  - Top priority
  - Medium priority
  - Low priority
  - Not on the agenda
  - Don’t know
- How concerned are you about the following in Albany? (I’m not sure, very concerned, somewhat concerned, not concerned)
  - Sea level rise
  - Long-term drought and water availability
  - Extreme heat
  - Natural habitat loss
  - Wildfires
  - Heavy rainfall and flooding
  - Heat related health risks (heat stroke, dehydration, etc.)
  - Fire and smoke related health risks (breathing difficulty, heart problems, etc.)
  - Economic impacts to families or businesses (e.g. due to flooding damaging property)
  - Displacement due to flooding or wildfire
- How much do you support or oppose City government expending public funds to protect your community against harm caused by climate change?
  - Strongly oppose
  - Somewhat oppose
  - Somewhat support
  - Strongly support
  - Don’t know
- Do you have any specific suggestions of actions the City of Albany should take to reduce risks and harm from climate change?

### Potential barriers to success

- What do you see as barriers to additional climate action?
  - Costs of implementation and lack of public funds
  - Lack of City staff resources
  - Lack of community interest
  - Lack of City Council interest
  - Lack of regional or State government support
  - Lack of Federal government support

### Conclusion

- Would you like to be involved in the planning process?
  - Yes, I plan to stay up to date by following the City's [newsletter](#) and/or signing up for [e-notifications](#)
  - No, I'm not interested in further involvement
  - Other (text box)

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