

# CAP FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Below is a list of frequently asked questions prepared for the Climate Action Plan public comment period. This document along with all referenced materials can be found at [www.cabq.gov/cap](http://www.cabq.gov/cap) and [www.cabq.gov/captaskforce](http://www.cabq.gov/captaskforce).

## 2021 ALBUQUERQUE CLIMATE ACTION PLAN

**What is the 2021 Albuquerque Climate Action Plan?** The [2021 Albuquerque Climate Action Plan](#) will be the most recent update to the 2009 Climate Action Plan and will serve as a guide to mitigate the impacts of climate change across Albuquerque. This effort is directed by the [City Resolution R-19-187](#) declaring a climate emergency and is planned for release on Earth Day 2021.

**Is this plan going to build on the 2009 Plan?** Yes, the task force is building on the work that has already been done, but is not beholden to it. The aim of the 2021 CAP update is to center on the experiences of Albuquerque's frontline communities. The 2009 Climate Action Plan can be found [here](#) or by visiting [www.cabq.gov/captaskforce](http://www.cabq.gov/captaskforce).

**What are frontline communities?** Frontline communities are those that will be impacted "first and worst" by the effects of climate change. These communities include Indigenous, Black, and other communities of color, as well as communities of low-income and other groups that face greater exposure to pollution and climate hazards with more limited resources to respond. Because of these communities' experiences the City understands that they are in the best position to strategize on Albuquerque's climate mitigation path.

**Where can we find the referenced documents?** Referenced documents are accessible on both the [City of Albuquerque](#) and [New Mexico First](#) climate action plan websites. These documents include meeting notes, presentation recordings, and informative one-pagers for each of the task force topic areas including: waste, transportation, sustainable buildings, climate conscious neighborhoods, and governance and economic development.

**Who will be writing the 2021 Plan?** [New Mexico First](#), a local non-profit dedicated to democratic civic engagement facilitated the process, has recorded recommendations from the CAP Task Force that will make up the plan policies. Following public comment, New Mexico First will work with task force members to incorporate public comment, finalize task force recommendations, and test narrative content for final adoption into the plan. City staff and New Mexico First will draft narrative content and appendices for the 2021 Albuquerque Climate Action Plan.

## TASK FORCE

**What is the task force?** [The Albuquerque Climate Action Plan Task Force](#) is a group of diverse community members with strong connections to Albuquerque's frontline communities who applied and were selected to develop recommendations for the plan. Over the last several months this group has worked together to produce recommendations for the 2021 Climate Action Plan.

**Who are the task force members?** A list of all 18 task force members can be found on the [City of Albuquerque](#) and [New Mexico First](#) websites.

**How were the task force members selected?** The City of Albuquerque recognizes that [climate change compounds existing inequities](#), and that those communities who are likely to be the most impacted by climate change are those best able to develop solutions. In line with these values, the City in partnership with New Mexico First, selected task force applicants who were able to authentically represent and connect to frontline communities.

**How were these recommendations chosen?** The task force worked together in facilitated meetings from October 2020 to February 2021 to further learn the nuances of Albuquerque's climate crisis from subject matter experts and fellow community members to provide [recommendations for the 2021 Albuquerque Climate Action Plan](#). These recommendations are now available for public comment. Residents may provide feedback by completing the public comment survey or attending one of two virtual public comment meetings.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT SURVEY**

**How can I access the survey?** Albuquerque residents can access the public comment survey between February 8, 2021 and February 26, 2021 at [www.cabq.gov/cap](http://www.cabq.gov/cap).

**How long will the survey take?** The survey will ask you to prioritize up to 5 recommendations for 21 different topics and is estimated to take anywhere from 15-30 minutes to fully complete.

**How will my feedback be incorporated?** Task force members will review all public comment materials during the March 9<sup>th</sup> Task Force meeting. This meeting is open to the public and can be accessed on the [City of Albuquerque](#) and [New Mexico First](#) websites. Following the task force review of public comment, New Mexico First will incorporate the final recommendations for the final Plan released on April 22, 2021.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT MEETINGS**

**Do I need to register?** Yes, all participants are required to register. Participants can do so in either [English](#) or [Spanish](#).

**How will the public comment meetings be formatted?** There will be two virtual public comment meetings in mid-February to allow Albuquerque residents to comment on the draft 2021 Climate Action Plan recommendations. Both meetings will be hosted using a Zoom webinar format and can be accessed by computer or telephone. The first meeting is on Wednesday, February 17<sup>th</sup> from 12-2 p.m. and the second is on Thursday, February 18<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Both meetings will cover the same material with small discussion groups to allow for more in-depth public feedback.

**Are these public comment meetings being recorded?** Yes. Both public comment meetings will be recorded and available on the [City of Albuquerque](#) and [New Mexico First](#) websites. Materials will be posted up to three business days after each meeting.

**I have accessibility needs but would still like to participate. What options do I have?** The City of Albuquerque is committed to providing an equitable opportunity to participate. If you have any specific accessibility considerations, please reach out to [sustainability@cabq.gov](mailto:sustainability@cabq.gov) and City staff will work to accommodate you.