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White House Council on Environmental Quality Office of Public Engagement:

I am submitting below a signed White House Climate Leadership Pledge form for the University of California.

PLEDGE:

As institutions of higher education, we applaud the progress already made to promote clean energy and climate action as we seek a comprehensive, ambitious agreement at the upcoming United Nations Climate Negotiations in Paris. Although we are optimistic that world leaders will reach an agreement to secure a transition to a low-carbon future, we recognize the urgent need to act now to avoid irreversible costs to our global community's economic prosperity and public health. Today our school pledges to accelerate the transition to low-carbon energy while enhancing sustainable and resilient practices across our campuses.

We put forth our pledges as follows:

University of California

As a signatory in one of Second Nature's three Climate Leadership Commitments, the University of California system is part of a robust network of over 600 college and university presidents and chancellors who have committed their institutions to take bold and catalytic climate actions.


As part of our Commitment we will:

- Achieve carbon neutrality by 2025.
- Make carbon neutrality and sustainability a part of the educational experiences for all students.
- Expand research in carbon neutrality and climate resilience.
- Profitably invest at least \$1 billion of our endowment and pension funds over the next five years in solutions to global climate change, as part of the White House's Clean Energy Investment Initiative.

UC's Carbon Neutrality Initiative builds on our pioneering work on climate research and furthers its leadership in sustainable business practices. We are improving our energy efficiency, developing new sources of renewable energy and enacting a range of related strategies to cut carbon emissions.

By 2025, UC is committed to emitting zero net greenhouse gases, becoming the first major university system to achieve carbon neutrality.

I have formed a Global Climate Leadership Council to advise me on achieving the ambitious goal of achieving carbon neutrality, while also providing guidance for furthering UC's other longstanding sustainability goals. The Council will also integrate the Carbon Neutrality Initiative and other sustainability goals into UC's teaching, research, and public service mission. The council comprises scientists, administrators, students, and experts from inside and outside UC, and will engage the entire University community in its effort.


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