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MAYOR GALLEGO ELEVATES PHOENIX ON GLOBAL CLIMATE STAGE
Joins with international mayors focused on sustainable solutions

(PHOENIX) – Mayor Kate Gallego delivered Phoenix’ innovation and best practices on climate and sustainable solutions across multiple audiences this week as she met with global climate leaders during [COP26](#) (Conference of the Parties 26), also known as the United Nations Climate Conference, held in Glasgow, Scotland. Mayor Gallego participated in conversations, panels, and discussions across a broad range of topics, including climate innovation in cities and using data to accelerate climate action, to extreme water conservation, green jobs, and green investments.

“We are growing the jobs important to a sustainable future for the health of our city and for the families proud to call Phoenix home,” said Mayor Gallego. “These past few days demonstrate our community is an innovative leader in climate and sustainability, and our goal is to be the most carbon neutral and water wise desert city on the planet.”

The city has advanced an array of multi-pronged actions on climate:

- The City of Phoenix recently adopted an accelerated comprehensive Climate Action Plan with a new goal to be net-zero by 2050, with 50% ghg emissions reductions by 2030.
- Phoenix is a global leader in cool pavement development; with more than 40 miles treated, it is the largest application in the U.S. Data shows cool pavement works, delivering a reduction of 10 to 12 degrees Fahrenheit (5-6 degrees Celsius).
- Phoenix is first in the nation to launch a publicly funded Office of Heat Response and Mitigation, led by Dr. David Hondula, tasked with seeking innovative solutions while monitoring other departments’ activities to ensure a coordinated approach.
- The City has a comprehensive approach that includes water conservation and heat mitigation strategies, such as development of 100 Cool Corridors by 2030 that will include native and desert-adapted trees, and will use data to identify the greatest need with a focus on low-income and heat vulnerable communities.



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In Glasgow on Wednesday, Mayor Gallego was named Public Sector Co-chair of the [50 Liter Home Coalition](#) (50L Home), a collaborative of private, public, and civic leaders who aim to reinvent the future of urban water use through innovations that reduce carbon emissions and promote water security for all.

Braulio Eduardo Morera, director of 50L Home, welcomed her willingness to serve. “Her vision for Phoenix as a desert community that prioritizes sustainable growth will be a north star for our work; together we will innovate new water and energy solutions, learn from global best practices, and share what Phoenicians have learned,” Morera said.

Additionally, Mayor Gallego is North American Vice-chair of [C40 Cities](#), a group comprised of 30 mayors, half from the global north and half from the global south. She also serves as co-chair of [Climate Mayors](#), and is chair of the Jobs, Education, and Workforce Committee of the [U.S. Conference of Mayors](#). In a panel discussion with C40 Cities on Tuesday, she highlighted Phoenix’ aggressive approach to take action on circular economy, clean light rail construction, electric vehicle manufacturing, and how these approaches will grow good paying, green jobs.

From Glasgow, Mayor Gallego traveled to London where she will meet with businesses interested in establishing or expanding their corporate presence in Phoenix.

Follow Mayor Gallego’s activities and media interviews on [Twitter](#) (@MayorGallego), [Facebook](#), and [Instagram](#) (mayorkategallego).

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