

OVERALL RANK

9/75

9 out of 57 cities in large metro areas

OVERALL SCORE

55%

137.5/250 total points

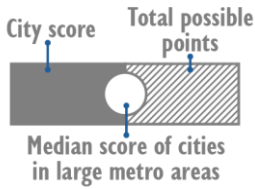
2024 CITY CLEAN ENERGY SCORECARD

# San José, CA

San José was one of the stronger performers among its peers, and it maintained the same ranking as the previous scorecard. San José performed best in the community energy infrastructure category and can notably improve in the local government operations category.

### Recommendations

- Adopt retrocommissioning policies.
- Adopt a policy requiring efficient outdoor lighting.
- Establish building energy performance standards to reduce energy use and GHG emissions.
- Implement affordability requirements in buildings incentives programs.
- Work with utilities to formalize partnerships with community-based organizations.
- Implement inclusive procurement and contracting processes.



The following sections highlight San José's performance on a few key metrics that ACEEE Scorecard authors identified as high impact. To learn more about San José's Scorecard results, visit <https://www.aceee.org/city-clean-energy-scorecard>.

### COMMUNITY-WIDE INITIATIVES



31.5/45 Points



San José is on track to meet its near-term goal to reduce GHG emissions 36% below 1990 levels by 2030. The city conducts multilingual community meetings, surveys, and trainings to reach disadvantaged communities. The city participates in the High Road Training Partnership, which aims to support high-quality building decarbonization jobs for disadvantaged workers.

### BUILDING POLICIES



33/70 Points



San José's updated its Reach Code in 2022 to align with the recent state building code cycle and includes EV-, solar-, and electric-readiness requirements. The city offers priority financing for developers incorporating green building features into affordable housing units.

### TRANSPORTATION POLICIES



31.5/70 Points



California's SB 9 allows lots in single-family zones to be split into two lots and up to two units to be built on each lot, which applies to San José. California's code requires multifamily properties with 20+ units to install EV chargers in 5% of the total parking spaces. Low-income residents can receive a Clipper START card and purchase transit fare at a discounted rate.

### COMMUNITY ENERGY INFRASTRUCTURE



33.5/40 Points



Pacific Gas and Electric (PG&E) offers several programs for low-income customers and multifamily properties. San José Clean Energy (SJCE), the city's municipal electric utility, and PG&E partner on low-income programs. The city is a founding member of SJCE, and this local government CCA supplies power to the majority of San José residents and businesses.

### LOCAL GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS



8/25 Points



The city is developing one- and five-year Capital Improvement Plans for city facilities, which will include energy efficiency projects. Roughly 95% of San José's streetlights are LEDs, and efficient vehicles make up 25% of its fleet.



### EQUITABLE PRACTICES: 34.5/85.5 POINTS

Each chapter of the City Scorecard included metrics assessing equitable practices cities are taking to advance clean energy, totaling 85.5 points available across the Scorecard.

