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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:

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As a signatory in one of Second Nature's three Climate Leadership Commitments, UCSB 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. These Climate Leadership Commitments are a key driving force for transformative change on our campus. As part of our Commitment we will:

- With UC, achieve carbon neutrality by 2025 and create thresholds for increasing climate resilience.
- Expand research in carbon neutrality and climate resilience.
- Expand campus renewable energy. Late last year the campus completed construction on the largest student-funded solar photovoltaic arrays, which more than doubled UCSB's onsite renewable energy generation. Currently, the campus is in negotiation with a solar electric generation firm for a ~5 megawatt photovoltaic Power Purchase Agreement at six campus sites.
- Expand energy efficiency programs. UCSB has already made tremendous strides towards greater energy efficiency, by example, total natural gas usage decreased by 16% in 2014/2015 as compared to the prior year. Natural gas usage per square foot has been reduced by over 54% over the past 10-year timeframe.

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Chancellor Henry T. Yang

University of California, Santa Barbara

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