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Santa Barbara Named as Finalist for U.S. Mayors Climate Protection Award

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The City of Santa Barbara was announced as a finalist for the 1st Annual Mayors' Climate Protection Award. Santa Barbara was named as an award finalist with four "small cities" with a population under 100,000, including Fayetteville, AR; Northbrook, IL; Palm Desert, CA; and Richardson, TX. Award finalists in the "large city" category include New York, NY; Seattle, WA; Chicago, IL; Honolulu, HI; Austin, TX; and Baltimore, MD.

The Mayors' Climate Protection Award recognizes cities that are making their communities greener, healthier and more sustainable. The winners will be announced on Saturday, June 23rd at the Annual U.S. Conference of Mayors Meeting in Los Angeles.

According to Mayor Marty Blum, "I'm delighted that the City of Santa Barbara was selected as a finalist for the prestigious award. I'm one of hundreds of mayors across the country that are taking action to prevent climate change. I'm pleased that Santa Barbara is recognized as one of the greenest cities in the nation."

To learn more information about the City of Santa Barbara's efforts to prevent climate change and become more sustainable, check out the 2007 Annual Sustainable Santa Barbara Report on the City's website at www.SantaBarbaraCA.gov.