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Deal document, he added, could also serve to inform various city commissions of the council's priorities and spur community discussion.

"This adds to the ammunition we have—to the resources we have to go forward," Ory told the CN&R. "What happens often is the disconnect between [commissioners] and the council after they're appointed. You don't have joint meetings. There's ... little opportunity to engage the Airport Commission or the Planning Commission."

Ory said he believes a majority of the council will support the goals outlined and provide feedback to institute specific policy prescrip-

"Part of the strength is its comprehensiveness," he said. "And I think that it will get strengthened over time so that we're not doing a piecemeal operation."

There are aspects of the Chico Green New Deal that Brown says will not be easy to accomplish, nor will they be inexpensive. The vice mayor noted as an example the proposed additional treatment of the city's wastewater to pump it back into the community for re-use. But the city can begin to take financial steps and identify infrastructure placement in the short term.

Some proposals may be unpopular with city residents, the vice mayor acknowledged. As an example, she noted the city's partnership with the county to develop a community choice aggregation (CCA), which gives local governments the power to purchase and sell energy based on their residents' needs. As part of that effort, the Chico Green New Deal proposes automatically enrolling customers into a "higher clean energy portfolio," with the option to opt out rather than hoping residents opt in.

'You make it easier for people to do the right thing that is going to help you achieve your goals,' Brown said, adding, "I ran for office because I believe in culture change, and I think that the city of Chico has a unique opportunity right now to take this value of sustainability and climate action and really allow it to be embedded into our existing infrastructure—in our communications with the city of Chico and its residents."

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