



## CITY OF TUCSON

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## CITY OF TUCSON TO LAUNCH GREEN JOBS PROGRAM

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In early May, **Mayor Walkup** will sign the Green Jobs Pledge for the City of Tucson, formally launching a Green Jobs Program for the City. The Mayor and Ward V **Councilman Steve Leal** will also introduce the new *Tucson Green Jobs and Sustainable Community Coalition*. The coalition will function as a broad stakeholder group for informing and carrying forward the greening of Tucson's local workforce and economy.

The Green Jobs Pledge was created by the Green For All organization ([www.greenforall.org](http://www.greenforall.org)) which states: "We believe that the national effort to curb global warming and oil dependence can simultaneously create well-paid green-collar jobs, safer streets and healthier communities."

The Apollo Alliance defines green-collar jobs as "well-paid, career track jobs that contribute directly to preserving or enhancing environmental quality."

Capitalizing on the injection of Federal stimulus funding, the City is working in partnership with business, labor, government, environmental and community organizations to create a diversity of programs and projects of ongoing benefit to the full community. With a focus on the commonly held interest in an expanded and more sustainable economy, the opportunity for this program and the green jobs coalition is a hopeful sign to a distressed economy.

Visit Tucson's Green Jobs home page at: <http://www.tucsonaz.gov/greenjobs>