From: <u>DAVE CASEY</u>

To: <u>John Gioia</u>; <u>District5</u>; <u>Jody London</u>

Cc: <u>Amanda C-Cell</u>

Subject: Contra Costa Climate Emergency Resolution

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Dear Supervisor Gioia, Supervisor Glover, and Ms London,

Thank you for the opportunity to speak on Contra Costa County's proposed Climate Emergency Resolution (CER) at the May 29th Sustainability Committee meeting and thank you for providing an opportunity for residents of Contra Costa to review and make suggestions for the CER.

A group of residents from Sustainable Rossmoor have been reviewing the draft CER and have made several revisions and additions to hopefully improve the effectiveness of the Resolution in the face of the of the looming climate emergency and California's commitment to reduce greenhouse gases by 2030.

Attached are two version of the Committee's draft CER with Sustainable Rossmoor's revisions. One copy has revisions and additions as "Tracked Changes" and the other copy is a "Clean" version with all tracked changes accepted.

Please let us know if you have any questions or how our team can assist in this process.

Thank you
Dave Casey, for Sustainable Rossmoor
Planet Friendly Eating
Cleaner Contra Costa Challenge

RESOLUTION NO.____ CONTRA COSTA COUNTY, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE DECLARATION OF A CLIMATE EMERGENCY IN CONTRA COSTA COUNTY THAT DEMANDS ACCELERATED ACTIONS ON THE CLIMATE CRISIS AND CALLS ON LOCAL AND REGIONAL PARTNERS TO JOIN TOGETHER TO ADDRESS CLIMATE CHANGE.

RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Contra Costa, State of California, that:

WHEREAS, according to the 2018 Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) Special Report on Global Warming of 1.5 Degrees C(1) describes a 20 year window (until 2038) to reach carbon neutrality in order to have a "two-thirds chance of limiting warming to 1.5 Degrees C;" which is the consensus opinion of the world's leading climate scientists and has been reviewed and approved by over 100 nations prior to publication; and; increasing emissions of greenhouse gases (GHG) will cause global temperatures to rise 1.5 degrees Celsius by as early as 2030; and

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WHEREAS, the State of California has recognized the need for careful study and

planning to decrease demand and supply of fossil fuels, while managing the decline in a way that is economically responsible and sustainable; and

WHEREAS, for Contra Costa County, rising global temperatures will cause sea levels to rise (up to six feet or more by year 2100 under certain scenarios), contribute to increasingly extreme weather, including intense rainfall, storms, and heat events, and heightened risk of wildfires; and

WHEREAS, the consequences of climate change pose risks to life, safety and critical infrastructure in Contra Costa County and throughout the world, and threaten physical, social, and economic well-being; and

WHEREAS, climate change impacts in Contra Costa County will be most acutely felt by children, seniors, low income populations, communities of color, and residents with unstable economic or housing situations; and

WHEREAS, the Vulnerability Assessment developed for the Envision Contra Costa 2040 General Plan indicates that the most vulnerable County residents, including households in poverty, low-income households, and persons experiencing homelessness, are more likely to be severely impacted by a changing climate, including flooding, wildfires, extreme heat, and poor air quality; and

WHEREAS, the Vulnerability Assessment also indicates that there is severe vulnerability in the County's agriculture sector, industrial and manufacturing centers, including oil refineries, rangelands, and the Delta due to climate impacts, as well as infrastructure including major roads and highways, flood control, parks and open space, railroads and BART, and wastewater treatment plants and infrastructure; and

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WHEREAS, the County has taken a number of actions to address climate_change, some of which include: adopting and implementing the 2015 Climate Action Plan; selecting MCE as the electricity provider for unincorporated Contra Costa County, in large part because of the higher clean energy content MCE offers; investing in clean energy, efficient building technologies, and alternative fuels for County operations; providing opportunities to generate more clean energy in Contra Costa County; developing an electric vehicle readiness blueprint; providing energy efficiency programs to County residents; increasing composting and recycling in County facilities; and

WHEREAS, per a June 10, 2020, McKinsey & Company report, government spending on renewables creates fifty more jobs per \$10 million invested than spending on fossil fuels; and

WHEREAS, the current pace of climate actions may still fall short of reducing_the projected harm to people and places and accelerated actions need to be taken to reduce our GHG emissions and implement solutions to prepare and protect our communities; and

WHEREAS, by declaring a climate emergency, Contra Costa County will join the over 1,000 national, international and local jurisdictions, including many in the Bay Area, that have

made similar declarations that commit to reducing GHG emissions and planning for climate change; and

WHEREAS, the County invites all Contra Costa cities and agencies to also approve a Climate Emergency Declaration to create a unified Countywide voice around climate change and to strengthen the call for state and federal actions and funds to address the economic, social, public health, and national security threats posed by the climate crisis.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors (BOS) of the County of Contra Costa (County) declares a climate emergency that threatens the long-term economic and social well-being, health, safety, and security of the our County, state, nation, civilization, humanity and the natural world.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the BOS of the County commits to a county-wide mobilization effort to reverse global warming and the ecological crisis, which reduces county-wide greenhouse gas emissions as quickly as possible and no later than 2030.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the County immediately initiates an effort to safely draw down carbon from the atmosphere.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the County ensures a just transition for workers and residents.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the County accelerates adaptation and resilience strategies in preparation for intensifying local climate impacts.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the BOS of the County shall direct the creation of a County Climate Task Force comprised of the head of the Department of Conservation and Development work with the County Administrator, and other County department heads, agency heads, and heads of special districts, to establish an interdepartmental task force of Department heads, or their immediate deputies, the Sustainability Coordinator and two Sustainability Commissioners with the purpose of initiating a county-wide mobilization effort to reverse global warming and the ecological crisis, and reduce county-wide greenhouse gas emissions as quickly as possible and no later than 2030.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Climate Task Force members will arrange for all-staff meetings to educate Contra Costa County staff on the latest climate science and current actions, policies and programs and their anticipated outcome.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Climate Task Force members will prepare written reports and submit them to the Sustainability Commission and the Sustainability Committee, at least twice per year, that will focus on: implementing the County's Climate Action Plan and

- identifying additional actions, policies, and programs the County can undertake to reduce and adapt to the impacts of a changing climate
- opportunities for radical greenhouse gas and co-pollutant emissions reductions and
 greenhouse gas drawdown opportunities through updates to the County's General Plan
 and Climate Action Plan, including metrics that prioritize the decrease of fossil fuel use
 and climate adaptive land use planning
- on the maximum emergency reductions in greenhouse gas emissions from their operations by 2030.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Climate Task Force to report back to the Sustainability Commission and the Sustainability Committee, within its first 90 days, on the feasibility for the phase out of fossil fuel extraction, including immediate changes to land use regulations, on opportunities for radical greenhouse gas and co-pollutant emissions reductions and greenhouse gas drawdown opportunities through updates to the County's General Plan and Climate Action Plan, including metrics that prioritize the decrease of fossil fuel use and climate adaptive land use planning, of new or expansion of existing fossil fuel infrastructure.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the BOS of the County directs the Sustainability

Coordinator to include greenhouse gas and co-pollutant impact statements, greenhouse gas and co-pollutant reduction and greenhouse gas drawdown statements in all relevant Board motions, much as it currently includes fiscal impact statements.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Sustainability Commission seek input commits to engaging county residents in public deliberations on the climate emergency and mobilization declaration and to seek input from the community to help the County anticipate and plan for an economy that is less not dependent on fossil fuels, helps plan for a just transition from a fossil-fuel dependent economy, and considers how the County's recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic can incorporate the County's climate goals. As the State of California adopts policies and goals for reducing pollution and addressing climate change, the County will consider with the assistance of the Sustainability Commission what this will mean for County health, safety, infrastructure, jobs, and revenues, jobs, health, and infrastructure including new opportunities and how frontline communities will realize economic and other these benefits. The Commission will include this topic in its ongoing advice to the Board of Supervisors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED₂ that health, socio-economic, and racial equity considerations should will be included in policymaking and climate solutions at all-

levels and across all sectors as the consequences of climate change have significant impacts on_all County residents, especially the <u>young</u>, the elderly, low-income or, communities of color, <u>the elderly</u>, the <u>young</u>, and other vulnerable populations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the County recognizes that the full participation, inclusion, support, and leadership of community organizations, faith communities, youth, labor organizations, academic institutions, indigenous groups, homeowners associations, business and business associations, recreational and health care facilities, and racial, gender, family, immigrant and disability justice organizations and other allies are integral to the climate emergency response and mobilization efforts.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the BOS of the County joins a nationwide call for a regional, national and international climate emergency mobilization effort focused on rapidly catalyzing a mobilization at all levels of government to reverse global warming and the ecological crisis, and provide maximum protection for all people and species of the world.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, in furtherance of this resolution, the BOS of the County shall submit a certified copy of this resolution to all cities in the County, to the State of California and to all relevant agencies.

(1) IPCC Special Report on Global Warming of 1.5 degrees C, Chapter 2, p. 96

From: Contra Costa County Climate Leaders (4CL)

To: <u>Jody London</u>

 Cc:
 Contra Costa County Climate Leaders

 Subject:
 Fwd: CCC Climate Emergency

 Date:
 Thursday, May 28, 2020 12:10:57 PM

Dear Jodi, I will try to attend the 10 am meeting tomorrow. if you have a call in number could you please provide it? Zoom is not working for me right now. So in the meantime, the call in option would be great.

If i am unable to attend, I kindly request that you read these comments into the minutes regarding the emergency climate resolution agenda item

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Dear Sustainability Commissioners,

Contra Costa County Climate Leaders (4CL) appreciates your focus on joining thousands of communities demanding our local leaders do two things (1) acknowledge the Climate Emergency and (2) mobilize immediately.

The draft resolution you have before you sets a very good base and clearly does an excellent job of 'acknowledging the Climate Emergency' in the "whereas" section.

However, in order to achieve the second goal 'to mobilize immediately', please include clear, specific, measurable directives in the "Be it resolved" actions. The items that are currently included, lack the robustness necessary to take on the clearly layed out crisis we face.

Our organization provides links to best practices on this and other local government climate policy topics. Please consider some of the language in these climate emergency resolutions passed in other cities.. Here: www.cccclimateleaders.org/issues/climateemergency

We request that you consider the following examples of language we pulled from those other local government Resolutions:

- A. BE IT RESOLVED, the county shall implement a Climate Action and Resiliency Plan in 2020, that includes a baseline greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions inventory for both community wide and county operations, that is reviewed and adjusted on an annual basis to ensure 100% reduction of municipal greenhouse gas emissions and to become 100% fossil-free as quickly as possible and no later than 2030. And the CAP shall specify clear time-lines, benchmarks, and accountability with annual review
- B. BE IT RESOLVED, the county shall add a new section to all staff reports that reviews the impact of any actions (or notes if there is no impact) on ghg emissions. sustainability, and resiliency, and any mitigation measures to drawdown emissions
- C. BE IT RESOLVED, the county shall revise the general plan in 2020 to incorporate agressive ghg reduction practices, and require annual reporting on general plan progress be posted on the front page of the county website with a clear dashboard that indicates progress on climate goal implementation plans. Along with clear visuals of how the county is

meeting its greenhouse gas reduction goals.

D. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: the county commits to establish a staff climate Emergency Commissioner who will oversee and ensure progress on adressing the climate crisis.

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED: the county commits to deliberative democracy, which underscores the need for full community involvement, and commits to involve and inform residents, Businesses and non profit groups, about the climate emergency, through Town Hall meetings, messaging, staff training, and other processes in which citizen deliberation is central to decision-making; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: the County calls on the State of California and the United States as a whole to initiate an emergency mobilization to mitigate climate change, and end

greenhouse gas emissions, and immediately draw down carbon from the atmosphere.

These statemenrs are more commensurate with the acknowledged emergency; and puts the climate crisis front and center to be addressed as an emergency priority, and to provide opportunity for immediate mobilization to address that emergency.

Thank you for your consideration!

Lynda
Lynda Deschambault
Environmental Scientist and Educator
Executive Director
www.cccclimateleaders.org

May 28, 2020

Dear Supervisor Glover and Supervisor Gioia,

RE Climate Emergency Resolution

It was surprising for me to learn of the Climate Emergency Resolution in a passing email. To my knowledge, there was not public announcement of this draft and I could not find it independently on the Ad Hoc Committee site as recently as a few days ago.

The process for moving this forward disappoints me. Both of you have seen growing resident interest over the past two years in the work of your committee. How is it we are not informed or invited to have input on this resolution? It is also odd to me that it did not go before the Sustainability Commission for discussion prior to its arrival on your agenda. What is the role of the Commission in reviewing and commenting on a resolution like this, so closely allied to their work?

The content of this resolution also disappoints me. I know many communities have jumped on the band wagon of passing such a resolution, regardless of any real intent to do more than sign the resolution. That is not what I want for my County. Nor do I want my County providing that example to cities in my county, who might think this a meaningful act.

If we are in a climate emergency, we need to recognize the reduction targets are now higher than what is mentioned. Governor Jerry Brown's executive ordered (echoed by many scientific bodies) is that we have to achieve carbon neutrality by 2045, if not sooner.

I would support a resolution with a clearer declaration of intent for the Board of Supervisors to act on this emergency. An emergency, as our dictionary reminds us, implies that we prioritize some things over other things, and we set clear accountability and metrics for addressing the emergency. COVID-19 has shown that our emergency and public health responses are vulnerable. We are not prepared for what is coming. So, a commitment to naming a climate emergency would recognize that accelerated emissions reduction and much more creative resiliency planning is essential and has to start now.

If this Resolution's "Resolve statements" reveal the level of political will to address this emergency, we are in trouble.

With respect and a desire to find other places where we can continue to accelerate progress addressing this threat multiplier that is climate change.

Marti Roach

(for affiliation only: 350 Contra Costa, 350 Bay Area Action, Contra Costa Climate Action Network)

Comments from the Just Transition Levin Richmond Terminal Working Group

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Sustainability Commission seek input from the community to help the County anticipate and plan for an economy that is less dependent on fossil fuels, helps plan for a transition from a fossil-fuel dependent economy, and considers how the County's recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic can incorporate the County's climate goals. As the State of California adopts policies and goals for reducing pollution and addressing climate change, the County will consider with the assistance of the Sustainability Commission what this will mean for County revenues, jobs, health, and infrastructure including new opportunities and how frontline communities will realize economic and other benefits.

The Commission will include this topic in its ongoing advice to the Board of Supervisors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County's Climate Action Plan will be revised to include the creation of a Just Transition Commission of labor, community members and public officials that will develop a Just Transition Plan for transitioning fossil fuel workers and affected communities in the County. The Just Transition Plan will identify the timing and location of potential fossil fuelrelated facility closures and job layoffs and their impact on affected workers, businesses, and the community; pathways to job training, apprenticeships, and alternative employment for transitioning workers; job counseling and placement services; and transitional benefits (e.g. wage differential benefit, pension protection, and healthcare insurance). The plan will further identify the projected short-term and long-term cost of each plan component; potential sources for sustainable short-term and long-term funding for just transition plan implementation; and the need for any further enabling legislation.

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