

**From:** [Pam Allio](#)  
**To:** [John Gioia](#); [District5](#)  
**Cc:** [Jody London](#)  
**Subject:** CCC Climate Emergency Resolution  
**Date:** Monday, July 27, 2020 9:44:49 AM

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Dear Honorable Supervisors Gioia and Glover,

My name is Pam Allio, and I am a 20-year resident of Danville. All three of my children went through the San Ramon Valley Unified School System, attending Montair and John Baldwin Elementary Schools, Charlotte Wood Middle School, and San Ramon Valley High School.

I am writing to you today to thank you for your attention to the climate crisis and to express my strong support for passing a Climate Emergency Resolution in Contra Costa County.

We need a unified vision to help mitigate and adapt to the changes happening across our ecosystem. Taking URGENT action on the climate crisis is important to me because:

- The facts are clear that our planet is warming and we are not acting quickly enough to 'bend down the curve' to avoid the worst consequences.
- Climate change is here, as evidenced by the massive wildfires, droughts and severe weather we have experienced every year, causing dangerous air pollution levels throughout the Bay Area, including Contra Costa County and Danville. The effects on our lungs from this pollution makes all of us more susceptible to diseases, including COVID-19.
- Fossil fuel extraction and refining here in Contra Costa County is an important industry, employing thousands. We must ensure a just transition for those families, as we reduce our reliance on fossil fuels and phase out those industries in the years ahead. The fossil fuel industry has already begun transitioning their businesses to focus on more renewable energy and recognizes the effects of climate change on the County, as noted in Chevron's 2019 sustainability highlights citing four specific actions to reduce net greenhouse gas emissions by 2023.

**THEREFORE**, I am strongly in support of this Climate Emergency Resolution with ONE SUGGESTION. I would like to make sure this is not just a piece of paper that leads to no action.

I would like you to promise to publish an annual Climate Action Plan report within 90 days after the end of each year, so that the public like myself can monitor and hold our public officials accountable for progress.

Thank you very much for your important efforts in dealing with our response to local climate change.

Sincerely,

Pam Allio

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**From:** [DAVE CASEY](#)  
**To:** [Jody London](#); [John Gioia](#); [District5](#)  
**Subject:** CCC Climate Emergency Resolution  
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Ms London, Supervisors Glover and Gioia,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on Contra Costa's Climate Emergency Resolution. I am including below text of the comments I made at the Committee Meeting today related to the Task Force in the CER.

I propose:

1 A name change for the Interdepartmental Task Force:

- to Interdepartmental ***Climate*** Task Force

2 An increase in the composition of the Interdepartmental *Climate* Task Force to also include:

- the County Administrator
- Agency heads
- Special District heads
- the Sustainability Coordinator,
- and two Sustainability Commissioners

3 A change in the focus of the Interdepartmental *Climate* Task Force:

- from implementing the Climate Action Plan (CAP)
- to implementing a county-wide mobilization effort to reduce greenhouse gas emissions as quickly as possible to meet State and County targets.

4 Adding a task to the Interdepartmental *Climate* Task Force:

- to arrange for all-hands meetings to inform and educate County staff on the latest climate science and current greenhouse gases actions, policies and programs and their anticipated outcome

5 The Interdepartmental *Climate* Task Force's biannual Report to the Sustainability Commission, Sustainability Committee, and Board of Supervisors will include:

- current progress and
- actions, policies, and programs the County can undertake to i) radically reduce greenhouse gases, ii) increase the drawdown of greenhouse gases from the atmosphere, and iii) prioritize the decrease of fossil fuels and their use in the county

Although the process for review and revision is near its end, I hope that you will consider making changes to the CER that improve the Interdepartmental *Climate* Task Force's ability to better meet the climate crisis.

Thank you,

Dave Casey  
Sustainable Rossmoor Steering Committee  
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[Cleaner Contra Costa Challenge](#)

**From:** [Barbara Beno](#)  
**To:** [District5](#); [John Gioia](#)  
**Cc:** [Jody London](#)  
**Subject:** Climate Emergency Resolution  
**Date:** Monday, July 27, 2020 12:00:36 PM

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July 26, 2020

**To:** Supervisor Federal D. Glover, Chair ([District5@bos.cccounty.us](mailto:District5@bos.cccounty.us))  
Supervisor John Gioia, Vice Chair ([john\\_gioia@bos.cccounty.us](mailto:john_gioia@bos.cccounty.us))

**CC:** Jody London: Sustainability Director ([Jody.London@dcd.cccounty.us](mailto:Jody.London@dcd.cccounty.us))

Dear Members of the Sustainability Committee:

I am writing as a citizen of Contra Costa County to share my concern about our need to address the current and projected severe impact of global warming and climate change on our cities and county, as well as on the San Francisco Bay Region. Almost daily, recognized and legitimate news outlets include stories about the current and anticipated impacts of climate change on all aspects of society. It is vitally important that we step up and begin to take proactive steps to try to mitigate climate change, and even reverse it.

I am therefore asking that the Sustainability Committee adopted a resolution to declare a Climate Emergency in Contra Costa County as a first step toward focusing our collective efforts to mitigate climate change.

Thank you for considering my request.

Sincerely yours,

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**From:** [Nancy Hu](#)  
**To:** [District5](#); [John Gioia](#); [Jody London](#)  
**Subject:** Comment on the CCC State of Emergency on the Climate Crisis  
**Date:** Sunday, July 26, 2020 11:23:25 PM

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Dear Honorable Supervisors Gioia and Glover:

I am a current resident of Lafayette, and have been living there for 8 years now. I also serve on Lafayette's Environmental Task Force as Vice Chair. Before living in Lafayette, I grew up in Walnut Creek since 1992 and went to Valle Verde Elementary, Foothill Middle School, and Northgate High School (graduating class of 2003).

I wish I could join the meeting but because I will be at work, I am submitting a written public comment instead. Thank you for your attention to the climate crisis. I'd like to express my strong support for passing a Climate Emergency Resolution in Contra Costa County.

Taking urgent action on the climate crisis is important to me because I'm worried for the future of my children, who are now ages 4 and 6. With every year, wildfires in California get worse, and fire season gets longer and longer. In 2018, our kids' preschool and all the schools nearby closed due to the severity of the smoke. At that time, we didn't own an air purifier at home, and my older son told me he couldn't sleep because of the smoky smell. And my younger son, who was 2 at the time, had constant nosebleeds because of the smoke. I felt so helpless I couldn't protect my children. I have daily anxiety thinking of this fall with distance learning in play, with power shut offs, and wildfire... where will we go to escape the effects of our climate crisis? The scientists have made it clear that our planet is warming, and we are not acting quickly enough to "bend the curve" and avoid the worst consequences. Let's meet the moment!

Therefore, I am strongly in support of this Climate Emergency Resolution with one suggestion. I would like to make sure this is not just a piece of paper that leads to no action. Please promise to publish an annual Climate Action Plan report within 90 days after the end of each year, starting with 2020, so that the public, like myself, can monitor and hold our public officials accountable for progress.

Thank you very much for your strong efforts.

Sincerely,

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**From:** [Kelly K.](#)  
**To:** [District5](#); [John Gioia](#)  
**Cc:** [Jody London](#)  
**Subject:** Comment one Climate Emergency Resolution  
**Date:** Monday, July 27, 2020 11:19:03 AM

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Honorable Supervisors Gioia and Glover,

My name is Kelly Kyutoku, and I'm a senior at California High School. I'm a resident, and have lived in San Ramon for almost my whole life. I'm also a lead hub coordinator from the Sunrise Movement's San Ramon Hub; Sunrise is an intersectional movement of young people across the country fighting against climate change while creating millions of good jobs in the process. Thank you so much for paying attention to this crisis that is amidst us and speaking up on how important passing a Climate Emergency Resolution in Contra Costa County would be.

Living in San Ramon, I am privileged in the fact that we aren't directly impacted by the climate crisis, but we will be. Maybe not you, or your colleagues, but the youth of this county will be affected; our futures are important, and they should be treated as so. Despite not feeling the direct impacts right now, it's important that we acknowledge that many people in neighboring cities are on the front lines of the effects of climate change every day. We cannot fight against climate change, without fighting for climate justice. Black and Latinx communities are disproportionately affected by the climate crisis, and this stems from historical racism. We must stand in solidarity with these communities, during these times, and always. Continuing on, fossil fuel extraction and refining in Contra Costa is a source of jobs and income for workers and their families- but it's not their fault, we *must* ensure that there is a just transition for those workers when we phase out those industries. New jobs must be created, with things like paid training, and listening to the workers, for example to make sure this transition doesn't negatively impact those families.

Therefore, I am strongly in support of the Climate Emergency Resolution, however you must ensure that it incorporates environmental justice and equity, by listening to the voices of the impacted, meeting their needs, and reporting to the public about progress that is or isn't made. We need to make sure that this resolution isn't just something on paper; we need to see it being enacted in real life. We need to do better.

Thank you for your time,

Kelly Kyutoku,  
Sunrise San Ramon, Hub Coordinator

**From:** [Linda Flower](#)  
**To:** [Jody London](#)  
**Subject:** Emergency climate resolution  
**Date:** Monday, July 27, 2020 11:34:16 AM

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Hi Jody,

I am writing to you today to ask you to pass an emergency climate resolution. My name is Linda Flower. I have lived and worked in Lafayette, California since 1996. I am extremely concerned about runaway climate change. The devastation is happening at an exponential rate; every step we take is extremely important right now. Please pass an emergency climate resolution today.

Thank you, stay safe.

Linda Flower  
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Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [DEAN MAYER](#)  
**To:** [District5](#)  
**Cc:** [Jody London](#)  
**Subject:** Please support the Climate Emergency Resolution  
**Date:** Monday, July 27, 2020 10:40:03 AM

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July, 27, 2020

Honorable Supervisor Glover:

I'm a 20-year Moraga resident and homeowner writing to thank you for your attention to the climate crisis and urging your support for passing a Climate Emergency Resolution in Contra Costa County.

I'm worried for my future and that of my family and neighbors. We're already seeing the disastrous consequences of a warming planet in Contra Costa County. Last fall, all of Moraga was terrified by local wildfires and multiple power shutoffs due to climate-driven drought and high winds. More of the same is predicted for this fall, and PG&E indicates it may be as long as a decade before it can fully address tree trimming and grid modernization to mitigate the chances of these disasters.

The vast majority of the world's climate scientists have made it abundantly clear that we aren't acting quickly or boldly enough to control CO2 levels and avoid the worst consequences of climate change. From public health to public safety, the climate emergency threatens every aspect of life in Contra Costa—from Richmond to Brentwood to Lamorinda, and every other community in between.

So, again, I strongly urge you and the entire board to support the Climate Emergency Resolution—and to go one step further to ensure that it won't simply become a piece of paper left on a dusty shelf. I would like you to promise to publish an annual Climate Action Plan so that the county's citizens can monitor and hold our public officials accountable for progress.

Please act on the Climate Emergency Resolution like our lives depend on it. In fact, they do.

Thank you,

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**From:** [Harry Thurston](#)  
**To:** [Jody London](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment to the July 27, 2020 Meeting of the Sustainability Committee  
**Date:** Monday, July 27, 2020 10:58:06 AM

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## Public Comment on Agenda Item 4 of the 7/27/20 meeting of the Contra Costa County Sustainability Committee.

I am Harry Thurston, member of the Sustainability Commission and resident of Antioch, California.

However, this public comment represents my personal opinion.

I recommend the Sustainability Committee consider adding to the 1st “ BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED” on page four of the Climate Emergency Resolution, the additional statement of “achieving zero emissions by the year 2050”.

I will be 100yrs old by 2050, most likely beyond my lifespan, however not my son’s or grandson’s. We, our generation, needs to at least try to insure an appropriate level is achieved in their quality of life through the total elimination in the consumption of fossil fuels and the associate environment harm from such consumption by the year 2050.

I make this request because it should be our

pledge to future generations to insure the highest level in their quality of life through the achievement of zero emissions by the year 2050.

Regards,  
Harry L. Thurston

**From:** [DAVE CASEY](#)  
**To:** [Jody London](#); [John Gioia](#)  
**Subject:** State GHG Targets  
**Date:** Monday, July 27, 2020 2:36:16 PM

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Dear Ms London and Supervisor Gioia,

The target date that we set for **county-wide “carbon-neutrality” (or “net zero emissions”)** is of utmost importance. Here is a summary of current State level targets. Contra Costa County can be a leader by setting more aggressive targets for GHG emissions.

**Current California laws** require a 40% reduction in greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions below 1990 levels by 2030 ( [SB32](#)) and an 80% reduction by 2050 ( [Executive Order S-3-05](#)). These laws imply a **zero emissions target date of around 2060.**

Governor Brown’s more recent (2018) [Executive Order B-55-18](#) sets a goal of “... carbon neutrality **as soon as possible and no later than 2045.**” (The target is often misrepresented as 2045; “ **as soon as possible**” really means “ **as soon as possible!**”).

The 2018 IPCC [Special Report on Global Warming of 1.5 °C](#) <sup>1</sup> stated that we had 20 years (until 2038) to reach carbon neutrality in order to have “ **a two-thirds chance** of limiting warming to 1.5 °C.” The **Report** adds that “...geophysical uncertainty ... translates into a variation of this timing ... of roughly 15 to 20 years.” Geophysical uncertainty refers to the effect of amplifying feedback loops such as the release of methane due to melting permafrost, the “ice albedo effect,”etc.

Thus, according to the IPCC, **our target date for zero emissions – and for limiting warming to 1.5°C -- may already have passed.**

<sup>1</sup> [IPCC Special Report on Global Warming of 1.5 °C, Chapter 2](#), p. 96.

Dave Casey  
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**From:** [Angela Vincent](#)  
**To:** [District5](#); [John Gioia](#)  
**Cc:** [Jody London](#)  
**Subject:** Support Climate Emergency Resolution  
**Date:** Monday, July 27, 2020 10:40:08 AM

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Hello,

I am a resident of Richmond writing in support of the Climate Emergency Resolution. The COVID-19 pandemic has exposed the racial and environmental inequities in our communities that will be exacerbated by climate change.

Urgent action is needed to address this environmental, public health, and equity crisis and to bend the curve of climate change.

I am strongly in support of this Climate Emergency Resolution with ONE SUGGESTION. I would like to make sure this is not just a piece of paper that leads to no action.

I am recommending a commitment to publish an annual Climate Action Plan report within 90 days after the end of each year, so that the public like myself can monitor and hold our public officials accountable for progress.

Thank you for your leadership!

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**From:** [Wei-Tai Kwok](#)  
**To:** [District5](#); [John Gioia](#)  
**Cc:** [Jody London](#)  
**Subject:** Support for Climate Emergency Resolution  
**Date:** Monday, July 27, 2020 11:38:09 AM

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**re: Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors Sustainability Committee - 7/27/2020 Meeting, Agenda Item #4 "Climate Emergency Resolution"**

Dear Honorable Supervisors Glover and Gioia,

My name is Wei-Tai Kwok and I'm an 18 year resident of Contra Costa County, currently living in Lafayette.

Thank you for your continued efforts to lead Contra Costa County towards a more sustainable future, and for specifically working on an ambitious Climate Emergency Resolution today.

The impacts of climate change are already being felt in the Bay Area. Increasing droughts and wildfires threaten our way of life. Last October I had to evacuate my home during a PG&E PSPS due to a fire sparked by high winds downing power lines near the Lafayette Tennis Club, just 2 miles from our home. Let us not think that the Camp Fire or the Mendocino Complex fires won't ever happen right here in Contra Costa. Every fall, we now live in fear and have our emergency bags ready to go. How can we accept this as our future?

Declaring a Climate Emergency and taking aggressive action today is our primary way of helping Contra Costa residents avoid the worst consequences of climate change. I appreciate the many facets of the resolution and will limit my comments to two of them:

1. Building Electrification Reach Codes: I'm particularly supportive of measures to phase out natural gas from our buildings. I thought that would be difficult, but last summer I challenged myself to see how hard it actually would be to get rid of my gas appliances. It turns out it took only 45 days to retrofit my home with high efficiency heat-pump technology to replace my gas furnace and gas water heater, and to install an electric induction cooktop and electric fireplace. I called PG&E to remove my gas meter and disconnect me from the gas grid, so now my home is zero carbon emission, powered by 100% renewable electricity from my solar panels and MCE Deep Green. It's not as hard as we think.
2. Environmental Justice and a Just Transition. We have many fossil fuel workers in our county whose families deserve to have a just transition to new opportunities as we phase out legacy industries. And many residents in poor communities suffer disproportionately from polluting industries. We must make sure that we build back better with a Just Transition especially for disadvantaged members of our community. We must be sure their voices are formally represented on decision making bodies.

I encourage you to pass the most ambitious Climate Emergency Resolution possible. We will rise to the challenge.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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July 21, 2020

**Re: Climate Emergency Meeting July 26, 2020:**

Honorable Supervisors Gioia and Glover:

We are submitting our comments in advance of the Sustainability Committee meeting we will attend tomorrow at 1pm.

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. We have researched, and provide several examples of language that show the type of leadership we would like to see in our community. Please see Attachment A

Certainly, the more recent draft resolution you have before you is much improved. It more clearly acknowledges the Climate Emergency' in the "whereas" section; and goes further in outlining specific measurable and directions in the "be it resolved".

However, since our last meeting we understand more about the history of our Contra Costa County's 2003 Environmental Justice policy; and suggest including the following language:

- **Whereas**, the Environmental Protection Agency defines *Environmental Justice* as "The fair treatment and meaningful involvement of all people regardless of race, color, national origins, or income, with respect to the development, implementation and enforcement of environmental laws, regulations and policies." And defines environmental justice communities as: "Communities that face the cumulative impact of high pollution burdens and socio-economic vulnerabilities", and
- **Whereas**, The Environmental Justice policy adopted in 2003 by the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors, directed the County Administration Office (CAO) office to appoint a coordinator who would be responsible for County-wide oversight of Environmental Justice, and to chair periodic meetings with departmental Environmental Justice representatives to ensure integration of the Environmental Justice policy into the workings of the County Departments on an on-going basis, and
- **Whereas**, County Departments were also directed to report annually to the Board of Supervisors through the Environmental Justice coordinator on their performance in the area of Environmental Justice, and
- **Whereas**, In 2006 the person appointed as the Environmental Justice Coordinator retired and the position was not reassigned to another staff person. And as a result, representatives from the departments haven't met since 2005. And the Annual reports to the Board of Supervisors on the implementation of the County's Environmental Justice policy have never been provided, and
- **Whereas**, SB 1000 requires local government to fully engage disadvantaged community residents in decision-making and to prioritize investments that meet their community's needs, and
- **Whereas**, on July 24, 2008 the Hazardous Materials Commission voted unanimously to recommend that the Board of Supervisors take the following action;
- **Be it resolved that the county shall:**
  - Re-appoint an Environmental Justice coordinator to implement the County's Environmental Justice policy.
  - Reconvene periodic meetings of Environmental Justice representatives from County Departments
  - Prepare annual reports to the Board of Supervisors that describe Departmental Environmental Justice priorities and the activities they are undertaking to address these priorities.
  - Direct the Environmental Justice coordinator and the County Departments to report back to the Board of Supervisors in three months with a progress report.



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Please also consider the following additional language changes:

- ✓ At the bottom of page 5 of 6: please add a deadline, so that there is a true commitment to complete the CAP and a commitment to review it annually. The first Climate Action Plan for the unincorporated county was begun, and amended several times beginning 13 years ago in 2007 with assistance from ICLEI and a grant from the San Francisco foundation. It should now be a top priority with a clear completion date, and designation of staff to oversee it. We request that you change the language to state:
  - BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Contra Costa County will prioritize the completion of its greenhouse gas inventory, and begin the implementation of its Climate Action Plan in order to achieve greenhouse gas reductions ~~as soon as possible~~ **by the end of calendar year 2020**. The progress of the plan shall be reviewed and adjusted on an annual basis to ensure sufficient progress.
- ✓ 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 nonprofit groups, about the climate emergency, through the new environmental justice coordinator, Town Hall meetings, messaging, staff training, staff reports and other processes in which citizen deliberation is central to decision-making;
- ✓ 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
- ✓ 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

Thank you for your consideration, and all that you do to make our communities a better place to live.

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## **Attachment A: These are recommended statements founds in other local government climate emergency resolutions**

WHEREAS, in order to avoid irreversible, catastrophic climate change impacts, we cannot only focus on reducing emissions but must also dramatically increase and enable meaningful carbon sequestration while preparing communities now for significant climate impacts;

WHEREAS, marginalized communities worldwide—including people of color, immigrants, indigenous communities, low-income people, those with disabilities, and the unhoused—are already disproportionately affected by climate change and must benefit from a just transition to a sustainable and equitable economy; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an urgent global climate mobilization effort to reverse global warming is needed to achieve zero net emissions as quickly as possible and that full community participation, inclusion, and support is integral to our efforts to safely draw down carbon from the atmosphere and accelerate adaptation and resilience strategies in preparation for intensifying climate impacts; and

WHEREAS, the State of California Ocean Protection Council, in its 2018 Rising Seas in California report, projects an increase between a medium-high risk aversion scenario of 6.9 feet of sea level rise in the San Francisco Bay by 21 00 and an extreme risk aversion scenario of 1 0 feet; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Alameda declares that a climate emergency threatens our city, region, state, nation, civilization, humanity and the natural world; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Alameda commits to citywide action that is rooted in equity, self-determination, culture, tradition, deep democracy, and the belief that people locally and around the world have right to clean, healthy and adequate air, water, land, food, education and shelter; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alameda City Council supports the City's ongoing development of a Climate Action and Resiliency Plan, including the development of measurable climate-related goals for 2030 and 2050;

WHEREAS, as outlined in the Benicia Climate Action Plan it is the goal of the City to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, create green jobs, and prepare for the impacts of climate change on public health, infrastructure, the economy, ecosystems, and public spaces in our community, and Benicia has repeatedly upheld this mission through resolutions to protect the environment and divest from extractive industries

WHEREAS, indigenous and low-income communities and communities of color in the United States and abroad have suffered the gravest consequences of the extractive economy since its inception;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the City of Berkeley commits to becoming a carbon sink by 2030; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the City of Berkeley commits to educating our citizens about the climate emergency and working tirelessly to catalyze a just emergency climate mobilization at the local, state, national, and global local to protect our citizens as well as all the people and species of the world; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the City of Berkeley, in order to ensure a just transition, will consult with environmental justice, economic justice, and racial justice organizations at every step of the climate emergency mobilization planning process;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the City Council of the City of El Cerrito does hereby declare that a climate emergency threatens our City, region, state, nation, civilization, humanity and the natural



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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, The City of Davis will advocate for implementing aggressive state and federal policies to eliminate GHG emissions, such as in transportation—improving fuel efficiency of personal and commercial vehicles, encouraging active transportation (bicycling, walking and public transit) and moving toward completely electrified transportation systems; in the built environment— adopting energy efficiency standards for appliances and products, moving toward zero net energy standards for new and retrofitted construction, requiring provision of 100% renewable clean energy, reducing heat pollution impacts and providing shade; and in consumption— addressing water management and conservation, sustainable food and agricultural issues, waste reduction, managing our forests, urban areas, natural and working lands to sequester carbon, and engaging in GHG reduction implementation policies related to other emerging standards and technologies.

WHEREAS, The term “Just Transition” is a framework for a fair shift to an economy that is ecologically sustainable, equitable and just for all its members; and WHEREAS, Just transition strategies were first forged by a ‘blue-green’ alliance of labor unions and environmental justice groups who saw the need to phase out the industries that were harming workers, community health and the planet, while also providing just pathways for workers into new livelihoods; and WHEREAS, Just transition initiatives shift the economy from dirty energy to energy democracy, from funding highways to expanding public transit, from incinerators and landfills to zero waste, from industrial food systems to food sovereignty, from car dependent sprawl and unbridled growth to smart urban development without displacement, and from rampant, destructive over-development to habitat and ecosystem restoration; and WHEREAS, Core to a just transition is equity, self-determination, culture, tradition, deep democracy, and the belief that people around the world have a fundamental human right to clean, healthy and adequate air, water, land, food, education and shelter; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the City of Hayward calls on the State of California, the United States of America, and all national and sub-national governments and peoples worldwide to initiate a just transition and urgent climate mobilization effort to reverse global warming by restoring near pre-industrial global average temperatures and greenhouse gas concentrations, that immediately halts the development of all new fossil fuel infrastructure, rapidly phases out all fossil fuels and the technologies which rely upon them, ends human-induced greenhouse gas emissions as quickly as possible, initiates an effort to safely draw down carbon from the atmosphere, transitions to regenerative agriculture, ends the potential for a sixth mass extinction, and creates high-quality, good paying jobs with comprehensive benefits for those who will be impacted by this transition.

The following from Los Angeles:

I FURTHER MOVE that the Council direct all City Departments and proprietaries to report back on maximum emergency reductions in greenhouse gas emissions from their operations feasible by the end of 2025, with the highest priority placed on an equitable and just transition in all sectors. I FURTHER MOVE that the Council direct the Planning Department to report back on opportunities for radical greenhouse gas emissions reductions and carbon drawdown and removal opportunities through the City’s General Plan and Community Plan Updates, including on metrics which can prioritize climate-adaptive land use planning. I FURTHER MOVE that the Council direct the City Administrative Officer and Emergency Management Department to report back on opportunities and funding to address climate emergencies and mitigation through existing hazard mitigation programs.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Council direct the City Clerk to work with the Department Chief Sustainability Officers to include greenhouse gas impact statements and greenhouse gas removal or reduction statements in all relevant Council motions, much as it currently includes fiscal impact statements

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