



CLIMATE ACTION COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

Wednesday, June 17, 2020 5:00 PM

Teleconference Location Only-City Hall/Council Chambers, 635 S. Highway 101, Solana Beach, California

This meeting will be conducted in accordance with Governor Newsom's

Executive Order N-29-20 related to the COVID-19 virus.

MEETING LOCATION WILL NOT BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. Due to the Executive Order to stay home, in person participation at this meeting will not be allowed at this time. In accordance with the Executive Order to stay home, there will be no members of the public in attendance at this meeting. Alternatives to in-person attendance for viewing and participating in meetings are being provided under Public Participation.

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**
3. *** PUBLIC COMMENT**
4. **CITY ATTORNEY BROWN ACT/COMMISSION SCOPE REFRESHER**
5. **CLIMATE EMERGENCY DECLARATION RESOLUTION DISCUSSION**
6. **ROTATION OF OFFICERS AND SUBCOMMITTEE REORGANIZATION**
7. **CCA UPDATE**
8. **NEW/PROPOSED BUSINESS:** New or proposed business provides an opportunity for Commissioners to discuss items not on the agenda but that may be added to the CAC agenda/workload at a future date. Pursuant to the Brown Act, there will be no action taken on these items. All new/proposed business will be placed on a CAC agenda with the approval of the City Manager.
9. **ADJOURNMENT**

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**RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE DECLARATION OF A CLIMATE EMERGENCY AND
EMERGENCY MOBILIZATION EFFORT TO RESTORE A SAFE CLIMATE**

1. WHEREAS, Solana Beach already suffers from the impacts of climate change such as drought, extreme heat, wildfires, species stress, shrinking kelp forest and coastal erosion, sea level rise, and flooding, and these impacts will become more severe as global GHG emissions continue to increase; and

2. WHEREAS, our local San Diego region¹ already suffers from the impacts of the climate crisis in the form of drought, air pollution, extreme heat, species stress, negative health effects, wildfires and landslides and that sea level rise² will exacerbate coastal flooding of low-lying areas and beaches, already sand starved due to river damming and cliff stabilization and that these disasters will become more severe as global GHG emissions continue; and

3. WHEREAS in 2007, the City of Solana Beach signed the US Mayor's Agreement on Climate Protection which commits cities to take measures which reduce the emission of greenhouse gases, save energy and help sustain the environment, and the City has a long history of environmental stewardship and sustainable practices, establishing the region's first Community Choice Energy; and

4. WHEREAS the City of Solana Beach has a Climate Action Plan to mitigate climate change with a goal of reaching 50% below 2010 GHG levels and 100% renewable electricity citywide by 2035, which Plan provides actions to reduce climate change contributions from buildings, transportation, energy and water use and advocates for zero waste and carbon sequestration; and

~~4.5.~~ WHEREAS, on April 22, 2016, world leaders from 175 countries recognized the threat of climate change and the urgent need to combat it by signing the Paris Agreement, agreeing to keep warming “well below 2°C above pre-industrial levels” and to “pursue efforts to limit the temperature increase to 1.5°C,” which in itself will already cause many devastating effects to the planet; and

~~2.6.~~ WHEREAS, in 2018, the United States' Fourth National Climate Assessment³ made it clear that climate change will wreak havoc across the United States of America, and that the current pace and scale of climate action is not sufficient to avoid more substantial damage to the economy, the natural environment, and to human health over the coming decades; and

~~3.7.~~ WHEREAS, in recognition of the commitments necessary to address the scale and scope of the climate crisis, Governor Jerry Brown issued Executive Order B-55-18 ordering the State of California to achieve net-zero emissions as soon as possible, and no later than 2045,

¹ Kalansky, J. et al., (2018). California's Fourth Climate Change Assessment: San Diego Summary Report. University of California, San Diego.

² Ocean Protection Council (2018). State of California Sea-Level Rise Guidance: 2018 Update. California Coastal Commission.

³ USGCRP, 2018: Impacts, Risks, and Adaptation in the United States: Fourth National Climate Assessment, Vol. II

and achieve and maintain net-negative emissions thereafter; and

~~4-8.~~ WHEREAS, over 13,000 scientists from 156 countries have signed a *World Scientist Warning of a Climate Emergency*⁴ declaring that the climate crisis has arrived and is accelerating faster than many scientists expected, is more severe than anticipated, and is threatening natural ecosystems and the fate of humanity; and

~~5-9.~~ WHEREAS, climate change fueled droughts, famines, and diseases have already killed millions of people in the Global southern hemisphere, displaced millions more and the World Bank estimates that by 2050, there could be 143 million climate refugees from sub-Saharan Africa, South Asia, and Latin America^{5,6}; and

~~6-10.~~ WHEREAS national security experts agree that the climate crisis is a “threat multiplier” and a “top homeland security risk” and that increased temperatures drive water and food insecurity fueling a Syrian civil war, ongoing conflicts in East Africa and increasing risk of conflicts in Egypt, Ethiopia, Iraq, and Jordan⁷; and

~~7-11.~~ WHEREAS recent wildfires in Australia which occurred over a few months’ time, have burned over forty-six million acres, a size similar to the State of Washington and that along with 34 people, over a billion animals, including a third of the koala population have perished and 113 species are now at closer risk to extinction; and

~~8-12.~~ WHEREAS the 2019 UN Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES) has identified climate change as a driver for the extinction of one million species in the coming decades and has shown that biodiversity loss is not only an environmental issue, but also a developmental, economic, security, social and moral issue; and

~~9-13.~~ WHEREAS, low-income communities, communities of color, the young, the disabled, the elderly and indigenous communities in the US and abroad have suffered the gravest consequences of climate change; and

~~10-14.~~ WHEREAS, it is an act of unspeakable injustice and cruelty to knowingly subject our fellow humans now and in the future to societal disintegration, food and clean water shortages, economic collapse, disease and early death on an increasingly uninhabitable planet; and

~~11-15.~~ WHEREAS, the World Health Organization and more than 100 national public health groups, including the American Medical Association and the American Academy of Pediatrics agree that the climate crisis is a health emergency; and

~~12-16.~~ WHEREAS scientists have warned for decades of human contributions to the disastrous effects of climate change and that human encroachment on wildlife habitats, rapid urbanization, and global interconnectedness were setting the stage for a pandemic catastrophe; and

~~13-17.~~ WHEREAS, responding to the challenges of climate, like emergency mobilization efforts to stem global pandemics, can and must be performed quickly and decisively, in service of the

⁴ WJ Ripple et al., January 2020, *World Scientists’ Warning of a Climate Emergency*; *BioScience*, Vol 70, Issue 1

⁵ TA Ghebreyesus, September 2019, *Climate Change Is Already Killing Us*; *Foreign Affairs*

⁶ KK Rigaud, et al., 2018. *Groundswell : Preparing for Internal Climate Migration*. World Bank, Washington, DC.

⁷ *Worldwide Threat Assessment of the US INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY*; January 29, 2019

common good and will require structural transformations, serious technological advances, and significant changes in collective behavior; and

14. WHEREAS restoring a safe and stable climate will require leadership and mobilization at all levels of government and society on a scale, scope, and speed not seen since World War II; and

15. _____

~~1. WHEREAS, our local San Diego region⁸ already suffers from the impacts of the climate crisis in the form of drought, air pollution, extreme heat, species stress, negative health effects, wildfires and landslides and that sea level rise⁹ will exacerbate coastal flooding of low-lying areas and beaches, already sand-starved due to river damming and cliff stabilization and that these disasters will become more severe as global GHG emissions continue; and~~

~~1. WHEREAS in 2007, the City of Solana Beach signed the US Mayor's Agreement on Climate Protection which commits cities to take measures which reduce the emission of greenhouse gases, save energy and help sustain the environment, and the City has a long history of environmental stewardship and sustainable practices, establishing the region's first Community Choice Energy; and~~

~~20.18. WHEREAS the City of Solana Beach has a Climate Action Plan to mitigate climate change with a goal of reaching 50% below 2010 GHG levels and 100% net [PB1] renewable electricity citywide by 2035, which Plan provides actions to reduce climate change contributions from buildings, transportation, energy and water use and advocates for zero waste and carbon sequestration; and~~

1. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Solana Beach hereby declares that a climate and ecological emergency threatens-poses an existential threat to our city, our region, our state, our nation, all of humanity, and the natural world; and

2. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That as the climate crisis facing our environment and the lives of future generations the City of Solana Beach commits to considering all decisions through the lens of climate change and to consider updating existing plans, policies, and distribution of resources to recognize the emergency climate situation.

3. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that to protect our community, environment, and future; our City must achieve the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) direction to reduce net [PB2] greenhouse gas emissions below 2010 levels by 100% by the year 2050. The climate crisis facing our environment and the lives of future generations demands the City of Solana Beach to consider all decisions through the lens of climate change and to consider updating existing plans, policies, and distribution of resources to recognize the emergency climate situation.

3.4. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Solana Beach reaffirms the goals set forth in its Climate Action Plan, including that of reaching 100 percent renewable electricity by 2035

⁸ Kalansky, J. et al., (2018). California's Fourth Climate Change Assessment: San Diego Summary Report. University of California, San Diego.

⁹ Ocean Protection Council (2018). State of California Sea Level Rise Guidance: 2018 Update. California Coastal Commission.

or earlier and that it will work immediately and aggressively towards its 2011 *Vision for Environmental Sustainability* which includes Zero Waste, Zero Emissions, and Water-Wise.

~~4-5.~~ BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the City of Solana Beach commits to increased attention, as resources allow, on its Climate Action Plan, updating it with new strategies, and goals when timely and propitious, and prioritizing the implementation of its strategies.

~~5-6.~~ BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that as natural gas is the 3rd largest contributor to the City's GHG inventory, the City will quickly and efficiently pursue, as resources allow, decarbonization strategies including ~~Building Electrification~~, high-efficiency ~~[PB3]~~ building electrification. ~~[PB4]~~

~~6-7.~~ BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Solana Beach further commits to immediately advance strategies to attain ~~net~~ ~~[PB5]~~-zero GHG emissions.

~~7-8.~~ BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the City will consider a just transition as defined by the C40 organization as a framework for a fair shift to a carbon-free economy that is ecologically sustainable, equitable, and inclusive for all residents. To ensure a just transition, the City ~~will~~ commits to consult with community, labor, environmental justice, economic justice, racial justice and youth organizations at every step of the emergency climate action planning process, as appropriate.

~~8-9.~~ BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the City commits to reducing automobile dependency by actively working with regional, state, and federal organizations such as SANDAG, NCTD, MTS, Amtrak, CARB, EPA, and bike and pedestrian groups to increase the viability of alternative transportation.

~~9-10.~~ BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the City of Solana Beach commits to support both affordable housing and transit-oriented development.

~~10-11.~~ BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the City of Solana Beach, commits to develop a Socially and Environmentally Responsible Governance Policy including an Environmentally Preferable Purchasing Policy to guide efficient, consistent and just action.

~~11-12.~~ BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Solana Beach commits to work and partner with residents, businesses, schools and community groups to educate our community about the climate crisis, and to work towards a just transition and a climate emergency mobilization effort at the local, state, national and global levels.

~~12-13.~~ BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Solana Beach commits to ensuring that the City's actions remain in alignment with the most current scientific findings regarding climate change and that it will continue to rely on and solicit the advice and guidance of scientific experts.

~~13-14.~~ BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the City of Solana Beach shall work with larger jurisdictions (e.g. county, state, federal, global) to increase concern about the severity of the climate crisis and shall lobby for prompt and positive action.

~~14-15.~~ BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Solana Beach calls upon the State of California, the United States of America, and all governments and peoples worldwide to initiate

a just transition and a climate emergency mobilization effort that reverses global warming by restoring near pre-industrial global average temperatures and greenhouse gas concentrations, halts the development of new fossil fuel infrastructure, rapidly phases out all fossil fuels and the technologies which rely upon them, transitions to regenerative agriculture, works to end the sixth mass extinction of species, creates high-quality, well-paying jobs with comprehensive benefits, mitigates the potentially adverse impacts to those who will be most impacted by this transition, and results in an equitable, inclusive and resilient community for all.

15-16. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the members of the Solana Beach City Council ask the City Manager to send a copy of this resolution to the City's state and federal legislative delegations, to the Governor of California, and to the President of the United States.

Michael McClune

1. I like the following paragraph from the San Diego declaration. It has less of the doom and gloom feel of most of the other background clauses. Also it lays out more immediate benefits.

"WHEREAS, efforts to control climate change will have many benefits, such as cleaner air and water, improved health, local employment, cost savings for households, businesses, and the City, and the

creation of a stronger and more resilient community; and"

2. I find this clause hard to understand (BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED #2):

"BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that to protect our community, environment, and future; our City must achieve the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) direction to reduce greenhouse gas emissions below 2010 levels by 100% by the year 2050."

"reduce by 100%" is better expressed by "reduce to zero" , as in "to reduce greenhouse gas emissions to zero by the year 2050."

3. I propose we add a timely background clause like:

Whereas the coronavirus has demonstrated that the foundations of the economy are precarious and the damage from climate change will be more massive and longer-lasting

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DATE OF FINAL PASSAGE _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
SAN DIEGO DECLARING A CLIMATE EMERGENCY AND
THE NEED FOR ACCELERATED ACTION TO ADDRESS
THE CLIMATE CRISIS.

WHEREAS, climate change is an urgent unfolding crisis that presents a serious threat to human existence; and

WHEREAS, the United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change issued a special report on the impact of global warming and the need to reduce global greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions by approximately forty-five percent by 2030, achieve ‘net-zero’ emissions by 2050, and achieve and maintain net-negative emissions after that to hold atmospheric warming to 1.5 degrees Celsius and avoid the most catastrophic impacts of climate change; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of the commitments necessary to address the scale and scope of the climate crisis, Governor Jerry Brown issued Executive Order B-55-18 ordering the State of California to achieve net-zero emissions as soon as possible, and no later than 2045, and achieve and maintain net-negative emissions thereafter; and

WHEREAS, in 2018, the United States’ Fourth National Climate Assessment made it clear that climate change will wreak havoc across the United States of America, and that the current pace and scale of climate action is not sufficient to avoid substantial damage to the economy, the environment, and to human health over the coming decades; and

WHEREAS, San Diego and the rest of California already suffers from the impacts of climate change in the form of drought, air pollution, extreme heat, species stress, negative health effects, wildfires, and floods, and these disasters will become more severe as global GHG emissions continue to poison the atmosphere; and

WHEREAS, climate change will increasingly make basic human necessities more expensive and difficult to obtain; and

WHEREAS, throughout the United States of America, frontline communities have historically borne the brunt of longstanding environmental injustice, including fossil-fuel created degradation, and it is acknowledged that these communities must actively participate in the planning, decision making, and implementation of climate action and must benefit equally from a just transition to a sustainable and equitable economy; and

WHEREAS, to stay within 1.5 degrees Celsius, cities and nations throughout the world will need to significantly reduce their per capita emissions by 2030 or earlier; and

WHEREAS, restoring a safe and stable climate will require mobilization at all levels of government and society on a scale, scope, and speed not seen since World War II; and

WHEREAS, efforts to control climate change will have many benefits, such as cleaner air and water, improved health, local employment, cost savings for households, businesses, and the City, and the creation of a stronger and more resilient community; and

WHEREAS, the City of San Diego took a decisive leadership role in 2015 with the adoption of the Climate Action Plan, implementation of which is estimated will result in citywide GHG emissions reductions of at least 50 percent below the baseline by 2035, through targets including 100 percent renewable electricity citywide and 50 percent of residents in Transit Priority Areas biking, walking, and taking mass transit by 2035; and

WHEREAS, the Climate Action Plan provides a roadmap for San Diego to achieve the vision of becoming an engaged community that promotes environmental stewardship, economic vitality, and social equity to create a sustainable and thriving future for all; and

WHEREAS, the City of San Diego has already taken steps to lower GHG emissions by adopting the Climate Action Plan and establishing a regional Community Choice Energy program to achieve the goal of 100 percent renewable electricity citywide, and it is acknowledged that more work will be needed to achieve net-zero emissions and address the magnitude of the climate emergency; and

WHEREAS, the Environment Committee has recommended establishment of an Environment Advisory Board, with seats for subject matter experts, to advise the Mayor and City Council on policies and projects, including lowering GHG emissions, implementing the Climate Action Plan, energy efficiency, environmental justice, and coordination with stakeholder groups; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of San Diego, that a state of climate emergency is hereby declared and that the global climate crisis poses a serious, urgent, and pressing threat to the well-being of San Diego, its inhabitants, economy, and environment; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of San Diego intends to swiftly transition to an ecologically, socially, and economically sustainable economy and to reduce community-wide carbon emissions as much as possible; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of San Diego reaffirms its goal of reaching 100 percent renewable electricity by 2035 or earlier and that it will work quickly and collaboratively to reach this goal and address the severity of the climate crisis; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of San Diego reaffirms the necessity to achieve net-zero emissions as soon as possible; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of San Diego commits to work and partner with residents, businesses, and community groups to educate our community about the climate

crisis, and to work to catalyze a just transition and a climate emergency mobilization effort at the local, state, national and global levels, to provide maximum protection to our residents; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of San Diego calls upon the State of California, the United States of America, and all governments and peoples worldwide to initiate a just transition and a climate emergency mobilization effort that reverses global warming by restoring near pre-industrial global average temperatures and greenhouse gas concentrations, halts the development of new fossil fuel infrastructure, rapidly phases out all fossil fuels and the technologies which rely upon them, transitions to regenerative agriculture, works to end the sixth mass extinction of species, creates high-quality, well-paying jobs with comprehensive benefits, mitigates the potentially adverse impacts to those who will be most impacted by this transition, and results in an equitable, inclusive and resilient community for all.

APPROVED: MARA W. ELLIOTT, City Attorney

By _____
Allegra D. Frost
Deputy City Attorney

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I certify that the foregoing Resolution was passed by the Council of the City of San Diego, at this meeting of _____.

ELIZABETH S. MALAND
City Clerk

By _____
Deputy City Clerk

Approved: _____
(date)

KEVIN L. FAULCONER, Mayor

Vetoed: _____
(date)

KEVIN L. FAULCONER, Mayor

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RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE DECLARATION OF A CLIMATE EMERGENCY AND
REQUESTING REGIONAL COLLABORATION ON A MOBILIZATION EFFORT TO
RESTORE A SAFE CLIMATE

WHEREAS, in April 2016 world leaders from 175 countries recognized the threat of climate change and the urgent need to combat it by signing the Paris Agreement, agreeing to keep warming “well below 2°C above pre-industrial levels” and to “pursue efforts to limit the temperature increase to 1.5°C”; and

WHEREAS, 40 mayors in the greater San Francisco Bay Area have committed to adopt, honor, and uphold the Paris Agreement, noting, “We will intensify efforts to meet each of our cities’ current climate goals, push for new action to meet the 1.5 degrees Celsius target, and work together to create a 21st century clean energy economy . . . The world cannot wait — and neither will we”; and

WHEREAS, according to the National Centers for Environmental Information, in 2017 “the U.S. was impacted by 16 separate billion-dollar disaster events tying 2017 for the record number of billion-dollar disasters for an entire calendar year,” with a cumulative cost of \$309.5 billion, shattering the previous U.S. annual record cost of \$219.2 billion in 2005 due to hurricanes; and

WHEREAS, severe rainfall in February 2017 across northern and central California resulted in at least five deaths and an estimated \$1.5 billion in damage, including to the Oroville Dam spillway, causing a multi-day evacuation of 188,000 residents, and to the city of San Jose, flooding neighborhoods and forcing 14,000 residents out of their homes; and

WHEREAS, the October 2017 Northern California wildfires caused more than \$9.4 billion in damage, destroying over 8,900 structures, displacing many people, killing 44, and injuring another 192; and

WHEREAS, climate change-fueled droughts, famines, and diseases have already killed millions of people in the Global southern hemisphere, and displaced millions more; and

WHEREAS, indigenous and low-income communities and communities of color in the United States and abroad have suffered the gravest consequences of global warming; and

WHEREAS, the death and destruction already wrought by global warming of approximately 1°C demonstrate that the Earth is already too hot for safety and justice for the world’s most vulnerable people; and

WHEREAS, according to the latest climate projections, humanity is on track to warm the Earth a sustained average of 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels as soon as 2026; and

WHEREAS, it is projected that sustained warming of 1.5°C could cause a long-term,

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“continuous thaw” of the Arctic permafrost, which could turn the tundra from a net carbon sink into a source in the 2020s; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that the Greenland Ice Sheet is likely to completely collapse at 1.6°C of sustained warming, which NASA scientists have concluded would lead to 23 feet of sea-level rise, billions of climate refugees, and a “global-scale catastrophe”; and

WHEREAS, tipping points such as those state above must be avoided, as they will have feedback effects causing further and increasingly uncontrollable climate change and costs; and

WHEREAS, according to the Ecological Footprint, it is estimated that humanity currently uses the equivalent of 1.7 Earths per year in resource consumption and waste disposal; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that if the world consumed as the average American consumes, humanity would need the equivalent of 4.97 Earths per year in resource consumption and waste disposal; and

WHEREAS, climate change is driving species extinction rates today 1,000 times higher than the natural rate, with a predicted 65 percent decline in vertebrate populations by 2020 and up to 37 percent of all plant and animal species by 2050; and

WHEREAS, it is an act of unspeakable injustice and cruelty to knowingly subject our fellow humans now and in the future to societal disintegration, food and clean water shortages, economic collapse, and early death on an increasingly uninhabitable planet; and

WHEREAS, common sense and morality indicate that humanity must seek to draw down the excess carbon from the atmosphere in order to restore a safe level of greenhouse gas concentrations and global average temperatures; and

WHEREAS, corrective and preventive action requires mobilization on a scale not seen since World War II; and

WHEREAS, justice requires that those that have contributed the most to this global climate and ecological cataclysm must carry a commensurate burden in reversing it; and

WHEREAS, the Global Climate Action Summit, the purpose of which was to “bring together leaders from state and local governments, business, and citizens from around the world, to demonstrate how the tide has turned in the race against climate change, showcase climate action taking place around the world, and inspire deeper commitments from each other and from national governments,” was held in San Francisco in September 2018; and

WHEREAS, in the City of Santa Cruz transportation contributes over half of our carbon emissions; and

WHEREAS, the City of Santa Cruz is particularly vulnerable to sea-level rise, salt water intrusion, wildfire and coastal erosion, exacerbated by extreme weather events with increased

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flooding and increased temperatures causing evaporation on land; and

WHEREAS, we in the City of Santa Cruz can rise to the challenge of this great crisis with the active consultation, participation, and benefit of workers and disadvantaged communities, creating hundreds of well-paying local jobs in building and installing renewable energy infrastructure, growing healthy plant-based food that stays in the community, restoring ecosystems, and retrofitting and redesigning our current environment, electric grid, and transportation systems; and

WHEREAS, both the 4th California Climate Change Assessment report, published August 27, 2018, and the IPCC report, published October 8, 2018, both stress that climate change is accelerating and urgent action is needed.

NOW BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, the City of Santa Cruz declares that an existential climate emergency threatens our cities, towns, region, state, nation, civilization, humanity and the natural world.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the City of Santa Cruz commits to consider revising its existing policy, priorities, processes, and distribution of resources to enable emergency climate action measures in the City.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the City of Santa Cruz commits to develop a Socially and Environmentally Responsible Governance Policy including an Environmentally Preferable Purchasing Policy to guide efficient, consistent and just action.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the City of Santa Cruz commits to reducing auto dependency through a robust Transportation Demand Management program, and other measures as appropriate.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the City of Santa Cruz commits to support both affordable housing and transit oriented development.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the City of Santa Cruz commits to funding an update to its Climate Action Plan, which sunsets in 2020, and consider ambitious but achievable goals, consistent with or exceeding state goals and objectives, integrated into a state of the art Climate and Energy Action Plan 2030.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the City of Santa Cruz commits to continue educating our residents about the climate emergency and working to catalyze a just emergency climate mobilization at the local, regional, state, national, and global levels to protect our residents as well as all the people and species of the world.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the City of Santa Cruz underscores the need for full community participation and support, and recognizes that the residents of Santa Cruz, the University of California Santa Cruz, the Citizens Climate Lobby, Santa Cruz Climate Action Network, 350 Santa Cruz, Campaign for Sustainable Transportation and other community

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organizations will be integral to the emergency climate action mobilization effort.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the City of Santa Cruz commits to keeping the considerations of vulnerable communities central to all emergency climate action planning processes and to inviting and encouraging such communities to actively participate in order to advocate directly for their needs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the City of Santa Cruz, in order to ensure a just transition, will consult with community, labor, environmental justice, economic justice, and racial justice organizations at every step of the emergency climate action planning process, as appropriate.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the City of Santa Cruz endorses a just, countywide emergency climate action mobilization effort to reverse global warming to reduce drastically citywide greenhouse gas emissions and safely draw down carbon from the atmosphere as quickly as possible.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the City of Santa Cruz calls on the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission and other appropriate local agencies to participate in this regional emergency climate action mobilization effort.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the City of Santa Cruz calls for a regional just transition and emergency climate action mobilization collaborative effort, inviting concerned residents, youth, faith, labor, business, environmental, economic, racial and social justice organizations as well as other community groups, and all elected officials in and from Santa Cruz and nearby Counties and especially all the mayors who have signed on to enact the Paris Agreement.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 27th day of November, 2018 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

DISQUALIFIED:

APPROVED: _____
David Terrazas, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Bonnie Bush, City Clerk Administrator