



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA STATEMENT



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TITLE

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHULA VISTA ADOPTING COUNCIL POLICY NO. 857-01 (HEALTHY AND SUSTAINABLE MEETING STANDARDS), APPLYING TO ALL INTERNAL MEETINGS AND CITY HOSTED EVENTS

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Council adopt the resolution.

SUMMARY

The City of Chula Vista adopted the Healthy Chula Vista Action Plan in January 2016 inclusive of strategies to increase healthy food options and overall wellness. At this time staff is bringing forward a Council Policy to adopt healthy food and sustainable measures to all internal and city hosted events where food is being served through a Healthy and Sustainable Meeting Policy. The policy will also apply to any agencies utilizing meeting space at City Hall or Public Works.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

The activity is not a "Project" as defined under Section 15378 of the California Environmental Quality Act State Guidelines; therefore, pursuant to State Guidelines Section 15060(c)(3) no environmental review is required.

BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

On November 6, 2019 the Sustainability Commission (5-0) and on February 3, 2020 the Healthy Chula Vista Advisory Commission (4-0), approved recommendation of the Healthy and Sustainable Meeting Policy. The Healthy Chula Vista Advisory Commission requested that the policy be amended to delete the word "shall" in both No. 1 and No. 2 and replace it with "should" citing that we should not be penalizing anyone for not complying but rather promoting and incentivizing. Changes have been incorporated.

DISCUSSION

Jurisdictions are becoming increasingly aware that cities play a critical role in supporting the health and well-being of their communities. Factors contributing to a community's health can include walkable neighborhoods, quality parks and open space areas, efficient transportation, and safe, clean environments. As such, the Chula Vista City Council reiterated the importance of creating a healthy community in adopting the Chula Vista Strategic Plan in 2013 and subsequent Healthy Chula Vista Action Plan in January 2016. Over

the past few years, the City has also been implementing its multi-department *Healthy Chula Vista* initiative, which focuses on integrating public health considerations across municipal capital projects, plans, and services.

In order to provide healthy and sustainable options throughout the City, many initiatives have been put into place such as updated smoking policies to prohibit tobacco use and reduce litter on all city facilities and updating vending machines to ensure energy efficiency and healthy snack and beverage options are being provided. Access to healthy food options is not only important for maintaining health but critical for those that have special dietary and nutritional needs. In order to provide employees and visitors to the City with the best environment to thrive, staff has developed a Healthy and Sustainable Meeting Policy and an associated toolkit for staff entitled “Putting Health on the Agenda”. The toolkit encourages staff to follow the guidelines for all internal and City hosted events to:

- Provide healthy food options;
- Reduce food container, serving and utensil waste;
- Identify ways to reduce paper and energy consumption;
- Suggest healthy physical activity breaks; and
- Encourage alternative meeting arrangements (e.g. carpooling, video conferencing).

These measures are critical for the city to continue advancing both the Healthy Chula Vista Initiative and Climate Action Plan.

Food Ware Kit Program

In addition to the proposed policy, in partnership between the City of Chula Vista Office of Sustainability, the Chula Vista Employee Engagement & Wellness Committee, and Healthy Chula Vista, staff is currently developing a starter program at City Hall to provide a reservable Zero Waste food ware kit. The kit will be made up of plates, cups and utensils made from durable, convenient yet shatterproof material that is also reusable and BPA-free. This waste prevention food ware kit will be available to reserve for meetings held at City Hall by employees or outside agencies, upon request, with attendance of up to 200 but will also be available for smaller meetings in increments of 25 attendants. The Zero Waste food ware kit supports Office of Sustainability efforts to reduce waste, to reduce the use of single-use products, and reduce the production of greenhouse gas set forth in the City’s Climate Action Plan.

DECISION-MAKER CONFLICT

Staff has reviewed the decision contemplated by this action and has determined that it is not site-specific and consequently, the real property holdings of the City Council members do not create a disqualifying real property-related financial conflict of interest under the Political Reform Act (Cal. Gov’t Code § 87100, et seq.).

Staff is not independently aware, and has not been informed by any City Council member, of any other fact that may constitute a basis for a decision-maker conflict of interest in this matter.

CURRENT-YEAR FISCAL IMPACT

There will be no direct fiscal impact to the General Fund for the purchase and management of the zero waste food ware kit program, costs associated with this program will be funded through the Environmental Services Fund.

ONGOING FISCAL IMPACT

There will be no ongoing fiscal impact to the General Fund, management of the zero waste food ware kit program will be funded through the Environmental Services Fund.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Proposed Council Policy – Healthy and Sustainable Meeting Standards
2. Staff Toolkit – “Putting Health on the Agenda - A Chula Vista Healthy Meeting Toolkit”

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