

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHULA VISTA
ACCEPTING THE CLIMATE CHANGE WORKING GROUP'S
RECOMMENDATIONS FOR NEW GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSION
REDUCTION STRATEGIES AND DIRECTING STAFF TO UPDATE THE
2017 CLIMATE ACTION PLAN ACCORDINGLY FOR FUTURE
CONSIDERATION

WHEREAS, climate change is an urgent unfolding crisis that presents a serious threat to communities across the globe; 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 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, Chula Vista has been a nationally recognized leader in implementing a Climate Action Plan to address the threat of climate change to the local community; and

WHEREAS, to continue the City's leadership City staff worked with the Climate Change Working Group to update the Climate Action Plan with new carbon reduction strategies; and

WHEREAS, the Climate Change Working Group, which included residents, business, non-profit, education and utility representative, met 8 times over a two-year period to receive updates on Climate Action Plan implementation then develop and vote to approve recommendations; and

WHEREAS, the Climate Change Working Group evaluated over 100 different options for new policies and programs that the City could adopt to help reach its greenhouse gas emission reduction goal; and

WHEREAS, the Climate Change Working Group has recommended 7 different action areas covering topics such as clean and efficient energy, zero waste and smart growth and transportation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Chula Vista, that it accepts the Climate Change Working Group's recommendations, in the form presented, and directs staff to update the 2017 Climate Action Plan accordingly for future City Council review and consideration.

Presented by

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