

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-66

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DEL MAR, CALIFORNIA, ENCOURAGING THE PASSAGE OF A FEDERAL REVENUE-NEUTRAL CARBON FEE AND DIVIDEND PROGRAM BY THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS

WHEREAS, the City of Del Mar's Climate Action Plan, adopted June 6, 2016, sets objectives to reduce greenhouse gas emissions (GHGs) by 80% below 1990 levels in order to mitigate the impacts of climate change; and

WHEREAS, the Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006 commits the State of California to reduce GHG emissions to 1990 levels by 2020, and the Governor's Executive Order S-3-05 further urges the State to reduce GHG emissions 80% below 1990 levels by 2050; and

WHEREAS, presently, the environmental, health, and social costs of GHG emissions are not included in prices paid for fossil fuels, but are externalized and borne directly and indirectly by all citizens; and

WHEREAS, the United States Congress can enact a revenue-neutral carbon fee, which would impose a fee on fossil fuels based upon the amount of carbon dioxide they emit when burned; and

WHEREAS, per a non-partisan study conducted by Regional Economic Modeling, Inc., this program would significantly reduce GHG emissions, increase national employment, and expand investment in renewable energy supplies; and

WHEREAS, border adjustments, which are carbon content-based tariffs on products imported from countries without comparable carbon pricing, and refunds to exporters of carbon fees paid, can maintain the competitiveness of U.S. businesses in global markets; and

WHEREAS, a revenue-neutral carbon fee could potentially improve the United States' renewable energy technology, expand its renewable energy supply, and contribute to the achievement of Federal, State, and local GHG reduction objectives.


NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the City Council of the City of Del Mar, California, encourages the United States Congress to enact without delay a fee on carbon based fossil fuels.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the fee rate should start low and increase steadily and predictably, to achieve the goal of reducing U.S. GHG emissions to 10 percent of 1990 levels by 2050; and


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all fee revenue after administration costs should be returned to residents to protect low- and middle-income Americans from the impact of rising prices due to the fee; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the international competitiveness of U.S. businesses should be protected by using carbon content-based border tariffs and fee refunds.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Del Mar, California, at a Regular Meeting held the 19th day of December 2016.


TERRY SINNOTT, Mayor
City of Del Mar

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


LESLIE E. DEVANEY, City Attorney
City of Del Mar

ATTEST AND CERTIFICATION:

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO
CITY OF DEL MAR

I, Ashley Jones, Administrative Services Director/City Clerk of the City of Del Mar, California, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of Resolution 2016-66, adopted by the City Council of the City of Del Mar, California, at a Regular Meeting held the 19th day of December 2016, by the following vote:

AYES:	Mayor Sinnott, Deputy Mayor Worden, Council Members Druker, Haviland, and Parks
NOES:	None
ABSENT:	None
ABSTAIN:	None



ASHLEY JONES,
City Clerk/Administrative Services Director
City of Del Mar

