

RESOLUTION NO. 17-4943

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD CALLING ON THE U.S. CONGRESS TO INTRODUCE LEGISLATION FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A NATIONAL REVENUE NEUTRAL CARBON FEE AND DIVIDEND PROGRAM.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

WHEREAS, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) has stated in its recently released 5th Assessment Report, Climate Change 2013: The Physical Science Basis that "Warming of the climate system is unequivocal," and "It is extremely likely that human influence has been the dominant cause of the observed warming since the mid-20th century; and

WHEREAS, in May of 2013, the global atmospheric concentration of CO₂ reached 400 parts per million-the highest level in the last 800,000 years; and

WHEREAS, in May of 2014, two separate scientific papers were published in the journals Science and Geophysical Research Letter that documented dramatic retreats of Antarctic glaciers and predicted that large-scale destruction of the West Antarctic ice sheet was likely now inevitable and would lead to sea level rises of ten feet or more; and

WHEREAS, conservative estimates by the world's climate scientists state that to achieve climate stabilization and avoid cataclysmic climate change, emissions of greenhouse gases (GHGs) must be brought to 80% below 1990 levels by 2050; and

WHEREAS, the Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006 commits the State of California to reduce greenhouse gas emissions to 1990 levels by 2020, and the Governor's Executive Order S-3-05 further calls on the State establishes as State policy to reduce greenhouse gas emissions 80% below 1990 levels by 2050; and

WHEREAS, a national carbon tax as proposed in the Carbon Fee & Dividend (CF&D) would make the United States a leader in mitigating climate change and in clean energy technologies of the 21st Century; in addition, it would incentivize other countries to enact similar carbon taxes, reducing global CO₂ emissions without the need for complex international agreements; and

WHEREAS, the proposal by the Citizens' Climate Lobby (CCL) aims at levying a tax on all fossil fuels and greenhouse gases as the economy's point of entry. The tax is proposed to be \$15 per ton of CO2 equivalent emission; if implemented, the CF&D will put the United States on the path to a sustainable climate by reducing GHGs emissions and a clean energy economy; and

WHEREAS, West Hollywood has demonstrated great stewardship of the environment by adopting a Climate Action Plan (CAP) as an implementation measure for the General Plan, which commits to a targeted level of GHGs reduction by 2035; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of West Hollywood supports the implementation of a CF&D program in United States; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of West Hollywood calls on the United States Congress to introduce legislation to make CF&D a reality.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of West Hollywood at a regular meeting held this 1st day of May, 2017 by the following vote:

AYES:	Councilmember:	D'Amico, Duran, Horvath, Mayor Pro Tempore Heilman, and Mayor Meister.
NOES:	Councilmember:	None.
ABSENT:	Councilmember:	None.
ABSTAIN:	Councilmember:	None.



LAUREN MEISTER, MAYOR

ATTEST:


YVONNE QUARKER, CITY CLERK