

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-32

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLAREMONT, CALIFORNIA, ENCOURAGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO PASS A FEDERAL REVENUE-NEUTRAL CARBON FEE AND DIVIDEND SYSTEM

WHEREAS, the City of Claremont's Sustainability Plan, updated October 8, 2013, sets objectives to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions by 15% in 2020 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, having determined that the Carbon Fee and Dividend legislative principles proposed by the non-partisan Citizens Climate Lobby, would provide an efficient approach to shifting incentives that keep the United States reliant on fossil fuel energy and would, thereby, help support the rapid deployment of cleaner alternatives; and

WHEREAS, having determined that this approach would be fair to everyone and would protect middle and low income households by providing them with a dividend (also known as a rebate) that, on average, would be higher than the increased costs for energy for two-thirds of all households (specifically the lowest income two-thirds) during the transition to cleaner energy; and

WHEREAS, per the non-partisan study by Regional Economic Models, Inc. (REMI), this approach would ensure a substantial increase in private investment in cleaner energy options because they will become significantly less expensive relative to fossil fuels within a known time frame; and

WHEREAS, this approach would encourage consumers and businesses to keep their carbon dioxide footprint smaller while still ensuring that all households would be able to afford the energy they need during the transition to cleaner energy; and

WHEREAS, the City wishes to respond to these challenges with a business minded focus; and

WHEREAS, having determined that early adoption of the National Revenue-Neutral Carbon Fee and Dividend Legislation in the United States would grow our economy, add nearly two million jobs, help make us a world leader in cleaner-energy technology, and help establish the United States as a leader in future global climate negotiations; and

WHEREAS, the National Revenue-Neutral Carbon Fee and Dividend system is likely to receive bipartisan support.

NOW THEREFORE, THE CLAREMONT CITY COUNCIL DOES HEREBY RESOLVE:

Section 1. The Claremont City Council requests that the United States Congress immediately enact legislation and the United States President sign into law a national revenue-neutral carbon fee and dividend system, in order to protect the economy and the climate for future generations.


Section 2. 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.

Section 3. 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.

Section 4. The Claremont City Council directs the Mayor to send a letter no later than 30 days after passage of this Resolution by the Claremont City Council to all Claremont State and Federal Legislators and the Governor of California encouraging support for a national revenue-neutral carbon fee and dividend system.

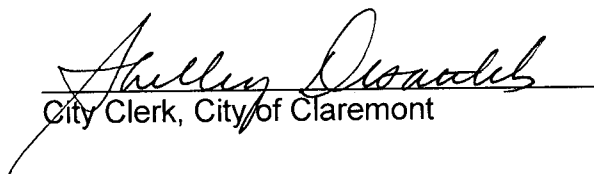
Section 5. The Mayor shall sign and the City Clerk shall attest to the passage of this Resolution.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this 9th day of May, 2017.



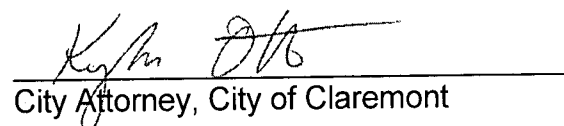
Mayor, City of Claremont

ATTEST:



City Clerk, City of Claremont

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



City Attorney, City of Claremont

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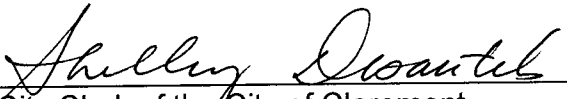
I, Shelley Desautels, City Clerk of the City of Claremont, County of Los Angeles, State of California, hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution No. 2017-32 was regularly adopted by the City Council of said City of Claremont at a regular meeting of said Council held on the 9th day of May, 2017, by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: LYONS, PEDROZA, SCHROEDER

NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: NASIALI

ABSTENSIONS: COUNCILMEMBERS: CALAYCAY

ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: NONE



City Clerk of the City of Claremont