

City of Carmel-by-the-Sea

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August 8, 2018

Congressman Panetta
Salinas Office
100 W Alisal St
Salinas, CA 93901

RE: Support for Carbon Fee and Dividend Program

Dear Congressman Panetta:

On August 6, 2018, the Council of the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea passed a resolution in support of the Carbon Fee and Dividend Program (Program) proposed by the non-partisan Citizens' Climate Lobby. As the Mayor of the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea, I am writing to urge your support for this proposal.

As a coastal city surrounded by significant ecological resources, including coastal waters designated as an Area of Special Biological Significance, we are very concerned about the impacts of climate change on the health and safety of our residents, as well as that of our surrounding ecosystems. Among the many impacts of climate change, we are anticipating increases in air and ocean temperatures, stronger storms, increasing threats of wildfires, beach erosion, and ocean acidification. A rapid shift to green energy alternatives is needed to curb our reliance on fossil fuels and reduce the severity of the impacts of climate change.

A national Carbon Fee and Dividend Program would be an efficient approach to make this rapid shift occur by establishing a fee on greenhouse gas emissions that would make cleaner energy options less costly than fossil fuels. The Program would also provide households with a dividend offsetting the increased cost of energy, thus minimizing impacts on low- and middle-income households.

The City believes that a national Carbon Fee and Dividend Program is vital to the rapid shift needed to curb our reliance on fossil fuels and reduce our collective impact on the climate. Attached is the City's resolution requesting that the United States Congress pass legislation to establish this critical Program.

Sincerely,



Steve Dallas
Mayor
City of Carmel-by-the-Sea

Attachment: Resolution 2018-077

**CITY OF CARMEL-BY-THE-SEA
CITY COUNCIL**

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-077

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARMEL-BY-THE-SEA SUPPORTING THE NATIONAL CARBON FEE AND DIVIDEND PROGRAM AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SEND LETTERS OF SUPPORT TO CONGRESSMAN PANETTA AND THE MONTEREY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

WHEREAS, according to the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, current atmospheric concentrations of carbon dioxide, methane and nitrous oxide are at unprecedented levels in at least the last 800,000 years, and these concentrations are associated with unequivocal warming of the climate system with many adverse changes intensifying over the past decades;

WHEREAS, continued emission of greenhouse gases will cause further warming and long-lasting changes in our climate, increasing the likelihood of severe and irreversible impacts for people and ecosystems;

WHEREAS, urgent action is needed across the United States to shift energy production and consumption away from fossil fuels to more environmentally sensitive solutions;

WHEREAS, the Carbon Fee and Dividend Program's legislative principles proposed by the Citizen's Climate Lobby, a non-profit, nonpartisan, advocacy organization, would help support the rapid deployment of cleaner energy alternatives by establishing a fee on greenhouse gas emissions, thus making cleaner energy options less costly than fossil fuels;

WHEREAS, the Carbon Fee and Dividend Program would provide households with a dividend from the greenhouse gas emissions fee that would offset increased costs for energy; and

WHEREAS, according to a study by Regional Economic Models, Inc., the Carbon Fee and Dividend Program would also be beneficial to the economy and create 2 million jobs over 10 years,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARMEL-BY-THE-SEA DOES HEREBY:

Support the establishment of the National Carbon Fee and Dividend Program and authorize the Mayor to send letters of support to Congressman Panetta and the Monterey County Board of Supervisors.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARMEL-BY-THE-SEA this 6th day of August 2018, by the following roll call vote:


AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: RICHARDS, HARDY, REIMERS, THEIS, DALLAS

NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS:

ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS:

ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEMBERS:

SIGNED:



Steve G. Dallas, Mayor

ATTEST:



Thomas A. Graves, MMC
City Clerk