

RESOLUTION NO. 2009/57

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ANTIOCH ADOPTING GHG REDUCTION TARGETS BY REDUCING OVERALL CARBON EMISSIONS BY 25% (1990 LEVELS) BY 2020 AND 80% REDUCTIONS BY 2050 AS MANDATED BY THE GLOBAL WARMING SOLUTIONS ACT OF 2006 AB-32

WHEREAS, there is a consensus among the world's leading scientists that global warming caused by human emission of greenhouse gases is among the most significant problems facing the world today;

WHEREAS, documented impacts of global warming include but are not limited to increased occurrences of extreme weather events (i.e., droughts and floods), adverse impacts on plants and wildlife habitats, threats to global food and water supplies – all of which have an economic impact on communities and their local governments;

WHEREAS, leading scientists have projected that stabilization of climate change in time to minimize such impacts will require a reduction of global warming emissions to 80 percent below current levels by the year 2050;

WHEREAS, currently the United States is responsible for producing approximately 25 percent of the world's global warming pollutants;

WHEREAS, many leading US companies that have adopted greenhouse gas reduction programs to demonstrate corporate and operational responsibility have also publicly expressed preference for the federal government to adopt precise and mandatory emissions targets and timetables as a means by which to provide a uniform and predictable regulatory environment to encourage and enable necessary and long-term business investments;

WHEREAS, state, regional and local governments throughout the United States are adopting emissions reduction targets and programs and that this effort is bipartisan, coming from Republican and Democratic leadership;

WHEREAS, the US Conference of Mayors has endorsed the US Mayors Climate Protection Agreement, which commits cities to reduction of global warming emissions to 7 percent below 1990 levels by 2012, and calls for a federal limit on emissions;

WHEREAS, the State of California has mandated statewide reduction of greenhouse gas emissions to 80 percent below 1990 levels by 2050;

WHEREAS, more than 100 county leaders signed a letter written by Dane County, Wisconsin, that was sent to the President in March 2006 calling for increased energy investment and development of jobs focused on clean energy technologies;

WHEREAS, cities have a unique role to play in reducing greenhouse gas emissions and preparing for the impacts of climate change through their local jurisdiction over policy areas such as air quality, land use planning, transportation, zoning, forest preservation, water conservation, and wastewater and solid waste management;

WHEREAS, the economic arguments for implementing climate solutions are compelling, from the near-term economic gains of energy efficiency to the long-term climate stabilization that can prevent irreparable harm from catastrophic climate change impacts;

WHEREAS, many cities throughout the nation, both large and small, are reducing global warming pollutants through programs that provide economic and quality of life benefits such as reducing energy bills, preserving green space, implementing better land use policies, improving air quality, promoting waste-to-energy programs, expanding transportation and work choices to reduce traffic congestion, and fostering more economic development and job creation through energy conservation and new technologies;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Antioch declares that we will take immediate steps to help the state, and our county achieve the 2050 climate stabilization goal by making the following commitments:

- i. Create an inventory of our city government (operational) greenhouse gas ("GHG") emissions and implement policies, programs and operations to achieve significant, measurable and sustainable reduction of those operational GHG emissions to help contribute to the regional reduction targets as identified in paragraph ii;
- ii. Work closely with state, and federal governments and other leaders to reduce city geographical GHG emissions to 80 percent below current levels by 2050, by developing a GHG emissions inventory and local plan that establishes short-, mid-, and long-term GHG reduction targets.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the City will take immediate steps to identify local climate change impacts; we will draft and implement a city plan to prepare for and build resilience to those impacts.

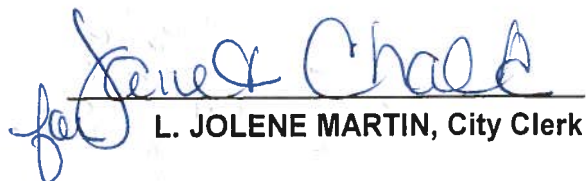
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I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing resolution was passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Antioch at a regular meeting thereof, held on the 23rd day of June, 2009, by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Kalinowski, Rocha, Moore, Parsons and Mayor Davis

NOES: None

ABSENT: None


 L. JOLENE MARTIN, City Clerk