



Template Resolution

A RESOLUTION DECLARING A CLIMATE EMERGENCY, COMMITTING TO POLICIES OPPOSING FOSSIL FUEL EXPANSION AND ACCELERATING THE CLEAN ENERGY TRANSITION AS PART OF THE SAFE CITIES MOVEMENT, AND ENDORSING THE CALL FOR A GLOBAL FOSSIL FUEL NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY.

WHEREAS, our entire community [is/will be]] impacted by the health and safety risks of fossil fuel expansion, and particularly those who also face socioeconomic and health inequities, including youth, elders, Indigenous people, people of color, low-income people, those experiencing mental and physical disabilities, those experiencing homelessness, and people with health conditions; and

WHEREAS, the construction of new fossil fuel infrastructure and expanded reliance on fossil fuels exposes communities to untenable risks to the public's health and safety at the local and global levels; and

WHEREAS, the economic opportunities presented by a clean energy transition far outweigh the opportunities presented by an economy supported by expanding fossil fuel use and extraction; and

WHEREAS, our community is committed to a just energy transition and to appropriate investments that offset the impacts of evolving industries and employment as well as ambitious investments in the green infrastructure and industries that will create jobs, decarbonize our economy, and reduce future climate change; and

(not applicable everywhere) WHEREAS, pursuant to the [state, regional, or national] [governing document], the general police powers granted to [city, county, or other local jurisdiction] empower and authorize [government of city, county, or other jurisdiction] to adopt land use controls to provide for the regulation of land uses within the [city, county, or other local jurisdiction] and to provide that such uses shall be consistent with applicable law; and

WHEREAS, the [government of city, county, or other jurisdiction] fully recognizes the limits to its authority over [transportation of certain goods or other activities] imposed by [laws/statutes of appropriate national governing document], and finds that this action is within its authority; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, [government of city, county, or other jurisdiction] declares [or “reaffirms our declaration” if a declaration has been made earlier by the jurisdiction] that a climate and ecological emergency threatens our city, region, state, nation, civilization, humanity and the natural world;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the [government of city, county, or other jurisdiction] opposes the rollback of climate policy at any level of government, affirms its ongoing commitment to the goals of the Paris Climate Agreement, and pledges to meet its proportionate greenhouse gas reductions under the Paris Climate Agreement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the [government of city, county, or other jurisdiction] endorses the call for a global Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty that will end new fossil fuel exploration and expansion, phase out existing production in line with the global commitment to limit warming to 1.5°C, and accelerate equitable transition plans; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, [government of city, county, or other jurisdiction] urges the [nation] government to support the initiative for a Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the [government of city, county, or other jurisdiction] intends to implement policies limiting or preventing fossil fuel expansion and promoting electrification as part of the SAFE Cities movement because of the inherent dangers to the public’s health and safety in extraction, transport, storage, and combustion of fossil fuels; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the [staff or appropriate department of government of city, county, or other jurisdiction] are directed/requested to explore and develop SAFE Cities policy recommendations within 90 days in keeping with our local law-making power that limit fossil fuel infrastructure expansion and promote electrification and a clean energy future in order to protect public health and safety.