

# CLIMATE EMERGENCY RESOLUTION

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## BACKGROUND

- February 2019 - the Council recognized implementation of the Climate Action Plan as a Tier One priority and recommended formation of the Climate Action Subcommittee
  - Subcommittee created to provide guidance and oversight of the implementation of the City's Municipal Climate Action Plan and the Community Climate Action Plan
- Since implementation of Subcommittee, an All-Electric Reach code was adopted by Council and Analysis of Evergreen and implementation of Zero Waste Initiatives have been recommended to the full Council.
- September 3, 2019 - Subcommittee recommended moving a Climate Emergency Resolution based on the adopted RCPA Template forward to the full Council for consideration

## RCPA CLIMATE RESOLUTION

- RCPA's mission is to lead a local government coalition to mobilize regional climate action in Sonoma County so that the County is united in taking bold action to fight the climate crisis
- RCPA has identified continuing areas of concern and the RCPA Board unanimously approved a Climate Emergency Resolution on September 9, 2019
  - Final, adopted resolution reflects input received from the public and RCPA Board members
  - RCPA also included a template resolution for consideration and use by the County and cities

## PROPOSED RESOLUTION

- Adoption of proposed Resolution would commit the City to:
  - Work with RCPA on 2030 Climate Emergency Mobilization Strategy
  - Reevaluate existing policies through the lens of the climate emergency,
  - Educate its employees and residents about the climate crisis and the work needed to catalyze equitable emergency climate mobilization
  - Identifying a Climate Emergency Liaison

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- Adopting the Resolution would call for ongoing efforts related to climate change and greenhouse gas emission reductions through the implementation of Climate Action Subcommittee, the work of City departments, and RCPA
- Any commitment of additional funds or staffing would be considered through the Council priority setting and budget process
- Petaluma, Windsor, Cloverdale, Sebastopol, Healdsburg, Cotati and the County of Sonoma have adopted Climate Emergency Resolutions.

# CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT

Proposed action is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under section 15061(b)(3) and 15378 in that there is no possibility that the implementation of this action may have significant detrimental effects on the environment, and that no further environmental review is required

## RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended by the Climate Action Subcommittee that the Council, by resolution, declare a climate emergency and endorse the mobilization to restore a safe climate.

# QUESTIONS/COMMENTS

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