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**CITY COUNCIL STAFF REPORT**

Meeting: September 18, 2018

Subject

Resolution of the City Council Declaring a Climate Emergency

Recommended Action

Adopt the draft resolution of the City Council declaring a climate emergency

Description

The City of Berkeley held a Bay Area Regional Climate Emergency Town Hall on Friday, August 24<sup>th</sup> 2018. It was an event with over 120 public officials, sustainability officers, environmental justice and ecological organizations, and community members who came together to discuss how the Bay Area can work faster together to effectively address the climate emergency we face. Representatives from eight counties in the region, and from other counties in the State, attended.

As a result of this Town Hall, a letter addressed to Governor Brown, and other California public officials attending, was signed by public officials, and was delivered at the Global Climate Action Summit on September 13, 2018.

The attached draft resolution is to declare a climate emergency, calling for an emergency mobilization effort to end citywide greenhouse gas emissions as quickly as possible, educate residents about climate change, and work to advocate for a mass mobilization effort at the local, state, national, and global level. The cities of Berkeley and Richmond have passed similar resolutions in July 2018.

Adoption of this resolution will direct staff to continue with the aggressive implementation of the Climate Action Plan goals, policies and programs, and working to achieve the City's goals of reducing greenhouse gases 15% by 2020, 49% by 2035 and 83% by 2050. Staff will continue to report to the Council yearly on the implementation of the CAP, and conduct greenhouse gas inventory updates every 2 years.

Sustainability Impact

Declaration of a Climate Emergency is consistent with the City's Climate Action Plan and greenhouse gas reduction goals.

Fiscal Impact

Unknown

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Attachments:

A. Declaration of Climate Emergency Resolution