

OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION No. _____ C.M.S.


City Attorney
REVISED

RESOLUTION APPROVING PRELIMINARY PLANNING TARGETS FOR DEVELOPMENT OF THE DRAFT OAKLAND ENERGY AND CLIMATE ACTION PLAN

WHEREAS, the City of Oakland is committed to providing leadership on energy and climate issues as part of becoming a model sustainable city; and

WHEREAS, a clear scientific near-consensus has emerged regarding the dangers of increasing concentrations of greenhouse gases in the Earth's atmosphere and the significant role that anthropogenic sources of GHG emissions play in increasing those concentrations; and

WHEREAS, the latest report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), a body of the world's most authoritative climate scientists, suggests that industrialized countries must reduce GHG emissions to levels 25-40% below 1990 levels by 2020 and 80-95% below 1990 levels by 2050 to achieve a level of climate stabilization that includes relatively minor consequences; and

WHEREAS, Oakland's GHG emissions must be reduced by at least 36% below 2005 levels by 2020, and 83% below 2005 levels by 2050 to align with the IPCC recommendations; and

WHEREAS, tremendous collective action will be necessary in the near term on a global scale to reduce GHG emissions to safe levels, and a variety of opportunities exist in Oakland to provide leadership on reducing GHG emissions; and

WHEREAS, the City of Oakland is developing an Energy and Climate Action Plan to identify energy and climate goals, clarify policy direction, and recommend priority actions for reducing energy use and GHG emissions in a framework that supports implementation and funding discussions; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City of Oakland is committed to continuing to provide leadership to reduce greenhouse gas emissions to mitigate the future effects of climate change both locally and globally; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the City Council hereby directs staff to develop the draft Oakland Energy and Climate Action Plan using a preliminary planning GHG reduction target equivalent to 36% below 2005 GHG emissions by 2020 and annual benchmarks for meeting the target.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, _____, 20____

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - BROOKS, DE LA FUENTE, KAPLAN, KERNIGHAN, NADEL, QUAN, REID, and PRESIDENT BRUNNER

NOES -

ABSENT -

ABSTENTION -

ATTEST: _____
LaTonda Simmons
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council
of the City of Oakland, California