

RESOLUTION NO. 24-089

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA,
SUPPORTING THE DEVELOPMENT OF BUILDING PERFORMANCE POLICIES AND
PROGRAMS.**

WHEREAS, The City of Carson is committed to a long-term vision of decarbonization and pollution reduction especially in neighborhoods that experience a disproportionate amount of pollution; and

WHEREAS, The City of Carson's 2017 Climate Action Plan targets a 49% reduction in emissions between 2020 and 2035 and prioritizes that 82.92% of that reduction shall come from energy efficiency, including existing commercial buildings; and

WHEREAS, upgrading and retrofitting buildings reduces overall energy use, lowers operating costs, dramatically reduces harmful emissions, improves a building's health, resilience, and comfort while generating jobs and local economic investment; and

WHEREAS, the State of California already implements the Building Energy Benchmarking Program which requires owners of large commercial and multifamily buildings to report energy use to the California Energy Commission by June 1 annually; and

WHEREAS, jurisdictions across the country are increasingly working with local stakeholders, especially frontline communities, to design and implement Building Performance Standard policies that go beyond benchmarking to require existing buildings to achieve minimum levels of energy or climate performance; and

WHEREAS, the City Council directed key staff to evaluate goals, measures, sub-strategies and recommendations of the 2017 Climate Action Plan to increase participation in existing programs, develop new programs, and participate in sub-regional programs that improve sustainability and reduce greenhouse gas emissions; and

WHEREAS, the federal Inflation Reduction Act (IRA), enacted in 2022, provides up to \$1 billion for States and local governments to take innovative approaches to improve the efficiency of and reduce emissions from both new and existing buildings, and City staff are working with a partnership of jurisdictions such as West Hollywood and Chula Vista to develop an application for the proposal for this funding; and

WHEREAS, The National Building Performance Standards (BPS) Coalition, launched by the White House in 2022, comprises a nationwide group of state and local governments that have committed to inclusively design and implement building performance policies and programs in their jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, National BPS Coalition members can benefit from support from federal agencies, labor, and non-governmental organizations that are providing resources for location-based workforce engagement, technical analysis, equity strategies, localized policy design, and stakeholder engagement; and

WHEREAS, by working with local stakeholders, especially frontline communities, to design and implement programs and policies that will address our health, energy, housing affordability, and climate needs in our City’s largest buildings, Carson can see forth its commitments in its adopted Climate Action Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA, DOES HEREBY RESOLVE, DECLARE, DETERMINE AND ORDER AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The foregoing recitals are true and correct and are incorporated herein by reference.

SECTION 2. The City Council finds as follows:

- a) The City of Carson will lead a grant application to the IRA’s Assistance for the Adoption of the Latest and Zero Building Energy Codes grant program due on September 13, with partnering cities of West Hollywood, Chula Vista, and at least five other cities or states to support our implementation of BPS policies, as well as creating a unique and free-for-use BPS impact web-tool for jurisdictions nationwide; and
- b) The City of Carson will support the development of building performance standards or other complementary policies and programs to advance legislation and/or regulation, with a goal of adoption by 2026; and
- c) The City of Carson staff should explore joining the National BPS Coalition in order to benefit from technical support via U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) and Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) as well as that from other coalition partners.

SECTION 3. In the event of any conflict between this Resolution and any prior City resolution relating to the subject matter hereof, this Resolution shall supersede and prevail over the prior resolution to the extent of the conflict

SECTION 4. The City Clerk shall certify to the adoption of this resolution and deem it effective as of September 3rd of 2024 the same shall be in force and effect.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this 3rd day of September 2024.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

CITY OF CARSON:

Sunny K. Soltani, City Attorney

Lula Davis-Holmes, Mayor

ATTEST:

Dr. Khaleah K. Bradshaw, City Clerk

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES) ss.
CITY OF CARSON)

I, Dr. Khaleah K. Bradshaw, City Clerk of the City of Carson, California, hereby attest to and certify that the foregoing resolution, being Resolution No. 24-089 adopted by the City of Carson City Council at its meeting held on September 3, 2024, by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS:
NOES: COUNCIL MEMBERS:
ABSTAIN: COUNCIL MEMBERS:
ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Dr. Khaleah K. Bradshaw, City Clerk