

RESOLUTION NO. 17-155

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL, OF THE CITY OF
CARSON, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE CLIMATE ACTION
PLAN

WHEREAS, on November 1, 2017, the Environmental Commission recommended approval of the City's Climate Action Plan; and

WHEREAS, the City of Carson is committed to excellence and leadership in the community; and

WHEREAS, the City of Carson is aware of the economic, environmental, and societal benefits of taking a lead role in the implementation of sustainable strategies that reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions; and

WHEREAS, the City of Carson has voluntarily agreed to reduce GHG emissions to help the State of California meet its GHG reduction goals of 15% below 2005 levels by 2020 and 80% below 1990 levels by 2050, as stated in Assembly Bill 32; and

WHEREAS, the City of Carson previously approved GHG reduction targets and energy efficiency measures in the Energy Efficiency Climate Action Plan (EECAP) in Carson (Resolution No. 15-111) funded by Southern California Edison and Southern California Gas Company; and

WHEREAS, funding from the Strategic Growth Council has enabled the South Bay Cities Council of Governments to work with City of Carson staff to develop Land Use & Transportation (LUT), Greening; Waste; and Energy Generation & Storage strategies; and

WHEREAS, the combined strategies of the LUT, Waste, Greening, and Energy Generation & Storage along with the previously approved EECAP constitutes the City of Carson's completed CAP; and

WHEREAS, the CAP serves as a policy guidance document for assessing, prioritizing, and implementing future projects within the City of Carson; and

WHEREAS, the City of Carson CAP serves as a planning tool to be considered as the City develops its long- term planning goals, and to help the City determine appropriate GHG reduction strategies. The analysis and optional strategies in the CAP can be used in the future, by way of example, to help create a Qualified Climate Reduction Strategy under CEQA, to create

GHG thresholds to be used in CEQA analysis and can be used to update the City's General Plan. The CAP provides analysis and general optional strategies while the specific details of how to implement these strategies are yet to be determined. The acceptance of these general optional strategies as an information document and planning tool will not result in physical changes to the environment and does not commit the City to any action that would result in physical changes to the environment. Therefore acceptance of this CAP is exempt from CEQA under 15061. Any discretionary action implement any of these strategies will be reviewed under CEQA once the details of each action item are determined; and

WHEREAS, the strategies contained in the CAP are estimated to reduce GHG emissions to meet the City of Carson's reduction goals of 15% below 2005 by 2020 and 49% below 2005 by 2035; and

WHEREAS, the City of Carson desires to lead by example through the incorporation of measures that will increase sustainability and reduce GHG emissions for the Community, at large.

NOW THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON HEREBY DOES RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The City Council commits to increase environmental quality and awareness and reduce GHG emissions in municipal operations and the Carson community.

Section 2. The City Council directs 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 GHG emissions.

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this 21st day of NOVEMBER, 2017.

Albert Robles, Mayor
City of Carson, California

ATTEST:

Donesia L. Gause, CMC, City Clerk
City of Carson, California