

RESOLUTION NO. 108-08

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF RICHMOND, CALIFORNIA COMMITTING TO THE GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS TARGETS ESTABLISHED BY THE CALIFORNIA GLOBAL WARMING SOLUTIONS ACT OF 2006

WHEREAS, in 2006 the California State Legislature enacted the Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006 (AB 32); and

WHEREAS, AB 32 declares that global warming poses a serious threat to California's environment and creates a comprehensive, multi-year program to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions that cause global warming; and

WHEREAS, AB 32 charges the State Air Resources Board (ARB) with the responsibility of setting limits on GHG emissions with the purpose of curbing global warming; and

WHEREAS, AB 32 creates a statewide limit on global warming emissions; and

WHEREAS, AB 32 establishes the following GHG emissions reduction targets:

- 2000 GHG emissions levels by 2010,
- 1990 GHG emissions levels by 2020,
- 80 percent below 1990 levels in 2050; and

WHEREAS, the City of Richmond joined "ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability" to become a partner in the Cities for Climate Protection Campaign to reduce GHG emissions; and

WHEREAS, ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability promotes a five milestone methodology to reduce GHG emissions, including:

- Conducting a GHG emissions inventory and future emissions forecast to determine the source and quantity of GHG emissions within the jurisdiction,
- Establishing a GHG emissions reduction target,
- Developing an action plan with both existing and future actions to meet the GHG emissions reduction target,
- Implementing the action plan,
- Monitoring and reporting progress; and

WHEREAS, the City of Richmond is working to create a new Climate Change Element as part of the General Plan update; and

WHEREAS, the City of Richmond's GHG emissions inventory and Climate Change Element will enable City staff to develop a Climate Action Plan to

effectively reach the State's GHG emissions reduction targets established by AB 32.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Richmond City Council does hereby commit to achieving, at minimum, the GHG reduction targets established by AB 32.

I certify that the foregoing Resolution was passed and adopted by the Members of the City Council of the City of Richmond at a regular meeting held on September 16, 2008, by the following vote:

- AYES: Councilmembers Bates, Butt, Marquez, Rogers, Sandhu, Thurmond, and Mayor McLaughlin
- NOES: None
- ABSTENTIONS: None
- ABSENT: Councilmembers Lopez and Viramontes

DIANE HOLMES
Clerk of the City of Richmond

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Approved:

GAYLE McLAUGHLIN
Mayor

Approved as to form:

LOUISE RENNE
City Attorney

State of California }
County of Contra Costa : ss.
City of Richmond }

I certify that the foregoing is a true copy of Resolution No. 108-08, finally passed and adopted by the Council of the City of Richmond at a meeting held on September 16, 2008.