

RESOLUTION NO. NS-

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA CRUZ
IN SUPPORT OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, consensus exists among the world's leading climate scientists that global warming caused by emissions of greenhouse gases from human activities is among the most significant problems facing the world today; and

WHEREAS, documented impacts of climate change include but are not limited to increased occurrences of extreme weather events (e.g. droughts and floods), adverse impacts on ecosystems, demographic patterns and economic value chains; and

WHEREAS, the State of California has mandated statewide reduction of GHG emissions to 80% below 1990 levels by 2050; and

WHEREAS, responding to the climate change provides communities an opportunity to access first mover advantage in the range of products, services and know-how that transitioning to a climate-compatible future brings; and

WHEREAS, the Paris Agreement resulted in a commitment from almost every nation to take action and enact programs to limit global temperature increase to less than 2 degrees Celsius, with an expectation that this goal would be reduced to 1.5 degrees in the future; and

WHEREAS, withdrawal from the Paris Agreement by the Trump administration is unacceptable and not in keeping with the City's environmental values;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Santa Cruz that it:

1. Reaffirms its commitment to the Paris Agreement; and
2. Indicates its commitment to reducing GHG emissions through an implementation of its Climate Action Plan and commits to exploring the potential benefits and costs of adopting policies and programs that promote the long-term goal of GHG emissions reduction while maximizing economic and social co-benefits of such action; and
3. Joins other US cities in the Climate Mayors Network in adopting and supporting the goals of the Paris Agreement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Santa Cruz that it supports and endorses the Paris Agreement and authorizes the Mayor to join the Climate Mayors Network on behalf of the City.

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PASSED AND ADOPTED this 13th day of June, 2017, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

DISQUALIFIED:

APPROVED: _____
Cynthia Chase, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Bren Lehr, City Clerk Administrator