



DATE: March 7, 2017
TO: Mayor and City Council
FROM: Director of Utilities & Environmental Services
SUBJECT Adoption of a Resolution to Join Compact of Mayors

RECOMMENDATION

That Council reviews this report and adopts the attached resolution approving the letter of intent to join the Compact of Mayors.

BACKGROUND

The Compact of Mayors is a coalition of cities and local governments around the world that commit to taking inventory of greenhouse gas emissions, reducing emissions, building resiliency, and increasing accountability. The Compact was launched in 2014 by then United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon and his Special Envoy for Cities and Climate Change, Michael R. Bloomberg. There are currently 628 cities around the world that have joined the Compact of Mayors, including 129 in the United States.

The Carbon Disclosure Project (CDP) is a reporting and data partner for the Compact of Mayors. CDP is a global disclosure system for companies, cities, states, and regions to track and manage their environmental impacts. Hayward reported its data to CDP in 2015 and 2016.

Council Sustainability Committee – On January 9, 2017, staff presented a report to the Council Sustainability Committee recommending that the City of Hayward join the Compact of Mayors. The Committee voted unanimously to recommend joining the Compact to Council.

DISCUSSION

Staff and the Council Sustainability Committee have reviewed the requirements for the Compact of Mayors and recommend that the full Council recommend the City to commit to the Compact. Many Bay Area cities have already committed to the Compact of Mayors including: Benicia; Berkeley; Cupertino; Emeryville; Fremont; Oakland; Palo Alto; Piedmont; Richmond; San Francisco; San José; and San Rafael.

Hayward is well-positioned to fulfill the requirements of the Compact, of which there are four phases.

- Phase 1 requires the submission of a letter of intent to join the Compact.

- Phase 2 requires completing a greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions inventory, of which Hayward has completed an inventory for 2005 and 2010 respectively; and it requires climate hazard reporting, which Hayward reports annually to CDP.
- Phase 3 requires setting emissions reductions targets and accounting for climate change risks, which Hayward's Climate Action Plan (CAP) and Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP) fulfill.
- Phase 4 requires climate action and adaptation planning, which the CAP and LHMP fulfill.

ECONOMIC IMPACT AND FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact to the City and there are no known impacts to residents or businesses. The Compact is funded through Bloomberg Philanthropies. There is no cost to sign on to the Compact of Mayors and the work necessary to comply with the Compact is already programmed and budgeted. Joining the Compact could increase private and public investor confidence in Hayward as a dependable, business-friendly city.

SUSTAINABILITY FEATURES

Signing on to the Compact of Mayors would provide an opportunity for Hayward to further document and publicize its accomplishments regarding energy efficiency, water conservation, waste reduction, greenhouse gas emissions reductions, and climate adaptation. The Compact enables cities to share expertise and best practices for taking action on climate change. Signing the Compact would also allow Hayward to study measures that other cities have taken and inform its next action steps.

NEXT STEPS

If Council approves the attached resolution, staff will provide the letter of intent to Mayor Halliday for signing. Following an acknowledgement of Hayward's letter from the Compact of Mayors, staff will prepare and submit the Compact of Mayors Module, which is a component of the CDP Cities 2016 Information Request. In addition, staff is in the process of completing a GHG inventory for 2015 and will submit it to CDP when finalized. Staff will report back to the Council annually regarding the status of our commitment to the Compact and any future recognition that the City may receive for its commitment and/or compliance.

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