



DATE: January 9, 2017

TO: Council Sustainability Committee

FROM: Director of Utilities and Environmental Services

SUBJECT: Compact of Mayors

RECOMMENDATION

That the Committee reviews and comments on this report and recommends that the Mayor sign and submit the attached letter 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 transparency and accountability. The Compact was launched in 2014 by the United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon and his Special Envoy for Cities and Climate Change, Michael R. Bloomberg. There are currently 612 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.

DISCUSSION

Staff has reviewed the requirements for the Compact of Mayors and recommends that the Committee recommend to the Council that the City commit to the Compact of Mayors. 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.

Staff previously considered this commitment in early 2016, but requirements for phase 3 of the commitment process, the Risk and Vulnerability Assessment component, were unclear. During recent communication with CDP Cities, CDP staff evaluated Hayward's Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP) and confirmed that Hayward's LHMP fulfills the risk and vulnerability assessment requirements detailed in the Compact of Mayors' Definition of Compliance document.

Participating in the Compact of Mayors would give Hayward recognition for its commitment to addressing climate change. Joining the Compact would reaffirm Hayward's commitment to its residents and businesses by increasing transparency and accountability regarding climate change action. Upon joining, Hayward would receive an official "Compact of Mayors Commitment" badge to display on digital and/or print media. The Mayor and City Council would also have the opportunity to share this commitment at official City of Hayward events as a mark of our progress toward addressing climate change.

Committing to the Compact would enhance the City of Hayward's image. It would assure residents and businesses that the City will continue to protect and enhance its environment and promote its livability. It would reaffirm the City's commitment to adapt to a changing climate.

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 and reduction of greenhouse gas emissions.

ECONOMIC 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. Signing on could increase private and public investor confidence in Hayward as a dependable, business-friendly city.

NEXT STEPS

If recommended by the Committee, staff will schedule this item for Council's consideration in early 2017. Upon direction from Council, staff will provide Mayor Halliday with the Compact's letter of intent for signature. 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. Staff will report back to the Committee 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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