

HAYWARD CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. 21-

Introduced by Council Member _____

RESOLUTION COMMITTING TO POLICIES OPPOSING FOSSIL FUEL
EXPANSION AND ACCELERATING THE CLEAN ENERGY TRANSITION
AS PART OF THE SAFE CITIES MOVEMENT, AND ENDORSING THE
CALL FOR A GLOBAL FOSSIL FUEL NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY

WHEREAS, on January 15, 2019, the City of Hayward declared a climate emergency and requested regional collaboration on an immediate just transition and emergency mobilization effort to restore a safe climate; and

WHEREAS, on June 16, 2020, the City of Hayward City Council adopted new greenhouse gas emission targets of 30% below 2005 levels by 2025, 55% below 2005 levels by 2030 and carbon neutrality by 2045; and

WHEREAS, on September 23, 2020, Governor Gavin Newsom signed an executive order requiring all new vehicles sold in the State be zero-emission vehicles by 2035 to combat climate change and reduce statewide emissions; and

WHEREAS, on January 20, 2021, the United States of America rejoined the Paris Climate Agreement, recognizing the threat of climate change and the urgent need to combat it; and

WHEREAS, on January 26, 2021, the City of Hayward adopted a resolution to establish a new review process for new service stations selling fossil fuels; and

WHEREAS, in January 2021, the City of Hayward switched all municipals accounts to East Bay Community Energy's to Renewable 100, a 100 percent renewable electricity product; and

WHEREAS, the Hayward community will be impacted by the health and safety risks of fossil fuel expansion, and particularly those who also face socioeconomic and health inequities, including youth, elders, Indigenous people, people of color, low-income people, those experiencing mental and physical disabilities, those experiencing homelessness, and people with health conditions; and

WHEREAS, the construction of new fossil fuel infrastructure and expanded reliance on fossil fuels exposes communities to untenable risks to the public's health and safety at the local and global levels; and

WHEREAS, the economic opportunities presented by a clean energy transition far outweigh the opportunities presented by an economy supported by expanding fossil fuel use and extraction; and

WHEREAS, Hayward is committed to a just energy transition and to appropriate investments that offset the impacts of evolving industries and employment as well as ambitious investments in the green infrastructure and industries that will create jobs, decarbonize our economy, and reduce future climate change.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Hayward reaffirms that a climate and ecological emergency threatens our city, region, state, nation, civilization, humanity, and the natural world.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Hayward opposes the rollback of climate policy at any level of government, affirms its ongoing commitment to the goals of the Paris Climate Agreement, and pledges to meet its proportionate greenhouse gas reductions under the Paris Climate Agreement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Hayward endorses the call for a global Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty that will end new fossil fuel exploration and expansion, phase out existing production in line with the global commitment to limit warming to 1.5°C, and accelerate equitable transition plans.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Hayward urges the United States government to support the initiative for a Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Hayward intends to implement policies limiting or preventing fossil fuel expansion and promoting electrification as part of the SAFE Cities movement because of the inherent dangers to the public's health and safety in extraction, transport, storage, and combustion of fossil fuels.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Hayward does hereby direct staff to explore SAFE Cities policy recommendations as part of the Climate Action Plan Update to limit fossil fuel infrastructure expansion and promote electrification and a clean energy future in order to protect public health and safety.

IN COUNCIL, HAYWARD, CALIFORNIA _____, 2021

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS:
 MAYOR:

NOES: COUNCIL MEMBERS:

ABSTAIN: COUNCIL MEMBERS:

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS:

ATTEST: _____
 City Clerk of the City of Hayward

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Attorney of the City of Hayward