

RESOLUTION NO. 17-4971

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD REAFFIRMING THE
CITY'S COMMITTEMENT TO CLIMATE ACTION
AND SOUND ENVIRONMENTAL POLICIES.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD DOES
HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

WHEREAS, the City of West Hollywood has been at the forefront of the progressive environmental policy movement and has adopted local ordinances and supported legislation that aim to reduce the carbon footprint of humans. The City of West Hollywood was the first city in California to adopt a "green building ordinance" and has been recognized for its efforts on environmental sustainability; and

WHEREAS, West Hollywood was an early supporter of AB 32 (Nuñez): California Global Warming Solutions Act, Statutes of 2006. AB 32 launched the Cap & Trade program in California and led to the adoption of a statewide greenhouse gas emissions (GHG) limit equivalent to the statewide GHG emissions levels in 1990 to be achieved by 2020. AB 32 sets in place the nation's most comprehensive, economy-wide global warming pollution reduction program; and

WHEREAS, the City was also amongst the first cities to support California's SB 375 (Steinberg): the Sustainable Communities and Climate Protection of 2008 (Chapter 728, Statutes of 2008). SB 375 supports the State's climate action goals to reduce GHG emissions through coordinated transportation and land use planning with the goal of more sustainable communities. In addition, the City developed, and later adopted, a Climate Action Plan (CAP) that calls for innovative solutions to reduce carbon footprint; and

WHEREAS, in 2016, West Hollywood was recognized as a Solsmart Bronze Community for advancing efforts related to solar energy and supporting strong local solar markets. The City's other recent environmental initiatives include the expansion of its Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) program, the launch of a successful water conservation public awareness campaign, and the facilitation of electric vehicle readiness initiatives; and

WHEREAS, on Thursday, June 1, 2017, President Donald J. Trump announced his decision to remove the United States from the Paris Climate Agreement (PCA), which its text was agreed to by 196 nations during the 2015 Paris Climate Change (PCC) Conference, which was sponsored by the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC); and

WHEREAS, the PCA is a global agreement on the reduction of climate change. The United States, under the leadership of President Barack Obama was one of the main proponents of the agreement. The signatory members agreed to reduce their carbon output as soon as possible and to do their best to keep global warming to well below 2 degrees C; and

WHEREAS, during his remarks, President Trump focused heavily on alleged economic impacts and disadvantages to the American economy and average Americans as a result of entering into the accord. Unfortunately, the President omitted a very important fact: America's commitment to sustainable policies has generated new "green" jobs; and

WHEREAS, most scientists agree that human activity is the main culprit in the rising of global temperatures. According to information available on NASA's Global Climate Change web page, "Climate-warming trends over the past century are extremely likely due to human activities. In addition, most of the leading scientific organizations worldwide have issued public statements endorsing this position"; and

WHEREAS, The City of West Hollywood has recently joined a coalition of more than 1,000 U.S. governors, mayors, businesses, investors, colleges and universities, representing the broadest cross section of the American economy yet assembled in pursuit of climate action. In its joint statement, the coalition reaffirmed its commitment to continuing doing their part to protect the environment and to ensure the U.S. remains a global leader in reducing carbon emissions; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of West Hollywood that the City Council reaffirms its commitment to climate action and sound environmental policies, and to work collaboratively with local, regional, and state officials, leading scientists, and advocates to further advocate for the adoption of policies that lead to a reduction of GHG emissions.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of West Hollywood at a regular meeting held this 19th day of June, 2017 by the following vote:

AYES:	Councilmember:	D'Amico, Horvath, Meister, Mayor Pro Tempore Duran, and Mayor Heilman.
NOES:	Councilmember:	None.
ABSENT:	Councilmember:	None.
ABSTAIN:	Councilmember:	None.



JOHN HEILMAN, MAYOR

ATTEST:



YVONNE QUARKER, CITY CLERK

