

RESOLUTION NO. 2938-2006

RESOLUTION OF THE FORT BRAGG CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN THE "CITIES FOR CLIMATE PROTECTION CAMPAIGN"

WHEREAS, scientific consensus has developed that carbon dioxide (CO₂) and other green-housed gases released into the atmosphere have a profound effect on the Earth's climate; and

WHEREAS, the Fort Bragg General Plan supports energy conservation, the use of local renewable energy resources and energy efficiency as a major consideration in land use and transportation decisions; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Conference of Mayors endorsed the 2005 U.S. Mayors Climate Protection Agreement initiated by Seattle Mayor Nickels and signed by 195 mayors in the USA; and

WHEREAS, the Urban Environmental Accords adopted by local government delegates during U.N. World Environmental Day 2005 call for reduced emissions through energy-efficiency, land use and transportation planning, waste reduction, and wiser energy management; and

WHEREAS, in 2003, the American Geophysical Union adopted a Statement noting that human activities are increasingly altering the Earth's climate and that natural influences cannot explain the rapid increase in near-surface temperatures observed during the second half of the 20th century; and

WHEREAS, in 2001, at the request of the current Administration, the National Academy of Sciences (NAS) reviewed and declared global warming a real problem caused in part by the action of humankind; and

WHEREAS, the 2001 Third Assessment Report from the International Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) and the 2000 U.S. Global Change Research Program's (USGCRP) First National Assessment indicate that global warming has, in fact, begun; and

WHEREAS, 162 countries, including the United States, pledged under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change to reduce greenhouse gas emissions; and

WHEREAS, energy consumption, specifically the burning of fossil fuels, account for more than 80% of the U.S. greenhouse gas emissions; and

WHEREAS, local government actions taken to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and increase energy efficiency provide multiple local benefits by decreasing air pollution, creating jobs, reducing energy expenditures, and saving money for local government, businesses and residents; and

WHEREAS, the Cities for Climate Protection Campaign sponsored by International Council on Local Environmental Initiatives (ICLEI) Local Governments for Sustainability has invited the City of Fort Bragg to join ICLEI and become a partner in the Cities for Climate Protection Campaign.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Fort Bragg does hereby commit to participate in the Cities for Climate Protection Campaign and, as a participant, pledges to take a leadership role in promoting public awareness about the causes and impact of climate change. Pending identification of a source of funds, the City of Fort Bragg will undertake the Cities for Climate Protection Program 5 milestones to reduce both greenhouse gas and air pollution emissions throughout the community, specifically:

- Conduct a greenhouse gas emissions inventory and forecast to determine the source and quantity of greenhouse gas emissions in the jurisdiction;
- Establish a greenhouse gas emissions reduction target;
- Develop an action plan with both existing and future actions which when implemented will meet the local greenhouse gas reduction target;
- Implement the action plan; and
- Monitor and report progress; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Fort Bragg does hereby request assistance from ICLEI's Cities for Climate Protection Campaign (CCP) as it progresses through the milestones.

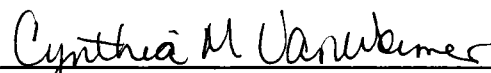
The above and foregoing Resolution was introduced by Councilmember Baltierra, seconded by Councilmember Hammerstrom, and passed and adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Fort Bragg held on the 13th day of March, 2006, by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Gjerde, Baltierra, Hammerstrom, Melo, and Mayor Turner.
NOES: None.
ABSENT: None.
ABSTAIN: None.



DAVE TURNER,
Mayor

ATTEST:


Cynthia M. VanWormer, CMC
City Clerk