

RESOLUTION NO. 18-117

Resolution Of The City Council Of The City Of Emeryville Endorsing the Diesel Free By '33 Statement of Purpose

WHEREAS, climate change, caused by the emission of greenhouse gases including carbon dioxide and black carbon, represents a profound threat to the Bay Area's air quality, public health, environment, water supplies, and economy; and

WHEREAS, diesel engines emit significant amounts of black carbon, a short-lived climate pollutant that is contributing significantly to global climate change; and

WHEREAS, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) Fifth Assessment Report estimates that black carbon is the third most important individual contributor to warming after carbon dioxide and methane (IPCC 2013); and

WHEREAS, the California Air Resources Board ("CARB") concludes that "Diesel exhaust includes over 40 substances that are listed by the United States Environmental Protection Agency as hazardous air pollutants and by the CARB as toxic air contaminants, with 15 of these substances listed by the World Health Organization as carcinogenic to humans, or as a probable or possible human carcinogen" [CARB Scientific Review Panel on: CARB's report titled "Proposed Identification of Diesel Exhaust as a Toxic Air Contaminant." 1998]; and

WHEREAS, the California Environmental Protection Agency's Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment has determined that exposure to diesel exhaust can have significant health effects, including damage to lung tissue and increased risk of cancer; and

WHEREAS, the negative public health and environmental effects from climate change will fall most heavily on the communities and populations that are already most heavily impacted by air pollution, other environmental hazards, and economic inequality; and

WHEREAS, many alternatives to diesel-fueled vehicles and equipment are already commercially available, with purchase costs comparable to traditional diesel technologies; and

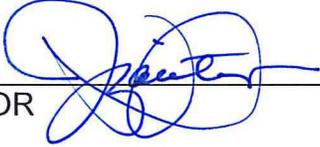
WHEREAS, the City of Emeryville has established its role as a leader in the fight against global climate change through many efforts, including participation in the activities of the Global Covenant of Mayors, the CDP (formerly the Carbon Disclosure Project) and other organizations; working regionally to create the East Bay Community Choice Energy, through which the City procures only GHG-free electricity for its operations, and through robust active transportation programs and comprehensive solid waste management policies; and

WHEREAS, the Bay Area Air Quality Management District has established a challenge to engage with public agencies to reduce diesel emissions in local communities throughout California and beyond, reflected in the Diesel Free By '33 Statement of Purpose; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Emeryville that the City of Emeryville endorses the Diesel Free By '33 Statement of Purpose, reflecting a goal of eliminating diesel pollution by December 31, 2033.

ADOPTED, by the City Council of the City of Emeryville at a regular meeting held Tuesday, September 4, 2018, by the following vote:

AYES:	<u>5</u>	Mayor Bauters, Vice Mayor Medina, and Council Members Donahue, Martinez and Patz
NOES:	<u>0</u>	_____
ABSTAIN:	<u>0</u>	_____
ABSENT:	<u>0</u>	_____



MAYOR

ATTEST:


CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


CITY ATTORNEY