

City of Houston, Texas, Resolution No. 2020- 41

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE ADOPTION OF A CITY OF HOUSTON CLIMATE ACTION PLAN AS THE BASIS FOR THE GOALS, STRATEGIES, ACTIONS, AND POLICIES TO BE USED BY THE CITY OF HOUSTON TO MITIGATE ANTHROPOGENIC GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS AND THE ASSOCIATED CLIMATIC IMPACTS.**

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**WHEREAS**, climate change is an unprecedented challenge that threatens the safety and prosperity of the City of Houston ("City"); and

**WHEREAS**, the overwhelming majority of scientists agree that ongoing climate-warming trends are due to modern human activities and that it is necessary for humans to prevent global temperatures from rising more than 1.5 degrees Celsius by 2050 in order to avert the worst consequences of climate change; and

**WHEREAS**, without any action to reduce global greenhouse gas ("GHG") emissions, the City can expect greater severity and occurrences of extreme events like heat waves, flood, and droughts; and

**WHEREAS**, the City is already seeing increased rainfall from hurricanes and other flood events that have caused extensive damage and disruption; and

**WHEREAS**, as the City continues to grow, the associated GHG emissions that cause the atmosphere to warm are also expected to grow; and

**WHEREAS**, following the announcement of the United States withdrawal from the Paris Climate Agreement, the City made a commitment for Houston to adopt, honor, and uphold the goals of the climate accord, which includes becoming carbon neutral by 2050; and

**WHEREAS**, this first community-wide Houston Climate Action Plan ("CAP") includes strategies and measures that are evidence-based, practical, cost-effective, and have a high potential to improve community equity and resilience, reduce pollution and waste, and boost the local economy; and

**WHEREAS**, while the geographic scope of the CAP is the City's general-purpose jurisdictional boundary, demonstrating local leadership and innovation in reducing GHG emissions will accelerate climate action across the region and the world; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HOUSTON:**

**Section 1.** That the findings contained in the preamble of this Resolution are determined to be true and correct and are hereby adopted as a part of this Resolution.

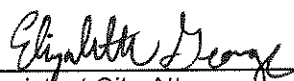
**Section 2.** That the City Council hereby finds and determines that the City shall adopt and maintain the CAP, which describes an overall vision for the City that incorporates goals, strategies, actions, and coordinates policies for the reduction of GHGs.

**Section 3.** That there exists a public emergency requiring that this Resolution be passed finally on the date of its introduction as requested in writing by the Mayor; therefore, this Resolution shall be passed finally on such date and shall take effect immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 21st day of October, 2020.

  
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Mayor of the City of Houston

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City Secretary

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