
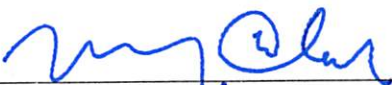

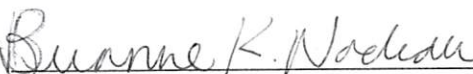


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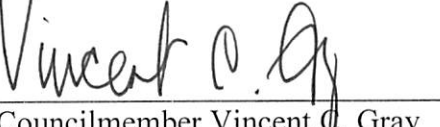
  
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A PROPOSED RESOLUTION

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
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To declare the sense of the Council that the District reaffirms its commitment to continuing and expanding its efforts to reduce its contribution to climate change and its effects on District residents.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Sense of the Council Reaffirming the District's Commitment to Climate Change Action Resolution of 2017".

Sec. 2. The Council finds that:

40 (1) Global warming and climate change due to human activities, in particular the burning  
41 of fossil fuels for energy, is a scientifically accepted fact, and presents a significant threat to the  
42 health and well-being of District residents.

43 (2) The District has committed to drastically reducing its contribution to climate change  
44 and mitigating its effects on District residents. In 2012, the District set public goals in the  
45 Sustainable DC Plan to, among other things, reduce its greenhouse gas emissions by 50% by  
46 2032 and 80% by 2050.

47 (3) The District has kept its commitment to these goals. Over the past year, the District  
48 completed both a climate adaptation plan, Climate Ready DC, setting forth how District agencies  
49 will work together to prepare for unpredictable weather and a warming climate, and a  
50 comprehensive energy plan, Clean Energy DC, which provides a roadmap for the District on  
51 how to achieve its greenhouse gas emission targets by 2032.

52 (4) In 2016, the Council updated the District's renewable portfolio standard to set a  
53 statutory requirement that 50% of the District's energy come from renewable sources by 2032,  
54 with at least 5% of that from locally-generated solar energy. Additionally, the Council created a  
55 Commission on Climate Change and Resiliency to assist District agencies in assessing climate  
56 change effects and to recommend actions to both prevent and mitigate those effects.

57 (5) Since January 20, 2017, the federal government has taken steps to suppress and call  
58 into question established principles of climate science, and to roll back existing federal measures  
59 intended to mitigate the effects of climate change. These actions put District residents at greater  
60 risk of public health crises, unpredictable severe weather, flooding, and other natural disasters.

61 Sec. 3. It is the sense of the Council that:

62 (1) The Council reaffirms its commitment to working together with the Mayor and  
63 Executive agencies to prepare for and reduce the District's contribution to climate change  
64 through the implementation of the Climate Ready DC and Clean Energy DC plans, in addition to  
65 other strategies that may be suggested by the Commission on Climate Change and Resiliency or  
66 needed to meet the Sustainable DC Plan goals.

67 (2) The Mayor and the Council should act quickly to appoint members to the  
68 Commission on Climate Change and Resiliency.

69 (3) The Mayor should reaffirm the District's commitment to achieving its climate goals,  
70 and the Mayor and the Department of Energy and Environment should immediately begin  
71 outreach to all state and local jurisdictions that will join in reaffirming their commitment to  
72 fighting climate change and collaborate with the District in resisting federal efforts to suppress  
73 climate change science and mitigation efforts.

74 Sec. 4. The Council shall transmit a copy of this resolution, upon its adoption, to the  
75 Mayor, the City Administrator, and the Director of the District Department of Energy and  
76 Environment.

77 Sec. 5. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of publication in  
78 the District of Columbia Register.