

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-51

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF HUNTINGTON BEACH SUPPORTING MAINTAINING
LOCAL CONTROL OF ENERGY SOLUTIONS

WHEREAS, the State of California's energy policies are critical to reducing greenhouse gas emissions and reducing the impact of climate change on our citizens; and

The State legislature and State agencies are increasingly proposing new legislation and regulations eliminating choice of energy by mandating technologies to power buildings and public and private fleets, including transit and long-haul trucking, as a strategy to achieve the state's climate goals; and

Providing clean, affordable and reliable energy is crucial to the material health, safety and well-being of Huntington Beach residents, particularly the most vulnerable, who live on fixed incomes, including the elderly and working families who are struggling financially; and

The need for clean, affordable, and reliable energy to attract and retain local businesses, create jobs and spur economic development is vital to the City's success in a highly competitive and increasingly regional and global marketplace; and

The City of Huntington Beach, its residents, and its businesses values local control and the right to choose the policies and investments that most affordably and efficiently enable them to comply with State requirements; and

Building and vehicle technology mandates eliminate local control and customer choice, suppress innovation, reduce reliability and unnecessarily increase costs for Huntington Beach residents and businesses; and

The City of Huntington Beach understands that relying on a single energy delivery system unnecessarily increases vulnerabilities to natural and man-made disasters, and that a diversity of energy delivery systems and resources contribute to greater reliability and community resilience; and

The City of Huntington Beach understands the need to mitigate the impacts of climate change and is committed to doing its part to help the state achieve its climate goals but requires the flexibility to do so in a manner that best serves the needs of its residents and businesses.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Huntington Beach does hereby resolve as follows:

1. The City supports balanced energy solutions that provide it with the decision making authority and resources needed to achieve the State's climate goals and opposes proposed State legislation and policies that eliminate local control by mandating technologies that can be used to power buildings and fuel vehicles, and also meet or exceed emissions reductions regulations.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Huntington Beach at a regular meeting thereof held on the _____ day of _____, 2019.


Mayor

REVIEWED AND APPROVED:



Interim City Manager

INITIATED AND APPROVED:



Interim City Manager

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Attorney 