

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-53

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
HUNTINGTON BEACH URGING THE STATE OF
CALIFORNIA TO IMPLEMENT A VARIETY OF STRATEGIES AND
TECHNOLOGIES THAT FURTHER REDUCE GREENHOUSE GAS
EMISSIONS AS THE STATE CONSIDERS BUILDING DECARBONIZATION

WHEREAS, California's climate policies have been critical in reducing state greenhouse gas emissions down to 1990 levels before 2020; and

California's ongoing efforts to minimize the impacts of climate change is continued with SB 32 and its goal to further reduce greenhouse gas emissions to 40 percent below 1990 levels by 2030 through a number of strategies such as reducing emissions from commercial and residential buildings; and

In September 2018, Governor Brown signed SB 1477, authorizing the CPUC (California Public Utilities Commission) to develop the TECH (Technology for Clean Heating) Initiative and the BUILD (Building Initiative for Low-Emissions Development) Program, with the purpose of advancing the State's market for low-emission space and water heating equipment for new and existing residential buildings, and provide incentives to eligible applicants, in particular low-income residents, for the deployment of near-zero-emission building technologies to significantly reduce the emissions of greenhouse gases from buildings; and

Governor Brown also concurrently signed into law AB 3232, which charged the California Energy Commission with assessing the potential for the State to reduce carbon pollution from residential and commercial buildings, referred to as building decarbonization, by 40 percent from 1990 levels by 2030; and

As the California Energy Commission assesses the decarbonization of buildings, it is critical that a variety of strategies and technologies be carefully considered and pursued including, but not limited to, increasing the energy efficiency of existing buildings, the use of carbon capture and sequestration, the deployment of renewable natural gas including biomethane and hydrogen, and the voluntary electrification of buildings.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Huntington Beach as follows:

The City of Huntington Beach urges the State of California to consider and deploy a variety of strategies and technologies as part of its goal to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from buildings by 40 percent from 1990 levels by 2030, and not implement a "one-size-fits-all" approach to Building Decarbonization; the City understands that varying circumstances and conditions as

contrasting as those found in California require a flexible approach to greenhouse gas emission reductions.

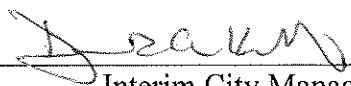
PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Huntington Beach at a regular meeting thereof held on the _____ day of _____, 2019.

Mayor

REVIEWED AND APPROVED:

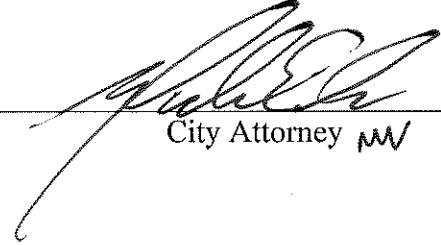
INITIATED AND APPROVED:

Interim City Manager



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APPROVED AS TO FORM:



City Attorney *mw*