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September 7, 2010

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
City of Long Beach
California

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt Resolution of the City Council of the City of Long Beach supporting the California Air Resources Board's leadership in developing and implementing strategies for reducing emissions from motor vehicles.

DISCUSSION:

Pursuant to your request of August 17, 2010, this office has prepared and submits the above-described resolution for your consideration.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Very truly yours,

ROBERT E. SHANNON, City Attorney

By


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1 RESOLUTION NO.
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3 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
4 CITY OF LONG BEACH SUPPORTING THE CALIFORNIA
5 AIR RESOURCES BOARD'S LEADERSHIP IN
6 DEVELOPING AND IMPLEMENTING STRATEGIES FOR
7 REDUCING EMISSIONS FROM MOTOR VEHICLES
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9 WHEREAS, California is experiencing a public health crisis due to poor air
10 quality, with over 90% of Californians living in areas that exceed federal health-based
11 ozone standards; and exposure to elevated levels of ozone and other pollutants such as
12 particulate matter annually contributes to hundreds of thousands of asthma attacks and
13 tens of thousands of hospitalizations and premature deaths due to heart and lung
14 disease; and recent research conducted by the RAND Corporation found that hospital
15 care related to elevated pollution levels in California cost nearly \$200 million from 2005 to
16 2007; and

17 WHEREAS, higher temperatures resulting from global warming can create
18 conditions that are ideal for the formation of ground-level ozone, a pollutant that causes
19 severe adverse health impacts, including asthma attacks, hospitalizations and even
20 premature deaths; and without significant actions the State of California faces billions of
21 dollars in public health damages; and

22 WHEREAS, California is expected to face more intense heat waves, more
23 frequent droughts, flooding, agricultural losses, greater energy demand and the potential
24 loss of trillions of dollars in real estate due to sea level rise, increased wildfires and rising
25 temperatures associated with global warming; and

26 WHEREAS, California depends on petroleum for 97% of its transportation
27 needs; and motor vehicles are significant emitters of ozone precursors, particulates and
28 air toxics, and the single largest anthropogenic source of global warming causing

1 greenhouse gas emissions in California; and

2 WHEREAS, California's Clean Fuels Outlet regulation is being updated to
3 ensure that clean fueling infrastructure is sufficiently deployed to support the new vehicle
4 market so that clean fuels like hydrogen are readily available to meet consumer demand
5 for advanced clean vehicles; and

6 WHEREAS, California's Clean Cars (AB 1493: Pavley, 2002), Low
7 Emission Vehicle (LEV) and Zero Emission Vehicle (ZEV) programs reduce petroleum
8 consumption, support new jobs and investments in California's emerging green economy
9 and spur innovation in low and zero emission vehicles; and

10 WHEREAS, the California Legislature enacted Senate Bill 375 (SB 375:
11 Steinberg, 2008) to encourage integrated land use and transportation planning that
12 supports air quality and public health goals and emphasizes reductions in vehicle miles
13 traveled and GHG emissions by promoting alternatives to driving, such as practical
14 walking, biking and mass transit options; and

15 WHEREAS, California's history of national leadership is critical to protecting
16 public health, creating a new green economy and spurring action on global warming
17 pollution nationally;

18 NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Long Beach resolves as
19 follows:

20 Section 1. The City of Long Beach supports the State of California and
21 the California Air Resources Board in its efforts to reduce criteria air pollutants and
22 greenhouse gas emissions from motor vehicles while also advancing public health, air
23 quality, the environment and the green economy in California.

24 Section 2. The City of Long Beach encourages the State of California
25 and the California Air Resources Board to establish ambitious regional GHG reduction
26 targets as envisioned by SB 375 and to work with local governments to incentivize
27 integrated land use and transportation planning that supports air quality and public health
28 goals and emphasizes reductions in vehicle miles traveled through alternatives to driving,

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1 such as walking, biking and mass transit options.

2 Section 3. The City of Long Beach urges the State of California and the
3 California Air Resources Board to continue its national and international leadership role in
4 promoting clean vehicle technologies by moving forward quickly to develop and adopt
5 expanded Low Emission Vehicle (LEV III) standards to reduce criteria air pollutants and
6 greenhouse gases and to strengthen the state's Zero Emission Vehicle (ZEV) and Clean
7 Fuels Outlet (CFO) infrastructure programs to protect the health of California's economy,
8 environment and its people.

9 Section 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption
10 by the City Council, and the City Clerk shall certify the vote adopting this resolution.

11 I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the City
12 Council of the City of Long Beach at its meeting of _____, 2010 by
13 the following vote:

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15 Ayes: Councilmembers: _____

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19 Noes: Councilmembers: _____

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21 Absent: Councilmembers: _____

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City Clerk

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