



Legislation Text

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RESOLUTION of the City of San Leandro City Council to Adopt Greenhouse the Gas Emissions Reductions Goals to Reduce San Leandro Emissions to 40% below 2005 Levels by the Year 2030 and to 80% Below 2005 Levels by the Year 2050

WHEREAS, the State of California enacted Senate Bill 32 in 2016, which requires California to reduce statewide greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions by 40% below 1990 levels by 2030, thereby extending the emissions reduction targets originally set forth in Assembly Bill (AB) 32, the California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006. AB 32 required California to reduce statewide GHG emissions to 1990 levels by 2020 and directs the California Air Resources Board (CARB) to develop and implement regulations that reduce statewide GHG emissions, institute a schedule to meet an emissions cap, and develop enforcement tools to ensure that the State achieves the required GHG emissions reductions; and

WHEREAS, in December 2008 the California ARB approved the *Climate Change Scoping Plan* which contains the primary strategies California will implement to achieve the GHG reductions required in AB 32 and SB 32, and which encourages local governments to adopt a reduction goal for municipal operations emissions and establish similar goals for community emissions that parallel the State commitment to reduce GHGs; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order S-3-05 proclaims that California is vulnerable to the effects of climate change, including reduced snowpack in the Sierra Nevada, exacerbation of California's existing air quality problems, and sea level rise; and establishes targets for reducing GHG emissions to 2000 levels by 2010, to 1990 levels by 2020, and to 80% below 1990 levels by 2050; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order B-30-15 builds upon Executive Order S-3-05 by establishing an intermediate emissions reduction target of 40 percent below 1990 levels by 2030; and

WHEREAS, in 2007, the City of San Leandro, along with 10 other local governments in Alameda County, committed to becoming a member of ICLEI - Local Governments for Sustainability and to participating in the Alameda County Climate Protection Project that was launched by ICLEI in partnership with StopWaste.Org and the Alameda County Conference of Mayors. This action embarked the City on an ongoing, coordinated effort to reduce the emissions that cause global warming, improve air quality, reduce waste, cut energy use and save money; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of San Leandro adopted a Climate Action Plan in December 2009, setting a GHG emissions reduction target of 25% below 2005 levels by the year 2020 in accordance with AB32. The following action now seeks to set further GHG emissions reduction targets in accordance with SB 32; and

WHEREAS, in 2017, the City of San Leandro joined the Global Covenant of Mayors, a global coalition of mayors and city officials with a mission to reduce local greenhouse gas emissions that

involves a written commitment from the mayor or other city official to commit to reduction in annual greenhouse gas emissions inventories, a greenhouse gas reduction target, and an updated Climate Action Plan that addresses how the city will meet its greenhouse reduction targets and sets a framework for Climate Adaptation; and

WHEREAS, to be consistent with the majority of Bay Area cities and with the State goals outlined above, staff recommends that the City Council of the City of San Leandro direct staff to prepare a Climate Action Plan update with the goal of reducing GHG emissions to 40% below 2005 levels by the year 2030 and to 80% below 2005 levels by the year 2050; and

WHEREAS, the City Council is familiar with the contents thereof; and

WHEREAS, the City Manager recommends approval of said targets.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of San Leandro does **RESOLVE** as follows:

That said targets are hereby approved and execution of all intents, documents, and purposes by the City Manager to enact this resolution are hereby authorized.