

## RESOLUTION 2019-21

### A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ENCINITAS, CALIFORNIA SUPPORTING H.R. 763 – Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act of 2019

- WHEREAS**, The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) has stated in its recently released 5th Assessment Report, *Climate Change 2013: The Physical Science Basis*, that "Warming of the climate system is unequivocal," and "It is extremely likely that human influence has been the dominant cause of the observed warming since the mid-20th century;" and
- WHEREAS**, Conservative estimates by the world's climate scientists state that to achieve climate stabilization and avoid cataclysmic climate change, emissions of greenhouse gases (GHGs) must be brought to 80% below 1990 levels by 2050; and
- WHEREAS**, The Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006 commits the State of California to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions to 1990 levels by 2020, and the Governor's Executive Order S-3-05 further calls on the State to reduce GHG emissions 80% below 1990 levels by 2050; and
- WHEREAS**, Presently the environmental, health, and social costs of carbon emissions are not included in prices paid for fossil fuels, but rather these externalized costs are borne directly and indirectly by all Americans and global citizens; and
- WHEREAS**, To begin to correct this market failure, Congress can enact a national carbon tax on fossil fuels, based on the amount of CO<sub>2</sub> the fuel will emit when burned; and
- WHEREAS**, For efficient administration, fossil fuels can be taxed once, as far upstream in the economy as practical, or at the port of entry into the United States; and
- WHEREAS**, A national, revenue-neutral carbon tax starting at a relatively low rate and increasing steadily over future years is a market-based solution that would minimally disrupt the economy while sending a clear and predictable price signal to businesses to develop and use non-carbon-based energy resources; and
- WHEREAS**, The Citizens' Climate Education Corporation (CCEC) contracted a third party, Regional Economic Modeling, Inc. (REMI) to do a nation-wide macroeconomic study on the impact of a revenue-neutral carbon tax; and
- WHEREAS**, REMI's study predicted that, after 10 years, a revenue-neutral carbon tax would lead to a decrease in CO<sub>2</sub> emissions by 33 percent, an increase in national employment of 2.1 million jobs, and an average monthly dividend for a family of four of \$288; and
- WHEREAS**, Border adjustments - carbon content-based tariffs on products imported from countries without comparable carbon pricing, and refunds to our exporters of carbon taxes paid - can maintain the competitiveness of U.S. businesses in global markets; and
- WHEREAS**, A national carbon tax can be implemented quickly and efficiently, and respond to the urgency of the climate crisis, because the federal government already has in place

mechanisms, such as the Internal Revenue Service, needed to implement and enforce the tax, and already collects taxes from fossil fuel producers and importers; and

**WHEREAS**, A national carbon tax would make the United States a leader in mitigating climate change and in the clean energy technologies of the 21st Century, and would provide incentive to other countries to enact similar carbon taxes, reducing global CO2 emissions without the need for complex international agreements; and

**WHEREAS**, On March 22, 2017, the City Council of the City of Encinitas adopted Resolution 2017-19, "A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Encinitas, California Supporting a Federal Revenue-Neutral Carbon Fee and Dividend (CFD) Program".

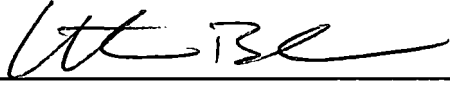
**NOW, THEREFORE**, the City Council of the City of Encinitas hereby does resolve as follows:

1. That the City of Encinitas urges the United States Congress to pass H.R. 763 – Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act of 2019.
2. That a certified copy of this Resolution will be sent to State and Federal representatives.

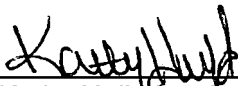
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, DETERMINED AND ORDERED** that the City Council of the City of Encinitas does, hereby, adopt

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 20<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2019, by the following vote, to wit:

AYES: Blakespear, Hinze, Hubbard, Kranz, Mosca  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: None  
ABSTAIN: None

  
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Catherine S. Blakespear, Mayor  
City of Encinitas

ATTEST:

  
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Kathy Hollywood, City Clerk