

# Resolution No. 2019-165 N.C.S. of the City of Petaluma, California

## **RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PETALUMA URGING PASSAGE OF H.R. 763, THE ENERGY INNOVATION AND CARBON DIVIDEND ACT OF 2019**

**WHEREAS**, U.S. Representative Theodore Deutch of Florida has introduced on January 1, 2014 H.R. 763, the Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act of 2019 (“the Act”); and

**WHEREAS**, the Act would:

- Impose a fee on the carbon content of fuels, including crude oil, natural gas, coal or any other product derived from them that will be used so as to emit greenhouse gases into the atmosphere
- Impose the carbon fee on producers or importers of the fuels and equal the greenhouse gas content of the fuel multiplied by the carbon fee rate
- Set the initial carbon fee at \$15 in 2019 and increase the fee by \$10 each year subject to further adjustments based on the progress in meeting specified emissions reduction targets
- Impose a fee on fluorinated greenhouse gases
- Include exemptions for fuels used for agricultural or non-emitting purposes, and fuels used by the armed forces
- Provide rebates for facilities that capture and sequester carbon dioxide
- Establish fees or refunds for carbon-intensive products that are exported or imported
- Require deposit of fee proceeds into a Carbon Dividend Trust Fund for payment of administrative expenses and dividend payments to U.S. citizens and lawful residents
- Require decommissioning of fees when emission levels and monthly dividend payments fall below specified levels
- Suspend certain regulations that limit greenhouse gas emissions, and also provide that the suspensions expire if emissions targets are not reached after a specified time period; and

**WHEREAS**, on November 20, 2017, the City Council by a unanimous vote adopted Resolution 2017-171 N.C.S. urging the United States Congress to enact a revenue-neutral carbon fee and dividend program; and

**WHEREAS**, H.R. 763, the Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act of 2019 includes provisions similar to those proposed as part of the Carbon Fee and Dividend Program supported by Resolution 2017-171 N.C.S.; and

**WHEREAS**, H.R. 763 was introduced with bi-partisan support, and as of September 30, 2019, has 59 cosponsors in addition to the original 6 sponsors, and has secured support from a broad range of community, business and civic leaders and organizations; and

**WHEREAS**, if enacted, H.R. 763 would result in American families receiving monthly carbon dividend payments estimated by Regional Economic Models, Inc., to be approximately \$288 in 2025 and approximately \$396 in 2035 for a family of 4 with two adults; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Petaluma has joined the other 9 Sonoma County local governments in setting a mutual greenhouse gas target to reduce emissions to 25% below 1990 levels by 2016, one of the most aggressive greenhouse gas reduction goals in the country, and since that time, the City has adopted and implemented numerous policies and programs aimed at reducing greenhouse gas emissions; and

**WHEREAS**, enactment of H.R. 763 would encourage market-driven innovation of clean energy technologies and market efficiencies that would reduce harmful pollution and leave a healthier, more stable, and prosperous nation for future generations; and

**WHEREAS**, in urging passage of H.R. 763 the City Council is acting consistently with its commitment along with the other 9 Sonoma County local governments to reduce greenhouse gas emissions;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the City Council of the City of Petaluma does hereby urge Senators Diane Feinstein and Kamala Harris, and Representative Jared Huffman, whose districts include Petaluma, to support and to urge their colleagues in the Senate and the House to support passage of H.R. 763.

Under the power and authority conferred upon this Council by the Charter of said City.

**REFERENCE:** I hereby certify the foregoing Resolution was introduced and adopted by the Council of the City of Petaluma at a Regular meeting on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of October 2019, by the following vote:

Approved as to form:

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City Attorney

**AYES:** Mayor Barrett; Fischer; Kearney; King; Vice Mayor McDonnell; Miller

**NOES:** Healy

**ABSENT:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**ATTEST:**

  
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City Clerk

  
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Mayor