

**RESOLUTION NO. 141-19 (CM)**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO ENACT H. R. RESOLUTION 763 – ENERGY INNOVATION AND CARBON DIVIDEND ACT OF 2019**

**WHEREAS**, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration released its Fourth Annual Climate Assessment in November 2018 reporting that the impacts of climate change are already being felt in communities across the country, and that more frequent and intense extreme weather and climate-related events, as well as changes in average climate conditions, are expected to continue to damage infrastructure, ecosystems, and social systems that provide essential benefits to communities; 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 80-95% below 1990 levels by 2050; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Watsonville is committed to reducing GHG emissions through implementation of its Climate Action Plan adopted on February 24, 2015, by Resolution No. 35-15 (CM), and its Carbon Fund Program adopted by Ordinance No. 1314-15 which established a Carbon Fund Fee to assist in achieving the climate related goals in the Climate Action Plan for the City; and

**WHEREAS**, H.R. 763 has four major components: 1) Carbon Fee – this policy puts a fee on fossil fuels like coal, oil, and gas. It starts low and grows over time, 2) Carbon Dividend – the money collected from the carbon fee is allocated in equal shares every month to the American people; 3) Border Carbon Adjustment – to protect U.S. manufacturers and jobs, imported goods will pay a border carbon adjustment, and goods exported from the United States will receive a refund, and 4) Regulatory Adjustment –

the EPA regulation of carbon-based pollution is restricted for 10 years while the carbon fee is implemented. If targets are not met, these regulations may be enacted. The regulatory adjustment does not impact existing effective regulations on automobile mileage, water quality, air quality, health, or other issues; and

**WHEREAS**, H.R. 763 encourages market-driven innovation and clean energy technologies and market efficiencies which will reduce harmful pollution and leave a healthier, more stable, and more prosperous nation for future generations; and

**WHEREAS**, this resolution in support of H.R. 763 does not preclude the City of Watsonville from providing support to other carbon and carbon pricing related bills such as the recent bill H.R. 4051 put forth by Congressman Jimmy Panetta.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE, CALIFORNIA, AS FOLLOWS:**

That the City Council of the City of Watsonville hereby supports the enactment of H.R. 763, the Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act of 2019, introduced in the House of Representatives on January 24, 2019.

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The foregoing resolution was introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of the City of Watsonville, held on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2019, by Member Hurst, who moved its adoption, which motion being duly seconded by Member Hernandez, was upon roll call carried and the resolution adopted by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: **Coffman-Gomez, Garcia, Gonzalez, Hernandez, Hurst, Parker, Estrada**

NOES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: **None**

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS: **None**



Francisco Estrada, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
City Clerk

Sep 17, 2019  
Date

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
City Attorney

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I, Beatriz Vázquez Flores, City Clerk of the City of Watsonville, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution No. 141-19 (CM) was duly and regularly passed and adopted by the Watsonville City Council at a meeting thereof held on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2019, and that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of said Resolution.

  
Beatriz Vázquez Flores, City Clerk

Date Sep 17, 2019