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RESOLUTION NO. 20.061

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAGUNA BEACH, CALIFORNIA, IN SUPPORT OF H.R. 763, THE ENERGY INNOVATION AND CARBON DIVIDEND ACT

WHEREAS, according to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), global carbon emissions from fossil fuels have significantly increased since 1900. Since 1970, carbon dioxide emissions have increased by about 90%;

WHEREAS, the United States is one of the top global carbon dioxide emitters;

WHEREAS, the continued release of greenhouses gases into the atmosphere is a real and growing concern;

WHEREAS, failing to reduce and/or limit the amount of greenhouse gas emissions into the atmosphere could have severe ramifications for the world's environment;

WHEREAS, in January 2019, Representative Ted Deutch introduced H.R. 763 in the United States House of Representatives, a bill to create a Carbon Dividend Trust Fund for the American people in order to encourage market-driven innovation of clean energy technologies and market efficiencies that will reduce harmful pollution and leave a healthier, more stable, and more prosperous nation for future generations;

WHEREAS, H.R. 763, sometimes referred to as the Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act of 2019, enjoys bipartisan support;

WHEREAS, H.R. 763 aims to reduce carbon emissions in the United States by 33% in 10 years and 90% by the year 2050;

WHEREAS, H.R. 763 would impose a fee for the carbon content in covered fuels, including crude oil, natural gas, coal, or any other product derived from crude oil, natural gas, or coal, which shall be used to emit greenhouse gases to the atmosphere. The fee is proposed to be equal to the greenhouse gas content of the fuel times by the carbon fee rate. The rate would begin at \$15 in 2019 and increase \$10 each year thereafter;

WHEREAS, the fee would apply to covered entities including refineries, importers of any petroleum or petroleum product, any coal mining operation, any importer of coal, any entity entering pipeline quality natural gas into the natural gas transmission system, and any importer of

1	natural gas, any entity required to report the emission of a fluorinated gas and any entity or class			
2	of entities that, as determined by the United States Secretary of State, is transporting, selling or			
3	otherwise using a covered fuel in a manner which emits a greenhouse gas to the atmosphere and			
4	which is not covered by the carbon fee, the fluorinated greenhouse gas fee, or the carbon border			
5	fee adjustment;			
6	WHEREAS, the fees are to be deposited into a Carbon Dividend Trust Fund and used for			
7	expenses and dividend payments to U.S. citizens and permanent residents; and			
8	WHEREAS, H.R. 763 is co-sponsored by several Orange County members of the House of			
9	Representatives, including Representative Harley Rouda, Representative Gil Cisneros, and			
10	Representative Katie Porter;			
11	NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAGUNA BEACH DOES			
12	RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:			
13	Section 1. The City Council of the City of Laguna Beach hereby declares that the City			
14	of Laguna Beach supports the adoption of H.R. 763, the Energy and Carbon Dividend Act of 2019.			
15	Section 2. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption by the City			
16	Council, and the Clerk of the Council shall attest to and certify the vote adopting this Resolution.			
17	APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 8th day of September, 2020.			
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24	Lisette Chel-Walker, City Clerk			
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1 2	I, LISETTE CHEL-WALKER, City Clerk of the City of Laguna Beach, certify that the foregoing Resolution No. 20.061 was duly adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council of said City held on September 8, 2020, by the following vote:			
3	AYES:	COUNCILMEMBERS:	Blake, Iseman, Kempf, Dicterow, Whalen	
4	NOES:	COUNCILMEMBERS:		
5	ABSENT:	COUNCILMEMBERS:		
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7			City Clerk, City of Laguna Beach, California	
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