

RESOLUTION NO. 73699

RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN JOSE  
ENDORING THE UNITED STATES CONFERENCE OF MAYORS  
CLIMATE PROTECTION AGREEMENT

**WHEREAS**, the United States Conference of Mayors has adopted strong policy resolutions calling for cities, communities and the federal government to take actions to reduce global warming pollution; and

**WHEREAS**, state and local governments throughout the United States are adopting emission reduction targets and programs and that this leadership is bipartisan, coming from Republican and Democratic governors and mayors alike; and

**WHEREAS**, many cities throughout the nation, both large and small, are reducing global warming pollutants through programs that provide economic and quality of life benefits such as reduced energy bills, green space preservation, air quality improvements, reduced traffic congestion, improved transportation choices, and economic development and job creation through energy conservation and new energy technologies; and

**WHEREAS**, in June 2005 mayors from around the nation approved the United States Mayors Climate Protection Agreement which, as amended at the 73<sup>rd</sup> Annual U.S. Conference of Mayors meeting, reads as shown in Exhibit A attached hereto and incorporated by reference herein.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that San José City Council endorses the United States Conference of Mayors Climate Protection Agreement as approved by the 73<sup>rd</sup> annual United States Conference of Mayors and urges mayors from around the nation to join this effort.

ADOPTED this 20<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2007, by the following vote:

AYES: CAMPOS, CHIRCO, CONSTANT, CORTESE,  
LICCARDO, NGUYEN, OLIVERIO, PYLE,  
WILLIAMS; REED

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

DISQUALIFIED: NONE

VACANT: DISTRICT 4

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CHUCK REED  
Mayor

ATTEST:

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LEE PRICE, MMC  
City Clerk

## EXHIBIT A

### **The U.S. Mayors Climate Protection Agreement**

- We urge the federal government and state governments to enact policies and programs to meet or beat the target of reducing global warming pollution levels to 7 percent below 1990 levels by 2012, including efforts to: reduce the United States' dependence on fossil fuels and accelerate the development of clean, economical energy resources and fuel-efficient technologies such as conservation, methane recovery for energy generation, waste to energy, wind and solar energy, fuel cells, efficient motor vehicles, and biofuels;
- We urge the U.S. Congress to pass bipartisan greenhouse gas reduction legislation that includes clear timetables and emissions limits and 2) a flexible, market-based system of tradable allowances among emitting industries; and
- We will strive to meet or exceed Kyoto Protocol targets for reducing global warming pollution by taking actions in our own operations and communities such as:
  - Inventory global warming emissions in City operations and in the community, set reduction targets and create an action plan.
  - Adopt and enforce land-use policies that reduce sprawl, preserve open space, and create compact, walkable urban communities;
  - Promote transportation options such as bicycle trails, commute trip reduction programs, incentives for car pooling and public transit;
  - Increase the use of clean, alternative energy by, for example, investing in “green tags”, advocating for the development of renewable energy resources, recovering landfill methane for energy production, and supporting the use of waste to energy technology;
  - Make energy efficiency a priority through building code improvements, retrofitting city facilities with energy efficient lighting and urging employees to conserve energy and save money;

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- Purchase only Energy Star equipment and appliances for City use;
- Practice and promote sustainable building practices using the U.S. Green Building Council's LEED program or a similar system;
- Increase the average fuel efficiency of municipal fleet vehicles; reduce the number of vehicles; launch an employee education program including anti-idling messages; convert diesel vehicles to bio-diesel;
- Evaluate opportunities to increase pump efficiency in water and wastewater systems; recover wastewater treatment methane for energy production;
- Increase recycling rates in City operations and in the community;
- Maintain healthy urban forests; promote tree planting to increase shading and to absorb CO<sub>2</sub>; and
- Help educate the public, schools, other jurisdictions, professional associations, business and industry about reducing global warming pollution.