



MAYOR & COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

September 9, 2020

Subject: City of Tucson Climate Emergency Declaration (City Wide)

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Issue – This item is scheduled at the request of Mayor Romero and Councilmember Durham to allow Mayor and Council to consider and approve the attached Resolution declaring a climate emergency for the City of Tucson.

City Manager's Recommendation – It is recommended that Mayor and Council approve the attached resolution.

Background and Present Consideration – The Resolution as presented declares that a climate and ecological emergency threatens our City, and advocates for actions to combat climate change. Among other actions, the Resolution calls for accelerating adaptation and resilience strategies; moving forward with the development and implementation of a 10-year Climate Action and Adaptation Plan through an inclusive community engagement process; updating the City's greenhouse gas inventory and related data; and pursuing strategies and actions to transition out of fossil fuel production, power generation, and use within City operations. The Resolution directs all City departments to prioritize and align efforts with the Paris Agreement and the Green New Deal and identify climate adaptation and mitigation strategies that are people-centered and prioritize certain climate and sustainability solutions. The Resolution also calls on the State of Arizona, the United States of America, Tribal nations and all governments and peoples worldwide to initiate a just and equitable transition and urgent climate mobilization effort to reverse global warming.

Plan Tucson Consideration(s) – This item relates to the Element of Governance and Participation. Specifically, this item is supported by the following policies:

- G1 – Provide the public with regular communication and sufficient information regarding policy, program and project planning and decision-making via multiple methods.
- G2 – Offer opportunities for productive public engagement in City policy, program and project initiatives from the beginning of and throughout the planning and decision-making process.

This item also relates to Chapter Four, Plan Implementation & Administration, and the City's ability to implement Plan Tucson by having the right foundational elements in place, such as resources, partnerships, procedures, agreements, and other administrative elements.

Financial Considerations – None at this time.

Operating Cost and Maintenance Input – None at this time.

Legal Considerations –None at this time.

Respectfully submitted,

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City Manager

Attachments: List of Supporters
Organizational Support + Statistics
Memorandum from Mayor Romero and Council Member Durham
Resolution