

Monterey California Chapter

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-124

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MARINA CITY
REGARDING THE NATIONAL REVENUE-NEUTRAL CARBON FEE AND DIVIDEND
PROGRAM

WHEREAS, having determined that the Carbon Fee and Dividend legislative principles proposed by the non-partisan Citizens' Climate Lobby would provide an efficient approach for shifting the incentives that keep the United States reliant on fossil fuel energies and would, thereby, then contribute to and help support the rapid deployment of cleaner energy alternatives; and

WHEREAS, having determined that this approach would be fair to everyone and would protect middle and low-income households by providing them with a dividend (also known as a rebate) that, on average, would be higher than the increased costs for energy for two-thirds of all households (specifically the lowest income two-thirds) during the transition to cleaner energy; and

WHEREAS, per the non-partisan study by Regional Economic Models, Inc. (REMI), this approach would ensure a substantial increase in private investment in cleaner energy options because they will become significantly less expensive relative to fossil fuels within a known time frame. This would encourage consumers and businesses to keep their carbon footprint smaller while still keeping energy affordable.

WHEREAS, a 2014 report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change concludes that, since the 1950's, the increased temperatures in the atmosphere and in the ocean have led to rises in sea levels and accelerated ocean acidification with increased concentrations of greenhouse gases on a global level that are unprecedented for a period of similar duration throughout the known climatological record; and

WHEREAS, according to a recent report of the United States Global Change Research Program, "Leaders and residents of coastal regions are increasingly aware of the high vulnerability of coasts to climate change and are developing plans to prepare for potential impacts on citizens, businesses, and environmental assets." The many direct climate change impacts anticipated for Monterey County include increases in air temperatures, possible shifts in precipitation, higher sea levels, severe storms, and ocean acidification with a secondary impact being an increased risk in exposure to wildfire; and

WHEREAS, having determined that the early adoption of the National Revenue-Neutral Carbon Fee and Dividend Legislation in the United States would grow our economy by adding nearly two million new jobs, would help make us a world leader in creating clean energy technologies, and also help to establish the United States as a leader in making the conversion to renewables a reality to help protect the planet.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Marina that the United States Congress immediately enact legislation and that the United States President sign into law a national revenue- neutral carbon fee and dividend program. Such legislation will levy an annually increasing fee on carbon emissions in fossil fuels at the point of extraction or production or importation: and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED Be it further resolved that the response in combatting climate change to mitigate it worst effects should be implemented with the speed appropriate to the gravity and urgency of the situation, and for that reason, that Citizens Climate Lobby may distribute copy of the resolution to the Governor and all the Mayors and City Council, County Board of Supervisors, School Boards, and State and Federal Legislators in Monterey, San Benito, and Santa Cruz Counties urging their support and adoption of a Fee and Dividend program over the signatures of the Leadership of the City Council of Marina.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Marina at a regular meeting duly held on this 19th day of December 2017 by the following vote:

AYES, COUNCIL MEMBERS: Amadeo, Morton, Brown, Delgado

NOES, COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

ABSTAIN, COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

ABSENT, COUNCIL MEMBERS: O'Connell

ATTEST:

Bruce C. Delgado, Mayor

Anita Sharp, Deputy City Clerk

December 13, 2017

Item No. **8f(3)**

Honorable Mayor and Members
of the Marina City Council

City Council Meeting
of December 19, 2017

**CITY COUNCIL CONSIDER ADOPTING RESOLUTION NO. 2017-,
SUPPORTING CITIZEN'S CLIMATE LOBBY – NATIONAL REVENUE-
NEUTRAL CARBON FEE AND DIVIDEND PROGRAM**

REQUEST:

It is requested that the City Council consider:

1. Adopting Resolution No. 2017-, supporting Citizen's Climate Lobby – Carbon Fee and Dividend

BACKGROUND:

At the regular meeting of December 5, 2017 Citizens Climate Lobby (CCL) provided Council with a brief presentation on the National Revenue-Neutral Carbon Fee and Dividend Program.

The mission of the Citizen's Climate Lobby is to seek passage of congressional legislation that establishes a price on carbon dioxide emissions that result from the burning of fossil fuels. The Citizen's Climate Lobby is recommending that the City Council adopt a resolution supporting their efforts to direct the United States Congress and the United States President sign into law a National Revenue-Neutral Carbon Fee and Dividend Program. This legislation will levy an annually increasing fee on carbon emissions in fossil fuels at the point of extraction or production or importation.

The purpose of the fee is to encourage energy users to switch to clean energy in the form of solar, wind, and other more environmentally sustainable solutions.

ANALYSIS:

The City Council directed staff to bring the Resolution for the National Revenue-Neutral Carbon Fee and Dividend Program back to the City Council for further consideration.

Exhibit A is the power point presentation from the Citizen's Climate Lobby and **Exhibit B** is all their supporting material and documentation.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None.

CONCLUSION:

This request is submitted for City Council consideration and possible action.

Respectfully submitted,

Layne P. Long
City Manager
City of Marina