



RESOLUTION NO. 2018-003

Resolution Endorsing the Diesel Free By '33 Statement of Purpose

WHEREAS, climate change, caused by the emission of greenhouse gases including carbon dioxide and black carbon, represents a profound threat to the Bay Area's air quality, public health, environment, water supplies, and economy; and

WHEREAS, diesel engines emit significant amounts of black carbon, a short-lived climate pollutant that is contributing significantly to global climate change; and

WHEREAS, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) Fifth Assessment Report estimates that black carbon is the third most important individual contributor to warming after carbon dioxide and methane (IPCC 2013); and

WHEREAS, The California Air Resources Board concludes that *"Diesel exhaust includes over 40 substances that are listed by the United States Environmental Protection Agency as hazardous air pollutants and by the CARB as toxic air contaminants. Fifteen of these substances are listed by the World Health Organization as carcinogenic to humans, or as a probable or possible human carcinogen"* [California Air Resources Board Scientific Review Panel on: California Air Resources Board's report titled "Proposed Identification of Diesel Exhaust as a Toxic Air Contaminant." 1998]; and

WHEREAS, the California Environmental Protection Agency's Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment has determined that exposure to diesel exhaust can have significant health effects, including damage to lung tissue and increased risk of cancer; and

WHEREAS, the California Air Resources Board estimates that on-road and off-road mobile sources powered by diesel engines comprise 54% of the state of California's total black carbon emissions; and

WHEREAS, the negative public health and environmental effects from climate change will fall most heavily on the communities and populations that are already most heavily impacted by air pollution, other environmental hazards, and economic inequality; and

WHEREAS, many alternatives to diesel-fueled vehicles and equipment are already commercially available, with purchase costs comparable to traditional diesel technologies; and

WHEREAS, *Cities Association of Santa Clara County* recognizes a city's role as a leader in the fight against global climate change; and

WHEREAS, the Bay Area Air Quality Management District has established a challenge to engage with public agencies to reduce diesel emissions in local communities throughout California and beyond, reflected in the *Diesel Free By '33 Statement of Purpose*;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Cities Association of Santa Clara County endorses the *Diesel Free By '33 Statement of Purpose (with the exception of public safety equipment already in use)*, reflecting a goal of eliminating diesel pollution by December 31, 2033

AYES: 13 (Cupertino/Sinks, Gilroy/Leroe-Muñoz, Los Altos/Bruins, Los Altos Hills/Waldeck, Los Gatos/Rennie, Milpitas/Phan, Morgan Hill/Tate, Mountain View/Showalter, Palo Alto/Scharff, San José/Jones, Santa Clara/Davis, Saratoga/Cappello, Sunnyvale/Klein

NOES: 0

ABSENT: 1 (Monte Sereno/Craig)

ABSTAIN: 1 (Campbell/Cristina)



Rod Sinks, President

ATTEST:



Andi Jordan, Executive Director

DATE: August 9, 2018