



**COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. 5064**

**A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF REDUCING  
GREENHOUSE GAS POLLUTION UNDER THE CLEAN  
AIR ACT.**

**PASSED: 5:2**

**REJECTED:**

**OPPOSED: Farr, Clark**

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**The City Council of the City of Eugene finds that:**

**A.** The decade from 2000 to 2010 was the warmest on record, and 2005 and 2010 tied for the hottest years on record.

**B.** The current level of CO<sub>2</sub> in the atmosphere is approximately 392 parts per million (ppm).

**C.** In 2008, one of the world's leading climate scientists, Dr. James Hansen, stated: "If humanity wishes to preserve a planet similar to that on which civilization developed and to which life on Earth is adapted, paleoclimate evidence and climate change suggest that CO<sub>2</sub> will need to be reduced from its current 385 ppm (now 4 years later at 392 ppm) to at most 350 ppm."

**D.** The Environmental Protection Agency determined that current and future greenhouse gas concentrations endanger public health, and according to the Global Humanitarian Forum, climate change is already responsible every year for some 300,000 deaths, seriously affecting 325 million people, and economic losses worldwide of \$US 125 billion.

**E.** Extreme weather events most notably heat waves and precipitation extremes, are striking with increased frequency, with deadly consequences for people and wildlife; in the United States in 2011 alone, a record 14 weather and climate disasters occurred, including droughts, heat waves, and floods, that cost at least \$US 1 billion each in damages and loss of human lives.

**F.** Climate change is threatening food security as crop growth and yields diminish and droughts, floods and changes in snowpack depth are disrupting water supplies.

**G.** Scientists have concluded that by 2100, as many as one in ten species may be on the verge of extinction due to climate change.

**H.** The world's land-based ice is rapidly melting, threatening water supplies in many regions and raising sea levels, and Arctic summer sea ice extent has decreased to about half what it was several decades ago, with an accompanying drastic reduction in sea-ice thickness and volume, which is severely jeopardizing ice-dependent animals like polar bears.

**I.** Sea level is rising faster along the U.S. East Coast than it has for at least 2,000 years, is accelerating in pace, and could rise by one to two meters in this century, threatening millions of Americans with severe flooding.

**J.** For four decades, the Clean Air Act has protected the air we breathe through a proven, comprehensive, successful system of pollution control that saves lives and creates economic benefits exceeding its costs by many times.



## CLEAN AIR CITIES CAMPAIGN

The Center for Biological Diversity's Climate Law Institute has launched "Clean Air Cities," a nationwide campaign urging cities around the United States to call on the Obama administration and the EPA to use the Clean Air Act to make significant reductions in greenhouse gas pollution.

The equation is simple: If we want clean air and a healthy climate, we have to cut greenhouse gas pollution. The Clean Air Act is our current best hope to reach this goal in the United States. But the Act is under significant attack from the fossil fuel industry and its allies in Congress.

It's clear that climate change is here now and already having a profound effect on the places we live, the natural resources we depend on and the species that provide rich biodiversity around the planet. We need to take significant steps now to curb greenhouse gas pollution and avoid the worst effects of runaway global climate change.

Cities across the country can be a powerful voice for prompting action in Washington. That's why the Center is calling on volunteers from coast to coast to urge their local elected officials to pass resolutions in support of the EPA using the Clean Air Act to reduce carbon in our atmosphere to no more than 350 parts per million — the level scientists say is needed to avoid catastrophic climate change. So far, we've earned resolutions from 26 cities:

Chicago, IL  
Seattle, WA  
Philadelphia, PA;  
Pittsburgh, PA  
Cincinnati OH  
Tampa, FL  
Kansas City, MO  
Salt Lake City, UT  
Boulder, CO.

Milwaukee, WI  
Madison, WI  
Albany, NY  
Minneapolis, MN  
Berkeley, CA  
Cambridge, MA  
Tucson, AZ;  
Santa Monica, CA  
Arcata, CA

Oxnard, CA  
Santa Cruz, CA  
Richmond, CA  
Boone, NC  
Northampton, MA  
Oberlin, OH  
Pinecrest, FL,  
Gulfport, FL  
Santa Fe, NM

The Center is providing all the materials needed, including a sample city resolution and supporting documents. There's also an online community through our Facebook page, where you can provide updates, ask questions and get support from other volunteers. We can connect you with others in your community and support you every step of the way.