

GARDEN GROVE CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GARDEN GROVE
SUPPORTING BALANCED ENERGY SOLUTIONS AND MAINTAINING LOCAL CONTROL
OF ENERGY SOLUTIONS

WHEREAS, California's energy policies are critical to reducing greenhouse gas emissions and reducing the impact of climate change on our citizens;

WHEREAS, the State legislature and State agencies are increasingly proposing new legislation and regulations eliminating choice of energy by mandating technologies to power buildings and public and private fleets, including transit and long-haul trucking, as a strategy to achieve the state's climate goals;

WHEREAS, clean, affordable and reliable energy is crucial to the material health, safety and well-being of Garden Grove residents, particularly the most vulnerable, who live on fixed incomes, including the elderly and working families who are struggling financially;

WHEREAS, the need for clean, affordable and reliable energy to attract and retain local businesses, create jobs and spur economic development is vital to our city's success in a highly competitive and increasingly regional and global marketplace;

WHEREAS, Garden Grove its residents and businesses value local control and the right to choose the policies and investments that most affordably and efficiently enable them to comply with State requirements;

WHEREAS, building and vehicle technology mandates eliminate local control and customer choice, suppress innovation, reduce reliability and unnecessarily increase costs for Garden Grove residents and businesses;

WHEREAS, the City understands that relying on a single energy delivery system unnecessarily increases vulnerabilities to natural and man-made disasters, and that a diversity of energy delivery systems and resources contribute to greater reliability and community resilience; and

WHEREAS, Garden Grove understands the need to mitigate the impacts of climate change and is committed to doing its part to help the state achieve its climate goals, but requires the flexibility to do so in a manner that best serves the needs of its residents and businesses.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Garden Grove City Council supports balanced energy solutions that provide the decision-making authority and resources needed to achieve the State's climate goals, and opposes proposed State legislation and policy that eliminate local control by mandating technologies that can

be used to power buildings and fuel vehicles, and also meet or exceed emissions reductions regulations.