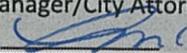


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CITY OF SEBASTOPOL
CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA ITEM STAFF REPORT

Meeting Date: August 7, 2018
To: City Councilmembers
From: Mayor Slayter
Subject: Statement of Purpose to cut diesel use to zero by the end of 2033
Recommendation : That the City Council Approve and Authorize Mayor to Sign letter of Support to commit to going Diesel Free and signing the Statement of Purpose to cut diesel use to zero by the end of 2033
Funding: Currently Budgeted: _____ Yes _____ No XX N/A

INTRODUCTION: This item is to request that the City Council Approve and Authorize Mayor to Sign letter of Support to commit to going Diesel Free and signing the Statement of Purpose to cut diesel use to zero by the end of 2033.

BACKGROUND:

The City of Sebastopol was contacted by Jenny Bard, Director, Grassroots and Health Partnerships, Advocacy and Public Policy, American Lung Association in California, who is working with the Bay Area Quality Management District, requesting the City of Sebastopol commit to “adopt innovative solutions to eliminate diesel emissions and black carbon from our communities” and be part of our collective leadership to prioritize the health of our communities and planet.

The Bay Area Air Quality Management District aims to create a healthy breathing environment for every Bay Area resident while protecting and improving public health, air quality, and the global climate.

The Bay Area Air District is asking mayors, city and county government officials, and leaders of industry and business from all over the world to commit to going diesel free by signing the Statement of Purpose to cut diesel use to zero by the end of 2033.

By signing the Statement of Purpose, mayors, city and county governments, industry and businesses leaders will join the Bay Area Air Quality Management District and the state of California to showcase our collective leadership to identify and adopt innovative solutions to eliminate diesel emissions and black carbon from our communities.

DISCUSSION:

Diesel exhaust causes significant public health effects and accelerates climate change. The California Air Resources Board estimates that on-road diesel and off-road mobile engines comprise 54 percent of the state of California’s total black carbon emissions, a short-lived climate pollutant that is contributing significantly to global climate change. Diesel air pollution is highly toxic and can have an immediate impact on the health of residents in communities where emissions are most concentrated. The impacts will fall most heavily on communities and populations already significantly impacted by air pollution, environmental hazards, and economic inequality.

The signatories may each develop their own individual strategies to achieve the goal of reaching zero diesel emissions in their communities. By signing the state of purpose, the City expresses our intent to:

1. Collaborate and coordinate on ordinances, policies, and procurement practices that will reduce diesel emissions to zero within their jurisdictions, communities or companies;
2. Share and promote effective financing mechanisms domestically and internationally to the extent feasible that allow for the purchase of zero emissions equipment;
3. Share information and assessments regarding zero emissions technology;
4. Build capacity for action and technology adaptation through technology transfer and sharing expertise; and
5. Use policies and incentives that assist the private sector as it moves to diesel-free fleets and buildings.
6. Periodic reporting to all signers of progress towards the zero-diesel emissions goal.

This *Statement of Purpose* is intended to accelerate action toward meaningful progress in support of all climate protection agreements. It is not the intent of the signatories to create through this *Statement of Purpose* any legally binding obligation. For purposes of this *Statement*, “diesel emissions” and “diesel exhaust” means emissions or exhaust emitted from the combustion of petroleum-based diesel fuel.

All signers are committing to develop an implementation strategy to reduce diesel emissions in their jurisdictions, share solutions, and report progress. By committing to this, we will forge a path toward a cleaner, healthier future by reducing diesel emissions in our communities, states, and beyond.

The City of Sebastopol has been a climate leader for many years and we should continue to be so.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council City Council City Council Approve and Authorize Mayor to Sign letter of Support to commit to going Diesel Free and signing the Statement of Purpose to cut diesel use to zero by the end of 2033.

Attachment:

Letter of Support

City Council

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City of Sebastopol

August 8, 2018

Bay Area Air Quality Management District
Lisa Fasano, Communications Director
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RE: Statement of Purpose to cut diesel use to zero by the end of 2033

Dear Ms. Fasano:

The City of Sebastopol strongly supports committing to going diesel free by signing the Bay Area Quality Management District's Statement of Purpose which commits cities to "adopt innovative solutions to eliminate diesel emissions and black carbon from our communities" and be part of our collective leadership to prioritize the health of our communities and planet.

Climate change - caused by emissions of carbon dioxide, black carbon, and other climate pollutants - represents a profound threat to air quality, public health, natural weather and agricultural systems, water supplies, national and local economies, and worldwide land mass. All cities should accelerate action toward meaningful progress in support of all climate protection agreements.

The City of Sebastopol supports and is committed to developing an implementation strategy to reduce diesel emissions in our jurisdictions to create a cleaner, healthier future for our community and is committed to cutting diesel use to zero by the end of 2033.

The City will be signing the Statement of Purpose and urge other cities to do so as well.

Sincerely,

Patrick Slayter
Mayor
City of Sebastopol

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