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Supporting efforts to curb global warming, adopting greenhouse gas emission reduction goals for the city of Seattle, and calling for continuing and new actions toward achieving those goals.

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greenhouse gas reduction than those called for in the Kyoto Protocol; and

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Program, the Green Fleet Program, the Urban Forest Strategic Plan, City
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9 climate protection plans, providing opportunities for a strong, coordinated
10 regional approach to greenhouse gas emission reduction; and

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12 climate protection by committing the utility to an electric energy resource
strategy that produces zero net greenhouse gas emissions; and

13 WHEREAS, Resolution 30256 affirms the above commitment by setting an ambitious
14 timetable for securing greenhouse gas offsets sufficient to meet the goal of
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reliable, affordable water supply; urban and rural forest protection; sustainable
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23 called for in the Kyoto Protocol while delivering tangible local economic and
environmental benefits;

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
25 SEATTLE, THE MAYOR CONCURRING, THAT:

- 26 1. The City of Seattle is committed to the long-range goal of stabilizing atmospheric
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- 1 2. The Office of Sustainability and Environment is directed to coordinate the analysis
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5 Sound Clean Air Agency, complete and deliver an inventory of 1990 and 2000
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19 iv. A projection of future emissions through at least the year 2010.
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4. The City of Seattle actively supports international efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and will exceed its share of the greenhouse gas reduction requirements of the Kyoto Protocol by a significant margin. This commitment applies to emissions caused by City operations and emissions in the Seattle community as a whole.
5. The City of Seattle joins with the cities that have signed the Toronto Declaration in calling for strong national leadership and pledging to promote cooperation toward the ultimate goal of stabilizing greenhouse gas concentrations in the atmosphere.
6. In addition to the substantial reductions in greenhouse gas emissions it has already achieved, the City will continue to achieve steady progress in reducing greenhouse gas emissions throughout the period covered by the Kyoto Protocol and beyond.

Adopted by the City Council the 23rd day of July, 2001, and signed by me in open session in authentication of its adoption this 23rd day of July, 2001.

Margaret Chiles
President of the City Council

THE MAYOR CONCURRING:

Paul Schell
Paul Schell, Mayor

Filed by me this 30th day of July, 2001.

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City Clerk

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City of Seattle

Paul Schell, Mayor

Office of the Mayor

July 12, 2001

TO: Honorable Margaret Pageler, President
Seattle City Council

Heidi Wills, Chair
Energy and Environmental Policy Committee

FROM: Paul Schell

RE: A RESOLUTION supporting efforts to curb global warming,
adopting greenhouse gas emission reduction goals for the city of
Seattle, and calling for continuing and new actions toward
achieving those goals.

Enclosed for your consideration is Resolution 30316, which outlines the City of Seattle's plan for inventorying greenhouse gas emissions and developing a local climate protection plan. It also affirms Seattle's support for development and implementation of an international treaty to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and expresses our support for protecting the climate by stabilizing the concentration of greenhouse gases in the atmosphere.

Climate change is a global phenomenon, yet we know that its effects and causes are profoundly local. And while national leadership is clearly needed, I believe that we cannot afford to wait for leadership from elsewhere, and that one of the most persuasive ways to prompt that leadership is to pioneer local solutions. Many of those local solutions, enumerated in the Resolution, are already well underway here in Seattle. In most, if not all, cases, reducing greenhouse gas emissions contributes to our other high priority local objectives, including energy cost reduction, improving mobility, providing transportation alternatives, waste reduction, increased efficiency and productivity in City facilities, air quality protection, salmon recovery, urban reforestation and others.

With this Resolution, we are committing ourselves to a specific schedule for conducting an inventory of greenhouse gas emissions and for developing a plan with a range of greenhouse gas reduction targets. The greenhouse gas inventory will give us a more systematic picture of our emissions profile while helping us identify the reductions attributable to existing City programs and the most promising opportunities for additional reductions.

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Margaret Pageler
July 12, 2001
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This resolution aligns Seattle with the many other jurisdictions that will be issuing a formal communiqué to the next meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Framework Convention on Climate Change in Morocco in November 2001. The communiqué will express strong local commitment to climate protection and call on national leaders to match that commitment with treaty obligations and international partnerships to reduce greenhouse gas emission.

This proposed Resolution along with one from City Light being introduced next week, which outlines the utility's strategy for meeting the goal of zero net greenhouse gas emissions, provide a planning context for climate protection and very significant next steps in the implementation of the City's overall climate protection strategy.

I've asked the Office of Sustainability and Environment to be the lead on our overall strategy and plan for climate protection. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the Director, Steve Nicholas, at 615-0829.

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President of the City Council

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18 Paul Schell, Mayor

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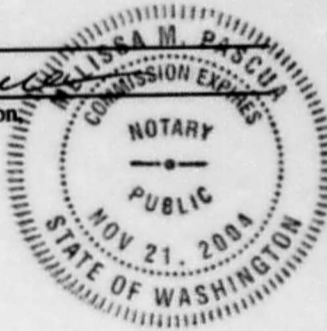
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The full text of the following resolutions, passed by the City Council on July 24, 2001, and published here by title only, will be mailed upon request, or can be accessed electronically at www.seattle.gov/cityclerk. For further information, contact the Seattle City Clerk at 624-2544.

✓ **RESOLUTION NO. 20014**
Supporting efforts to curb global warming, adopting greenhouse gas emission reduction goals for the city of Seattle, and calling for continuing and new actions toward achieving those goals.

RESOLUTION NO. 20014
A RESOLUTION in support of the Seattle Public Utilities entering into a contract for the lease, installation and maintenance of five automatic public toilets.

RESOLUTION NO. 20015
A RESOLUTION outlining Seattle City Light's strategy for meeting the goal of zero net greenhouse gas emissions and establishing specific greenhouse gas mitigation targets and timelines.

RESOLUTION NO. 20016
A RESOLUTION relating to the Fire Department; authorizing application to the Environmental Protection Agency for recovery of costs incurred as a direct result of response to 9/11 man-made disasters, for both the Police and Fire Departments.

RESOLUTION NO. 20017
A RESOLUTION relating to the Fire Department; authorizing applications to the United States Public Health Service (USPHS) for funding to conduct sustained planning, assessment of response capabilities, and operational readiness for the City of Seattle Metropolitan Medical Response System (MMRS).

RESOLUTION NO. 20018
A RESOLUTION relating to the Fire Department; authorizing application to the State of Washington for pass-through funding from the Federal Emergency Management Agency for Terrorism Consequence Management Preparedness funds to conduct a regional hazardous materials/terrorism exercise.

RESOLUTION NO. 20019
A RESOLUTION recognizing the accomplishments of Seattle Public Utilities, Seattle Public Utilities staff, and other city departments, governmental agencies, and consultants and associates in assisting Seattle Public Utilities in providing world class utility services to our community.

Publication ordered by JUDITH PIPPIN, City Clerk.

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Margaret Carter - Title of Resolution to put on Referrals Calendar for 4/16/01

From: Katy Carter
To: Margaret Carter
Date: 4/11/2001 11:39 AM
Subject: Title of Resolution to put on Referrals Calendar for 4/16/01
CC: Harriet Goins; Linda Stores; Theresa Wea

Res. 30316

Dear Margaret,

Here is the title of the resolution that we would like put on the referrals calendar for Monday 4/16/01. It should be referred to the Energy and Environmental Policy Committee. Margaret Pageler is already aware of it. Please let me know if you have any questions or if you need anything else from me. Thank you!

"A Resolution supporting the Kyoto Protocol, adopting greenhouse gas emission reduction goals for the city of Seattle, and endorsing first steps toward meeting those goals"

Katy Carter

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