

**BEFORE THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF LAFAYETTE IN THE MATTER OF:**

A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Lafayette) Resolution No. 2007-034
regarding membership in ICLEI – Local Governments for)
Sustainability and Cities for Climate Protection® Campaign)
Participation)

WHEREAS, scientific consensus has developed that Carbon CO₂ and other greenhouse gases released into the atmosphere have a profound effect on the Earth's climate; and

WHEREAS, in 2006 the U.S. National Climatic Data Center confirmed clear evidence of human influences on climate due to changes in greenhouse gases; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Conference of Mayors endorsed the 2005 U.S. Mayors' Climate Protection Agreement initiated by Seattle Mayor Nickels and signed by 592 mayors in the United States as of June 2007; and

WHEREAS, the Urban Environmental Accords adopted by local government delegates during UN World Environment Day 2005 call for reduced emissions through energy efficiency, land use and transportation planning, waste reduction, and wiser energy management; and

WHEREAS, in 2003 the American Geophysical Union adopted a Statement noting that human activities are increasingly altering the Earth's climate and that natural influences cannot explain the rapid increase in near-surface temperatures observed during the second half of the 20th century; and

WHEREAS, in 2001, at the request of the Administration, the National Academy of Sciences (NAS) reviewed and declared global warming a real problem caused in part by the actions of humankind; and

WHEREAS, the 2001 Third Assessment Report from the International Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) and the 2000 U.S. Global Change Research Program's (USGCRP) First National Assessment indicate that global warming has begun; and

WHEREAS, 162 countries including the United States pledged under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change to reduce their greenhouse gas emissions; and

WHEREAS, energy consumption, specifically the burning of fossil fuels, accounts for more than 80% of U.S. greenhouse gas emissions; and

WHEREAS, local government actions taken to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and increase energy efficiency provide multiple local benefits by decreasing air pollution, creating jobs, reducing energy expenditures, and saving money for the local government, its businesses, and its residents; and

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WHEREAS, the Cities for Climate Protection® Campaign sponsored by ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability has invited the City of Lafayette to join ICLEI and become a partner in the Cities for Climate Protection Campaign; and

WHEREAS, ICLEI membership has been recommended by the City of Lafayette Environmental Strategy Task Force;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Lafayette will join ICLEI as a Full Member and participate in the Cities for Climate Protection Campaign and, as a participant, pledges to take a leadership role in promoting public awareness about the causes and impacts of climate change.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Lafayette will undertake the Cities for Climate Protection Campaign's five milestones to reduce both greenhouse gas and air pollution emissions throughout the community, and specifically:

1. Conduct a greenhouse gas emissions inventory and forecast to determine the source and quantity of greenhouse gas emissions in the jurisdiction;
2. Establish a greenhouse gas emissions reduction target;
3. Develop an action plan with both existing and future actions which when implemented will meet the local greenhouse gas reduction target;
4. Implement the action plan; and
5. Monitor and report progress.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the City of Lafayette requests assistance from ICLEI's Cities for Climate Protection Campaign as it progresses through the milestones.

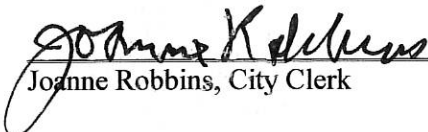
PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the City Council this 23rd day of July 2007, by the following vote to wit:

AYES:	Federighi, Anderson, Tatzin, Anduri, Andersson
NOES:	None
ABSTAIN:	None
ABSENT:	None



Carol Federighi, Mayor

ATTEST:


Joanne Robbins, City Clerk