

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-_____

A RESOLUTION 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; and

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; and

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

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; and

WHEREAS the City of Desert Hot Springs, 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; and

WHEREAS building and vehicle technology mandates eliminate local control and customer choice, suppress innovation, reduce reliability and unnecessarily increase costs for City of Desert Hot Springs residents and businesses; and

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 the City of Desert Hot Springs 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, by the Council of the City of City of Desert Hot Springs, as follows:

That the City supports balanced energy solutions that provide it with the decision-making authority and resources needed to achieve the state's climate goals and supports proposed state legislation and regulation that retains local control by allowing all technologies and energy resources that can power buildings and fuel vehicles, and also meet or exceed emissions reductions regulations.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Desert Hot Springs at a regular meeting held on the 2nd day of July, 2019 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

[SIGNATURES FOLLOW ON THE NEXT PAGE]

ATTEST:

Jerryl Soriano, CMC, City Clerk

APPROVED:

Scott Matas, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Jennifer A. Mizrahi, City Attorney