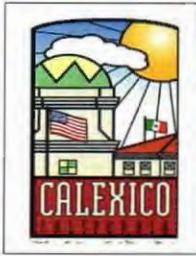


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CITY COUNCIL AGENDA STAFF REPORT

DATE: September 4, 2019

TO: Mayor and City Council

APPROVED BY: David B. Dale, City Manager *DD*

PREPARED BY: David B. Dale, City Manager

SUBJECT: Adoption of Resolution in Support of Balanced Energy Solution and Local Choice

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Recommendation:

Adoption of Resolution in Supporting of Balanced Energy Solution and Local Choice.

Background:

A number of state agencies are increasingly proposing new legislation and regulations looking to eliminate energy choices and mandating solutions to fully electrify homes and businesses in the future. These mandates eliminate local control and customer choice, which suppresses innovation, reduces reliability, and unnecessarily increases costs for Calexico residents and businesses.

Discussion and Analysis:

This resolution does not take a position against electrification. It does emphasize the desire of the City Council to allow for customer choice. The cost associated with electrical appliances and the long-term costs to operate these items is greater than gas operated equipment. It is important to recognize that full electrification may be more costly for some residents, particularly the most financially vulnerable within our community. One of the additional benefits of maintaining a balanced energy solution is to allow alternative sources to be developed and available in case of electrical grid failure. The State's focus on electrical energy delivery discourages investment in alternative energy sources.

Similar to the electrical companies, the Southern California Gas Company has also been doing its part to reduce greenhouse gases by promoting biogas or renewable natural gas. These energy alternatives come from sources such as green waste, wastewater treatment plants, food waste and agriculture waste. They can capture this methane, which would normally go into the atmosphere, and put it into their pipelines for customer use.

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Supporting energy choice does not come at a cost to the environment. Both electricity and gas energy suppliers are concerned with greenhouse gas emissions and are seeking methods to protect the environment. By supporting the recommended Resolution, the City Council is making a statement to protect customer choice, protect customers from higher energy costs and making a positive decision for a better environment in the future.

Fiscal Impact:

None.

Coordinated With:

None.

Attachments:

1. Draft Resolution in Support of Balanced Energy Solution and Local Choice.

RESOLUTION NO. 2019 - _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CALEXICO, CALIFORNIA, IN SUPPORT OF BALANCED ENERGY SOLUTION AND LOCAL CHOICE

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 Calexico's 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 Calexico, 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 Calexico's 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 Calexico 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, DETERMINED AND ORDERED by the City Council of the City of Calexico as follows:

The City supports balanced energy solutions that provide it with the decision-making authority and resources needed to achieve the state's climate goals.

The City supports proposed state legislation and regulation that retains local control by allowing all technologies and energy resources that can power buildings and fuel vehicles while meeting or exceeding emissions reductions regulations.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a meeting of the City Council of the City of Calexico this 4th day of September, 2019.

Bill Hodge, Mayor

ATTEST:

Gabriela T. Garcia, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Carlos Campos, City Attorney

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF IMPERIAL) SS.
CITY OF CALEXICO)

I, Gabriela T. Garcia, City Clerk of the City of Calexico do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution No. 2019-___ was passed and adopted by the City Council on the 4th day of September, 2019 by the following vote to-wit:

- AYES:
- NOES:
- ABSTAIN:
- ABSENT:

Gabriela T. Garcia, City Clerk