

CITY OF MOUNTAIN VIEW
RESOLUTION NO.
SERIES 2020

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A COMMUNITYWIDE CARBON NEUTRALITY
TARGET OF 2045

WHEREAS, on June 1, 2005, California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger signed Executive Order S-3-05, establishing targets for California of reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions to 2000 levels by 2010, to 1990 levels by 2020, and to 80 percent below 1990 levels by 2050; and

WHEREAS, on September 27, 2006, California enacted the Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006 (AB 32) to require in law that California reduce GHG emissions to 1990 levels by 2020 and require State agencies to adopt regulations to achieve the maximum technologically feasible and cost-effective GHG emissions reductions; and

WHEREAS, on November 3, 2009, the City Council adopted voluntary communitywide GHG reduction targets of 5 percent below 2005 levels by 2012, 10 percent by 2015, 15 to 20 percent by 2020, and 80 percent by 2050 in alignment with AB 32; and

WHEREAS, on April 29, 2015, California Governor Edmund G. Brown, Jr., signed Executive Order B-30-15, establishing an interim Statewide GHG reduction target of 40 percent below 1990 levels by 2030, which was set into law through SB 32 on September 8, 2016; and

WHEREAS, on September 15, 2015, the City Council adopted a resolution approving the Climate Protection Roadmap, a climate action plan to achieve the City's adopted GHG reduction targets, and established new GHG reduction targets for 2025, 2030, 2035, and 2045; and

WHEREAS, on September 10, 2018, California Governor Edmund J. Brown, Jr., signed executive order B-55-18, establishing a new Statewide goal to achieve carbon neutrality as soon as possible, and no later than 2045, and achieve and maintain net-negative emissions thereafter; and

WHEREAS, the City Council established a major goal for Fiscal Years 2019-20 and 2020-21 to "Promote Environmental Sustainability and the Quality of Life for the Enjoyment of Current and Future Generations with a Focus on Measurable Outcomes;" and

WHEREAS, the City of Mountain View has a history of leadership in addressing climate change, including having achieved an estimated 13 percent reduction in GHG emissions below 2005 levels by 2018; and

WHEREAS, on December 3, 2019, the City Council adopted new GHG reduction targets, including requiring a 75 percent reduction in GHG emissions below 2005 levels by 2045, and directed staff to develop a resolution to adopt a carbon neutrality target of 2045; and

WHEREAS, the achievement of carbon neutrality will require both significant reductions in GHG emissions and removal of carbon dioxide from the atmosphere, including sequestration in forests, soils, and other natural landscapes; and

WHEREAS, by adopting a carbon neutrality target, the City of Mountain View can further demonstrate local climate action leadership as well as align with the vision of California Executive Order B-55-18;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Mountain View that:

1. The City reaffirms its commitment to achieving the absolute greenhouse gas reduction targets adopted by the City Council on December 3, 2019.
2. The City hereby establishes a goal to achieve communitywide carbon neutrality no later than 2045, and to achieve and maintain net-negative emission thereafter. This goal is in addition to the existing, absolute greenhouse gas reduction targets.
3. The City will enact policies and programs to achieve the carbon neutrality goal. Staff will develop a carbon neutrality plan no later than 2025 and submit the plan to the City Council for approval.
4. Policies and programs undertaken to achieve carbon neutrality shall seek to support the health and economic resiliency of the community, protect vulnerable populations, and preserve Mountain View's socioeconomic and cultural diversity in accordance with the City Council's adopted major goals.
