



AGENDA REPORT

CITY COUNCIL

DATE: July 10, 2018
TO: Mayor Butt and Members of the Council
FROM: Councilmember Recinos
SUBJECT: PROPOSED RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF CALIFORNIA BUY CLEAN EFFORTS

STATEMENT OF THE ISSUE:

The City of Richmond is a leader in combating climate change through local initiatives. The passage of the California Buy Clean Act offers a unique opportunity to encourage sustainable development through public procurement standards.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

ADOPT a resolution in support of statewide efforts to implement the Buy Clean California Act and; DIRECT city staff to deliver a report during the September 25, 2018, City Council meeting regarding potential implementation in the City of Richmond, including the adoption of a Global Warming Potential limit and the requirement of an Environmental Product Declaration.

FINANCIAL IMPACT OF RECOMMENDATION:

No financial impact related to this item.

DISCUSSION:

In 2017, the California legislature passed Assembly Bill 262, the California Buy Clean Act. This act requires state agencies to purchase construction materials from manufacturers that have invested in cutting their greenhouse gas pollution, promoting environmentally friendly infrastructure development and mitigating the negative impact of public projects on the environment.

The California Department of General Services and Procurement Division are working with industry stakeholders to establish a Global Warming Potential (GPW) limit for construction materials, and public contractors will be required to submit an Environmental Product Declaration (EPD) that provides emission information for certain materials to be used in construction.

Buy Clean policies create a market for environmentally friendly construction products, leveling the playing field for companies that have invested in reducing their environmental impact and encouraging the development of an environmentally friendly manufacturing industry. Buy Clean policies direct public tax dollars towards more responsible spending, while encouraging manufacturers, contractors, and developers to who haven't invested in emissions controls to do so to stay competitive in the lucrative California and Bay Area markets.

As established in the Richmond General Plan 2030 and the Richmond Climate Action Plan, the City of Richmond is committed to both encouraging local development and combating climate change through environmentally equitable practices. As the city continues to promote local infrastructure development, it is important to instill our civic principles of environmental justice and equity into every aspect of the development and contracting processes. To that end, the Richmond City Council should both support state efforts to implement Buy Clean policies and develop plans to implement these policies locally as well. The City of Richmond is a pioneer in championing green municipal practices and by spearheading efforts to explore local implementation the city has the opportunity to develop innovative solutions for fighting climate change.

Buy Clean policies are supported by a variety of industry and environmental organizations including the State Building and Construction Trades Council, the United Steelworkers, the Sierra Club, the BlueGreen Alliance, the California League of Conservation Voters, the California Environmental Justice Alliance, and the Services Employees International Union, among many others.

DOCUMENTS ATTACHED:

- Attachment 1 - Draft Resolution
- Attachment 2 - California Senate Bill 262
- Attachment 3 - Buy Clean Fact Sheet
- Attachment 4 - Buy Clean Frequently Asked Questions

RESOLUTION NO. 68-18

**RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND, CALIFORNIA IN
SUPPORT OF THE BUY CLEAN INITIATIVE**

WHEREAS, climate change poses a serious threat to the environment, our economy, and the wellbeing of communities around the world; and

WHEREAS, spending decisions are among the most effective tools communities have to reduce greenhouse gas pollution; and

WHEREAS, in 2017 the California legislature passed Assembly Bill 262, requiring state agencies to purchase construction materials from manufacturers that have invested in cutting their greenhouse gas pollution; and

WHEREAS, AB 262 requires the California Department of General Services to establish a Global Warming Potential limit for eligible materials, and successful bidders on contracts for state public works projects are required to submit an Environmental Product Declaration from manufacturers, providing emission information for each of the eligible materials to be used in construction; and

WHEREAS, materials that do not meet this standard will not be approved for use in construction projects and contractors shall not install any eligible materials until an EPD has been submitted for that material; and

WHEREAS, the Richmond Climate Action Plan and the Richmond General Plan 2030 outline the city of Richmond's commitment to promoting environmentally just practices and mitigating the impact of climate change on public health, infrastructure, ecosystems, and public spaces in our community; and

WHEREAS, the City of Richmond is committed to promoting both economic growth and sustainability through infrastructure development, and adhering to environmental equity in all aspects of the development process is key to achieving these goals.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Richmond declares support for the implementation of Buy Clean policies in the state of California and in local municipalities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Richmond City Council directs city staff to explore the possible scope and impact of implementing Buy Clean policies in the City of Richmond, including the adoption of a Global Warming Potential limit and the requirement of an Environmental Product Declaration for manufacturer's products; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution are sent to Governor Jerry Brown, State Senator Nancy Skinner, Assemblymember Tony Thurmond, and the California Department of General Services.

I certify that the foregoing resolution was passed and adopted by the Council of the City of Richmond at a regular meeting thereof held July 17, 2018, by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Beckles, Choi, Martinez, Myrick,
Recinos, Vice Mayor Willis, and Mayor Butt.

NOES: None.

ABSTENTIONS: None.

ABSENT: None.

PAMELA CHRISTIAN
CLERK OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND
(SEAL)

Approved:
TOM BUTT
Mayor

Approved as to form:
BRUCE GOODMILLER
City Attorney

State of California }
County of Contra Costa } : ss.
City of Richmond }

I certify that the foregoing is a true copy of **Resolution No. 68-18**, finally passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Richmond at a regular meeting held on July 17, 2018.


Pamela Christian
Pamela Christian, Clerk of the City of Richmond