

**DATE:** November 25, 2008  
**TO:** Mayor and City Council  
**FROM:** Director of Development Services Department  
**SUBJECT:** Climate Action Blueprint for President-Elect Obama

**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council adopts the attached resolution endorsing the Climate Action Blueprint.

**DISCUSSION**

Climate Communities and ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability<sup>1</sup> are seeking the endorsement of local elected leaders from across America for their Blueprint document titled “Empowering Local Government Climate Action: Blueprint for the New President and 111th Congress” (Exhibit A). Climate Communities members will convene in Washington, DC in February 2009 to meet with leaders of the new President’s climate team and the incoming Congress to discuss the Blueprint's recommendations.

ICLEI is a non-profit organization that prepared the City’s greenhouse gas emissions inventory. Climate Communities is a national coalition of cities and counties that is educating federal policymakers about the essential role of local governments in addressing climate change and promoting a strong local-federal partnership to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

The Blueprint calls for federal policies and funding that would help the City of Hayward meet its climate protection goals. The policies advocated in the document include reducing building energy use, increasing the nation’s renewable energy portfolio, fully funding the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant program, funding grants through the Environmental Protection Agency and the Department of Energy, increasing federal funding for public transit, and providing funding for green jobs.

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<sup>1</sup> ICLEI was founded in 1990 as the International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives. In 2003, the name was changed to “ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability”.

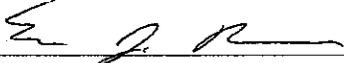
## FISCAL IMPACT

Endorsement of the Blueprint has no short term fiscal impact to the City. If the policies and funding that Climate Communities is advocating become reality, then it is possible that funds may become available to the City for local climate protection programs.

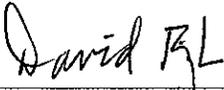
## NEXT STEPS

Upon adoption of the attached Resolution, staff will complete the on-line endorsement form. Climate Communities will present the Blueprint, along with a list of endorsements, to the President-Elect's transition team during the second week of December.

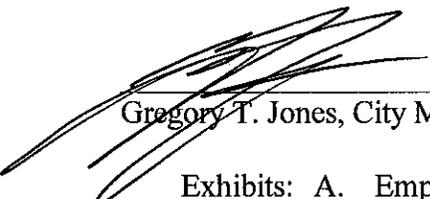
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Exhibits: A. Empowering Local Government Climate Action: Blueprint for the New President and 111th Congress  
Draft Resolution

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**DUE TO THE COLOR OF  
THE REFERENCED  
EXHIBIT, IT HAS  
BEEN ATTACHED AS  
A SEPARATE LINK**



ABSTAIN: COUNCIL MEMBERS:

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS:

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
City Clerk of the City of Hayward

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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City Attorney of the City of Hayward