

Sara Peterson

From: Aaron Bean (Assembly)
Sent: Wednesday, February 28, 2018 8:58 PM
To: Assembly
Cc: Keith Brady; Sara Peterson
Subject: *** do not reply all *** A suggested redraft of Resolution 2018-04 (climate)
Attachments: Suggested revised (Draft #1) to Resolution 2018-04.docx; ATT00001.htm

Gentlemen,

As you all know I made a motion to reconsider at last nights meeting. Below you'll find attached a resolution that I could support- I hope you will to - Please read and consider it in lieu of our current 'fee and dividend' approach. I'm exited for our next meeting; looking forward to it, and I thank everyone for our meaningful, productive debate last night.

Respectfully,

Aaron Bean
PO Box 464
Sitka, Alaska

PS Sara, as a matter of record and process can you please make sure this option is included in our next packet as an alternative motion?

CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-04

A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA

CALLING UPON THE CONGRESS TO FULLY CONFRONT CLIMATE CHANGE

WHEREAS, the City and Borough of Sitka is the governing body with the full power and authority as recognized by the citizens of Sitka to act for **its members**, and has the responsibility to provide government for the good health and welfare of its **citizens**; and

WHEREAS, progress toward the development of a local climate action plan for Sitka began early in 2008 following a series of presentations on ocean acidification and climate action planning sponsored by fishing and environmental organizations; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Sitka are reliant on: our oceans and forests and the wildlife and resources contained within them; our economies including fisheries and tourism; and our way of life including subsistence food gathering, and features of cultural and historical importance; and

WHEREAS, The City and Borough of Sitka supports all cultural, traditional and subsistence activities historically and continually practiced by Native and non-Native peoples here and throughout the State of Alaska -- practices that can be irreparably harmed by major changes in our climate; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Sitka recognize that climate change is amply evident globally, including these local and Alaskan observations: the unmistakable warmings of the climate and the ocean; dramatic losses of sea ice, permafrost and glaciers; a high rate of ocean acidification; and increasingly intense and frequent severe weather events (which include massive precipitation events like the one experienced on August 18, 2015, and in recent years both record-setting winter snowfall and winters with an unusual absence of snow); and

WHEREAS, the City and its residents bear a growing economic burden for severe weather events and fisheries impacts, a plight that is not unique to Sitka since growing temperatures and ocean acidification and the impacts they cause are amplified everywhere in the world's higher Northern latitudes; and

WHEREAS, local actions alone are insufficient to reduce emissions enough to prevent the progression of climate change and ocean acidification;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Assembly of the City and Borough of Sitka that it concludes:

A. Congressional action is urgently needed, to establish a program that will reduce U.S. greenhouse gas emissions at a constant rate until, within 10 or at most 15 years, a net-zero level of greenhouse gas emissions is attained; and

B. In that action, particular emphasis on carbon dioxide is necessary because of its millennial persistence in the atmosphere and ocean; and

C. The legislation's program should include research on negative emissions technologies (NETs) for the purpose of drawing down the amount of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere, and the program should: (1) favor the function of natural systems for this purpose; (2) not include a NET in mitigation planning until it is

actually proven at commercial scale, and (3) ensure that planning for use of a NET will not exceed a realistic scale in terms resource and land area requirements and other impacts.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that within 30 days of enactment the City and Borough of Sitka Municipal Clerk will forward a copy of this resolution to the delegation in the U.S. Congress representing Sitka and Alaska, and also to the governor and Sitka's state representative and senator.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED by the Assembly of the City and Borough of Sitka, Alaska this 13th day of March, 2018.

Matthew Hunter, Mayor

ATTEST: _____

Sara Peterson, MMC Municipal Clerk

2nd and final reading 3/13/18