

1 [Supporting California State Senate Bill 32 (Pavley) - Climate Pollution Reduction Beyond
2020]

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3 **Resolution supporting California State Senate Bill 32, authored by Senator Fran Pavley,**
4 **which sets an enforceable greenhouse gas reduction target of 80% below 1990 levels in**
5 **California by 2050.**

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7 WHEREAS, California’s landmark climate law, AB 32 (Núñez-Pavley, 2006) requires a
8 reduction in statewide greenhouse gas pollution to 1990 levels by 2020; and

9 WHEREAS, Since 2006, the state has reduced nearly 100 million tons of greenhouse
10 gases, equal to the pollution from burning 11 billion gallons of gasoline; and

11 WHEREAS, California has reduced approximately half the pollution required to meet
12 the 2020 goal; and

13 WHEREAS, In the process of reducing pollution, California has attracted
14 \$27,000,000,000 in private investment from clean energy businesses, which now employ
15 hundreds of thousands of people; and

16 WHEREAS, California is on track to cut pollution-related health costs by
17 \$8,300,000,000 in the next decade; and

18 WHEREAS, California is ensuring that energy remains affordable, as the average
19 residential electrical bill has dropped \$44 since 2006 when adjusted for inflation, and the
20 average Californian spends \$305 less overall on energy each year than the national average;
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22 WHEREAS, The California Air Resources Board (ARB) is authorized under AB 32 to
23 maintain and continue greenhouse gas reductions beyond 2020 and recommend
24 implementation strategies to the legislature; and

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1 WHEREAS, In the Scoping Plan Update issued in May 2014, the ARB identified a
2 number of cost-effective, technologically feasible pathways to emissions reductions required
3 by 2030, 2040 and 2050 to adequately protect the health, safety and welfare of Californians
4 from the mounting costs of unabated climate change; and

5 WHEREAS, Setting clear, achievable climate pollution reduction targets in law and
6 identifying priorities to guide implementation will provide critical accountability, as well as
7 certainty to businesses investing for the long term in California; and

8 WHEREAS, Senate Bill 32 sets an enforceable greenhouse gas reduction target of
9 80% below 1990 levels by 2050, the level identified by the international scientific community
10 as necessary to stave off the worst effects of climate change; and

11 WHEREAS, The target is guided by science, but Senate Bill 32 provides flexibility for
12 the Legislature and responsible agencies to adjust the goal along the way based on changing
13 technological and economic conditions; and

14 WHEREAS, Senate Bill 32 also identifies goals to ensure greenhouse gas reductions
15 advance job creation; public health improvement, in especially in disadvantaged communities;
16 innovation; and policy collaboration with international partners; now, therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco supports Senate Bill 32,
18 including its goal of reducing greenhouse gas emissions by 80 percent below 1990 levels by
19 2050.

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