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REVISED AGENDA MATERIAL

Meeting Date: March 9, 2021

Item Number: 20

Item Description: Resolution in Support of Establishing Statewide Targets for 100% Zero-Emission Vehicle Sales No Later Than 2025 and Comprehensive Legislative Program to Achieve an Equitable and Just Statewide Transition Towards 100% Zero-Emission Transportation and Mobility by 2030

Supplemental/Revision Submitted By: Councilmember Harrison

“Good of the City” Analysis:

The analysis below must demonstrate how accepting this supplement/revision is for the “good of the City” and outweighs the lack of time for citizen review or evaluation by the Council.

Amendments:

- Clarified the Resolution’s resolved clause to indicate that state leaders should specifically consider micromobility as part of its comprehensive legislative program to achieve 100% zero-emission transportation by 2030.
- Clarified letters to state leaders to specify the types of public transit and mobility programs the Council is requesting, to include but not limited to, rapidly stabilizing and expanding public transit, dramatically accelerating improvement of walking and bicycling infrastructure, and aggressive programs to incentivize purchasing, use, and sharing of e-bikes and other forms of electric micromobility.

Rationale: The following revision is for the good of the City because it clarifies Council’s intent and provides additional information that will be helpful for state and federal lawmakers.

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RESOLUTION NO. ##,###-N.S.

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF ESTABLISHING STATEWIDE TARGETS FOR 100% ZERO-EMISSION VEHICLE SALES NO LATER THAN 2025 AND COMPREHENSIVE LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM TO ACHIEVE AN EQUITABLE AND JUST STATEWIDE TRANSITION TOWARDS 100% ZERO-EMISSION TRANSPORTATION AND MOBILITY BY 2030

WHEREAS, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change tells us we have until 2030 to transform our economy and the way we live to avoid the most catastrophic and irreversible effects of the climate crisis; and

WHEREAS, a recent climate study suggests that the world has already locked-in at least a devastating 2 degrees Celsius of warming from existing emissions, but that humans likely have agency to delay its onset with rapid emissions reductions; and

WHEREAS, the transportation sector is the largest contributor of Greenhouse Gas emissions in California, with light duty vehicles (LDVs) making up 70% of those emissions; and

WHEREAS, electrifying transportation needs to be at the forefront of any attempt to combat the climate crisis; and

WHEREAS, California increased the number of zero emission vehicles in the state by more than 3,000% in 8 years, growing from 25,000 in 2012 to 763,816 in 2020; and

WHEREAS, the City of Berkeley has committed to a policy of phasing out the entirety of its municipal fossil fuel fleet by at least 2030 and is exploring an ordinance prohibiting the sale of fossil fuel passenger vehicles as early as 2025-2027; and

WHEREAS, even under a best-case scenario transitioning existing vehicles will take years, and it is hard to comprehend a scenario where California can continue to sell new fossil vehicles past mid-decade and still meet its 2030 obligations; and

WHEREAS, all new vehicles sold in California by at least the year 2025 need to be zero emission vehicles to decarbonize California's most polluting sector; and

WHEREAS, zero emission vehicle technology continues to progress, making a transition to a 100% electric transportation system both feasible and achievable; and

WHEREAS, zero emission vehicles and services are an opportunity for quality jobs and tax revenue that puts part of the Green New Deal in practice in our state; and

WHEREAS, market forces and turnover of new vehicles alone will neither be sufficient nor necessarily sustainable towards phasing out all of California's fossil fuel vehicles consistent with California's urgent climate and ecological obligations, and will not provide for reliable and equitable public transit and mobility options for all; and

WHEREAS, a statewide legislative program is needed to achieve an equitable and just transition for workers towards equitable and reliable public transit and other forms of electric or zero-emissions mobility by 2030.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Berkeley calling on its state leaders, with the assistance of federal government, to adopt binding legislation committing California to phase out the sale of all fossil fuel vehicles no later than 2025, and establishing and funding a comprehensive statewide legislative program to achieve an equitable and just transition ~~towards to~~ public transit and other forms of ~~electric or 100%~~ zero-emissions mobility, including micromobility, by 2030.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to Governor Newsom, State Senator Nancy Skinner, Assemblywoman Buffy Wicks, Congresswoman Barbara Lee, President Biden, Vice President Harris and Senators Dianne Feinstein and Alex Padilla.

The Honorable Gavin Newsom
Governor, State of California
1303 10th Street, Suite 1173
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Support for Establishing Statewide Targets for 100% Zero-Emission Vehicle Sales No Later Than 2025 and Comprehensive Legislative Program to Achieve an Equitable and Just Statewide Transition Towards 100% Zero-Emission Transportation and Mobility by 2030

Dear Governor Newsom:

The Berkeley City Council would like to convey its urgent support for adopting binding climate legislation committing California to phase out the sale of all fossil fuel vehicles no later than 2025, and establishing and funding a comprehensive statewide legislative program to achieve an equitable and just transition towards public transit and other forms of electric or zero-emissions mobility by 2030.

While the City welcomes recent progress at the state level committing California to phasing out the sale of gas vehicles by 2035, as well as recent executive orders by the Biden administration, it recognizes that these actions will not be enough in face of stark scientific realities. By contrast, nations such as Norway have committed to phase out the sale of new fossil vehicles no later than 2025.

The City of Berkeley has committed to a policy of phasing out the entirety of its municipal fossil fuel fleet by at least 2030 and is exploring an ordinance prohibiting the sale of fossil fuel passenger vehicles as early as 2025-2027. State and federal leadership and support will help determine how quickly Californian cities like Berkeley can act.

According to the best available science, wealthy nations, cities and states must achieve near net-zero emissions by 2030 or earlier in order to delay the onset of extremely catastrophic warming. Implicit in the U.N.'s global 2050 net-zero targets to keep emissions as close as possible to 1.5 degrees Celsius is the assumption that advanced industrialized nations will reach zero *decades before* less wealthy nations lacking basic human necessities.

Even under a best-case scenario, transitioning existing vehicles will take years, and it is hard to comprehend a scenario where California can continue to sell new fossil vehicles past mid-decade and still meet its 2030 obligations. However, market forces and turnover of new vehicles alone will neither be sufficient nor necessarily sustainable towards phasing out all of California's fossil fuel vehicles consistent with its urgent climate and ecological obligations, and will not provide for reliable and equitable public transit and mobility options for all. Therefore, in addition to phasing out the sale of fossil fuel vehicles, the state must also rapidly adopt a legislative program providing 100%

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Thank you for your leadership and consideration.

Sincerely,

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Vice President Kamala Harris
Senator Diane Feinstein
Senator Alex Padilla
Congresswoman Barbara Lee

The Honorable Nancy Skinner
California State Senator
State Capitol, Room 5094
Sacramento, CA 95814

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The Honorable Buffy Wicks
California State Senator
Capitol Office, Room 5160
Sacramento, CA 94249-0015

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