## Subject: Draft Resolution for Community Resilience

Dear fellow community stakeholders,

The Clean Coalition team is pleased to provide this Draft Resolution for Community Resilience. The purpose of this Draft Resolution is to serve as a template for local governments to develop customized resolutions that highlight the importance of, and their dedication to, community resilience. A resolution is a document used in government and business to state an intention, gain consensus, and maintain a record so that it may be considered in future decision-making processes.

Extreme weather events are occurring more frequently and are a risk to the well-being of our communities. In 2017 the U.S. experienced 16 weather- and climate-related events that cost $1B or more, and collectively caused damage totaling a record breaking $312 billion — not including the loss of human life. California has experienced deadly wildfires in the last two years, with damages exceeding $30 billion, affecting many of our communities. As clean energy and grid modernization advocates, we see many solutions to help communities create resilience, including rebuilding with specific measures to reduce future threats, moving away from outdated infrastructure that has poor safety records, and investing in local renewable electricity generation and energy storage. Local governments are often the gatekeepers for local action, and a resolution for community resilience provides the framework to enable and encourage them to take that action.

The Clean Coalition team looks forward to working with you to pass a Resolution for Community Resilience for your community. Please reach out to me with any questions, or if you’re like to discuss next steps.

Sincerely,

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RESOLUTION FOR COMMUNITY RESILIENCE [2019-01]

Resolution of the City Council of the City of [\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_] endorsing a commitment to enabling community resilience and requesting regional collaboration stemming from the catastrophic wildfire events of 2017 and 2018, and the continued threats of wildfires and earthquakes to our communities.

WHEREAS, The City of [\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_] is concerned about the well-being and safety of its residents and businesses, and seeks to create a sustainable, livable, and resilient community, where resilience is defined as a community’s ability to withstand chronic stresses and acute shocks while still maintaining essential functions and recovering quickly and effectively; and

WHEREAS, Extreme weather events are occurring more frequently; in 2017 the U.S. experienced 16 weather- and climate-related events that cost $1 billion or more, and collectively caused damage totaling a record-breaking $306.2 billion[[1]](#footnote-1), not including the loss of human life. The [North Bay region] and other regions of California have experienced deadly wildfires in the last two years, with damages exceeding $30 billion, and affecting our community and neighboring communities; and

WHEREAS, Existing planning documentation such as the Climate Action Plan, Local Hazard Mitigation Plan, and/or Emergency Response Plan identify a range of strategies and policies designed to mitigate greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and respond to emergency situations but do not enable nor advance community resilience in the face of large-scale environmental threats; and

WHEREAS, Access to energy during and soon after a natural disaster can improve recovery timelines, and local renewable energy production plus energy storage offers the single largest opportunity to reduce community-wide GHG emissions and enable community energy resilience while also creating local jobs;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED That the Council of the City of [\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_] commits to actively support the goals of the North Bay Community Resilience Initiative (NBCRI) to:

* Track and publicize leading programs for energy efficiency, renewable energy, electrification, and resilience.
* Facilitate the development and streamline the permitting of model structures (homes, commercial buildings and municipal buildings) with fully electrified and Community Microgrid–ready designs[[2]](#footnote-2) that are resilient to local environmental threats and that are compatible with near-term infrastructure advancements.
* Develop Community Microgrid roadmaps and stage critical facility microgrids at: fire stations, hospitals, emergency shelters, emergency operations centers, city owner-facilities and other critical facilities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That the City of [\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_] agrees to allocate staff time and resources to further the goals of the NBCRI and commits to utilizing their website to share NBCRI goals and progress with their constituents.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Council of the City of [\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_] that the City of [\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_] hereby is in general alignment with the resilience goals of the NBCRI, and makes a commitment to community resilience in future decision-making processes.

The foregoing Resolution was adopted by the [\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_] City Council on March 15, 2019 by the following vote:

Ayes: [NAMES OF VOTING MEMBERS]

Noes: [NAMES OF VOTING MEMBERS]

Absent: [NAMES OF VOTING MEMBERS]

[NAME OF MAYOR], Mayor

Attest: [NAME OF CITY STAFF PERSON], City Clerk

1. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, <https://www.climate.gov/news-features/blogs/beyond-data/2017-us-billion-dollar-weather-and-climate-disasters-historic-year> [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. See Electrification and Microgrid–Ready Specifications, <https://clean-coalition.org/community-microgrids/north-bay-community-resilience-initiative/ecmr-guidelines/> [↑](#footnote-ref-2)