

RESOLUTION 2023-###

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN PABLO IN SUPPORT OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF AN AB 617 COMMUNITY EMISSIONS REDUCTION PLAN BY THE AB 617 COMMUNITY STEERING COMMITTEE AND THE BAY AREA AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

WHEREAS, the San Pablo community suffers negative health impacts from a combination of high industrial, rail, marine, and truck pollution, and seventy-five per cent of our census tracts are in the top ten per cent for asthma statewide; and

WHEREAS, San Pablo is part of the “Richmond- North Richmond- San Pablo” Community Emissions Reduction Program (CERP) which covers over 160,000 people in Richmond, North Richmond and San Pablo; and

WHEREAS, along with West Oakland, San Pablo, Richmond and North Richmond is one of the first two communities selected by AB617 in the Bay Area and one of the 17 state wide, and we have an opportunity to lead the way for all refinery communities in the state; and

WHEREAS, the AB 617 “Richmond- North Richmond- San Pablo” Community Steering Committee has been working with the Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD) and the California Air Resources Board (CARB) for two years and is in the final stages of making strategy recommendations for reducing emissions and improving health; and

WHEREAS, this item was reviewed by the Public Safety Standing Committee on July 6, 2023 and was unanimously recommended for formal approval to City Council.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the San Pablo City Council does hereby applaud the California State legislature and CARB for funding this program and making it a priority, and encourage all concerned to look at all strategies that can help reduce the highest impact pollutants by at least 30-40%, focusing particularly on the emissions strongly linked to chronic health problems;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the San Pablo City Council does hereby ask that the report and recommended strategies directly address the following key issues of community concern:

- Set goals for reducing PM 2.5, nitrogen oxides, nickel, manganese, benzene, sulfuric acid, DPM, formaldehyde, acrolein, arsenic, hydrogen cyanide, and hydrochloric acid emissions as these appear to be the greatest contributors to chronic health problems in our community.

- Establish strategies to improve public education and community understanding of our pollution related health problems, our emission sources, and our emission reduction goals and achievements.
- Implement pollution reduction strategies and more comprehensive health and social services to help decrease pre-existing vulnerabilities and lower the community's burden of adverse health risks.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the San Pablo City Council encourages the Bay Area Air Quality Management District and the California Air Resources Board to provide funding to support a broad, far-reaching education and engagement program during the summer and fall of this year and the ongoing provision of information on our emission reduction goals and achievements.

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ADOPTED this 17th day of July, 2023, by the following votes:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS:
 NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS:
 ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS:
 ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEMBERS:

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

 Dorothy Gantt, City Clerk

 Abel Pineda, Mayor