



To: Chico City Council

Endorsement of the City of Chico Declaration of Climate Emergency

We, the Associated Students Government Affairs Committee of California State University, Chico, do hereby pass this resolution expressing our endorsement of the City of Chico Climate Emergency Declaration. At the same time, we are asking the students at our university to be engaged in climate action efforts on campus and in the community. It is also our intention to encourage our sister institutions to follow our lead in support of local and community action recognizing climate change as the crisis it is.

We do hereby direct that this resolution be sent to the Chico City Council, the Academic Senate of CSU Chico, the Chico News & Review, the Chico Enterprise Record, the Orion, the President of CSU Chico, Staff Council of CSU Chico, and CSSA.

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**CITY OF CHICO RESOLUTION
DECLARING A CLIMATE EMERGENCY
REQUESTING REGIONAL COLLABORATION ON AN IMMEDIATE JUST TRANSITION AND
INITIATE AN EMERGENCY MOBILIZATION EFFORT TO RESTORE A SAFE CLIMATE
Final DRAFT as of 2/13/19**

WHEREAS, it is commonly agreed that global warming and climate change are increasing global temperatures more rapidly than previously anticipated, and current human activities and technologies are accelerating the pace of global temperature increase, and the current trajectory of temperature increase threatens our modern way of life; and

WHEREAS, all people desire clean water, clean air, clean food and soil, public safety, good health and to pass on to posterity a sustainable economy and healthy planet; and

WHEREAS, adaptation of current technologies and economic investment is necessary to mitigate loss and damage associated with the adverse effects of rapidly rising global temperatures including: increasingly long and more frequent and widespread drought, a three-fold increase in intensity and magnitude of wildfires, heat waves that threaten the lives of vulnerable people; and

WHEREAS, numerous international agencies have corroborated these dangers, including:

-- world leaders from 196 nations met in December 2015 to address this threat, and signed the Paris Climate Accord and agreed to keep warming to well below 2 degrees C over pre-industrial levels; and a failure to implement these plans has resulted in an increase in global temperature that at the current rate will exceed the goal set by this Accord by 2026 <https://unfccc.int/process-and-meetings/the-paris-agreement/what-is-the-paris-agreement/>; and

-- the United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) report of the world's leading climate scientists (October 2018), warns that there are only 12 years to keep warming at a maximum of 1.5C and avoid catastrophic breakdown; the authors of the IPCC said urgent and unprecedented changes, which are affordable and feasible; are needed to reach the target <https://www.ipcc.ch/>; and

-- the 4th Annual National Climate Assessment (November 23, 2018) warns that extreme weather and climate-related events in the U.S. are worsening; this report also predicts increased drought cycles and heat waves in the Western U.S. with a resulting three-fold increase in intensity and magnitude of wildfires, unless greenhouse gas emissions are curbed <https://www.globalchange.gov/nca4/>; and

_ a 2015 special report in the Bulletin of the American Meteorological Society found the increase in fire risk in California is attributable to human-induced climate change <https://www.ametsoc.org/ams/index.cfm/publications/bulletin-of-the-american-meteorological-society-bams/explaining-extreme-events-from-a-climate-perspective/>; and

_ a 2016 study in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences found that human-caused global warming doubled the area burned by wildfires in the Western U.S. over just the past 30 years <https://www.pnas.org/content/113/42/11770>; and

WHEREAS, the environmental and human catastrophe caused by the recent Camp Fire, the deadliest and most destructive wildfire in in state history, had a devastating effect on Chico and our local communities including: health and public safety, air and water quality, stress on public taxpayer funded infrastructure and services, erosion of our economic base, and the emotional toll of displaced family and friends; and

WHEREAS, severe rainfall in February 2017 across northern and central California resulted in at least 5 deaths and an estimated \$1.5 billion in damage [U.S. Billion-Dollar Weather & Climate Disasters 1980-2018 https://www.ncdc.noaa.gov/billions/events.pdf](https://www.ncdc.noaa.gov/billions/events.pdf) (see CA Flooding section); this accelerated the structural faults in design and construction, damaged the Oroville Dam spillway, and resulted in a multi-day evacuation of 188,00 residents; and https://drive.google.com/file/d/15fmj836-EnyYgPg7_a_JloK0N8J-mZE/view?usp=drivesdk

WHEREAS, the citizens of Chico and neighboring areas are already experiencing great economic loss and social, emotional and physical impact from climate related disasters, it makes economic sense and good governance policy to be proactive rather than wait for more wildfires, severe storms, heat waves, floods to threaten public health and safety, and create humanitarian crises for our communities before taking the necessary emergency response; and

WHEREAS, indigenous communities, low income communities, communities of color, and other marginalized groups in Chico and surrounding areas, the U.S., and the world are suffering the gravest consequences of global warming; and

WHEREAS, common sense and morality demand that the City of Chico must seek measures to ensure a safe climate and ensure protections locally and regionally from climate correlated ecological and social impacts for this and future generations; and

WHEREAS, the City of Chico has an opportunity to join in with the Cities of Berkeley, Richmond, Oakland, Hayward and Santa Cruz and the increasing number of California cities to lead in combating climate change, and to work across social and political borders to build transformative networks to combat climate change; and

WHEREAS, the City of Chico already has made significant commitments and progress towards sustainability by implementing its General Plan 2030, by supporting the of work of the Sustainability Task Force, by enacting the Climate Action Plan, by joining the US Conference of Mayors' Climate Protection Agreement, and by engaging in Greenhouse Gas Audits; and

WHEREAS, the report of Data for Progress (1/11/19) documents that a transition to renewable energy encourages private sector growth and workforce development and training, therefore the

City of Chico will benefit economically from such priorities.
<https://www.dataforprogress.org/green-new-deal/#jobs>

NOW BE IT RESOLVED: the City of Chico declares that we face a Climate Emergency that threatens our city, region, state, nation, humanity and the natural world; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: the City of Chico commits to replace its Climate Action Plan, which sunsets in 2020, with a plan that ends citywide greenhouse gas emissions as quickly as possible and no later than 2030, and immediately initiates an effort to safely draw down carbon from the atmosphere, and accelerates adaptation and resilience strategies in preparation for intensifying climate impacts; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: the City of Chico commits to establish a Climate Emergency Commission, supported by dedicated staff time, with a diverse and inclusive representation, to include as much as possible groups such as indigenous peoples, communities of color, low-income residents, youth, business owners, and environmental advocates to further and implement these goals; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: the City of Chico commits to a just transition, along with but not dependent upon, any available financial assistance or grants from the County of Butte, State and Federal authorities, with a vision of a 100% reduction of citywide greenhouse gas emissions and to become 100% fossil-free as quickly as possible and no later than 2030; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: to effectuate this transition, the City of Chico commits to an Implementation Plan, either embedded in or in conjunction with Climate Action Plan 2030; this Implementation Plan will specify time-lines, benchmarks, and accountability with annual review; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: the City of Chico commits to a just transition for those who will be impacted by this transition, through the creation of jobs that guarantee good pay and comprehensive benefits, and to immediately initiate an effort to draw down carbon released into the atmosphere through regenerative agriculture and other carbon sequestration strategies including planting trees and maintain the City of Chico's designation as a City of Trees; and

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED: the City of Chico commits to deliberative democracy, which underscores the need for full community participation, inclusion, and support to plan and implement these measures; full community shall include residents of Chico and community organizations concerned with faith, youth, labor, business, academia, environment, and economic issues, and will represent Chico's diversity: racial, gender, family and disabled, indigenous, immigrant and women's rights organizations and other such allies as integral members of leadership and mobilization efforts; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: the City of Chico commits to accelerate adaptation and resilience strategies, such as cooling centers and hydration stations, in preparation for intensifying climate impacts; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: the City of Chico commits to involve and inform residents about the climate emergency, through Town Hall meetings, messaging, staff and all departments training, and other processes in which citizen deliberation is central to decision-making; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: the City of Chico commits to significantly reduce auto dependency through a robust transportation management program and other measures as appropriate; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: the City of Chico commits to support economic and financial incentives to increase affordable/social housing and transit-oriented development; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: the City of Chico commits to revisit existing policies, priorities, and distribution of resources to enable emergency climate action, resilience and adaptation measures in the City; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: the City of Chico calls on the State of California and the United States as a whole to initiate an emergency mobilization to mitigate climate change, and end greenhouse gas emissions, and immediately draw down carbon from the atmosphere.

Annotated Bibliography:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1oybVh_mdUN_mfEyjovMS8KhRHJj3w3lguZnQ_RnLzms/edit?usp=sharing

Endorsers to date:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/18n8jBHvfgSj2ju4s02xry8H6RiEK5pLi36t7172zrc/edit?usp=sharing>

Draft Implementation Plan for Chico, CA (updated 2/7/19)

<https://drive.google.com/open?id=0B4J1oo34PoMQU0NTSlppVDM2SFZVUE9jQ1N5ZkZNVFZOVVc4>

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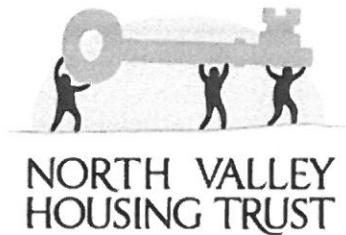


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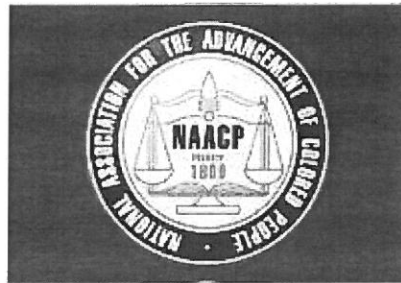
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