



RESOLUTION NO. 40133

1 BY REQUEST OF MAYOR WOODARDS, DEPUTY MAYOR IBSEN, AND
2 COUNCIL MEMBERS BEALE AND MELLO

3 A RESOLUTION expressing support of the passage of the “Clean Air Clean
4 Energy” Initiative 1631 at the November 6, 2018, General Election, that
5 would charge pollution fees on the largest corporate polluters and use the
6 revenue to invest in healthy communities, clean our air and water, promote
7 clean energy, and slow down the impacts of climate change – all under
8 oversight of a public board.

9 WHEREAS the residents of Tacoma and those throughout Washington State
10 all deserve to breathe clean air, drink healthy water, and live in protected
11 environments, and

12 WHEREAS over 600,000 Washingtonians live with asthma, and thousands
13 more suffer from upper respiratory illnesses and diseases caused by air pollution,
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15 WHEREAS climate change is one of the paramount challenges of our
16 generation and will have near- and long-term consequences for the economy, the
17 environment, and public health and safety in Tacoma, and

18 WHEREAS residents of Tacoma are already experiencing the impacts of a
19 changing climate, including more extreme rainfall events, rising sea levels,
20 increasing landslides, increasing flooding risk, air quality effects of wildfires, and
21 more frequent heat events that impact health, and

22 WHEREAS Tacoma recognizes the need to pass on a safe, healthy
23 environment and a stable climate to our children and future generations of
24 Washingtonians, and
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WHEREAS Tacoma supports policies that provide consumers with affordable, cleaner, and more efficient fuel, energy, and transportation choices, and

WHEREAS state, county, and city shared climate change goals cannot be met without the accelerated phase-out of coal-fired electricity and replacement with renewable energy, investments in energy efficiency, cleaner forms of transportation, and investments in healthy forests and agriculture, all of which will be aided by the passage of the “Clean Air Clean Energy” Initiative 1631 (“I-1631”), and

WHEREAS I-1631, by hastening a transition from polluting fossil fuel energy to clean energy, will create thousands of high-paying local jobs that contribute to local economies, in rural and urban communities alike, without hurting the health of their neighbors, and

WHEREAS I-1631 will provide a source of funding that Tacoma and other municipalities will be able to apply for to help fund projects that reduce climate pollution and mitigate the effects of climate change, and

WHEREAS I-1631 prioritizes the protection of communities disproportionately harmed by pollution by targeting investments to provide direct, meaningful, and assured benefits to those communities, and

WHEREAS I-1631 will provide assistance to low-income families as we transition to clean energy, and

WHEREAS I-1631 invests in our state’s natural resources, which are vital to our state’s economy and industries like agriculture, timber, tourism, and fishing, and



1 which protect our health by reducing air and water pollution, and secure our
2 community by lowering the risk of fires, floods, and landslides, and

3 WHEREAS I-1631 will provide funding to restore and protect estuaries,
4 fisheries, and marine shoreline habitats; prepare for sea level rise; increase a
5 sustainable supply of water; and improve infrastructure for treating stormwater, and
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7 WHEREAS I-1631 includes provisions for strong public oversight and
8 accountability, and

9 WHEREAS I-1631 respects tribal sovereignty and ensures that affected
10 communities and tribal nations are consulted and involved in decision-making, and
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12 WHEREAS I-1631 was shaped by tribal nations and communities most
13 affected by pollution and climate change, and is supported by an unprecedented
14 coalition of business, labor unions, environmental and economic justice advocates,
15 healthcare professionals, communities of color, faith based organizations, and
16 community leaders, and
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18 WHEREAS I-1631 will provide Washington State with an opportunity to lead
19 the nation and set an example in how to address pollution and climate change in an
20 equitable and economically responsible manner; Now, Therefore,

21 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TACOMA:

22 Section 1. That the City Council hereby expresses its support for the
23 passage of the "Clean Air Clean Energy" Initiative 1631 ("I-1631") at the
24 November 6, 2018, General Election, as an essential component of Tacoma's
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1 commitment to cut pollution, protect our citizens' health and well-being, reduce our
 2 greenhouse gas emissions, preserve our environment, and invest in our future.

3 Section 2. That the City Council urges Tacoma voters to vote "Yes" on
 4 Initiative 1631 on the November 6, 2018, General Election ballot, which ballot title
 5 reads as follows:
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7 **STATE OF WASHINGTON**
 8 **INITIATIVE MEASURE NO. 1631**

9 This measure would charge pollution fees on sources of greenhouse
 10 gas pollutants and use the revenue to reduce pollution, promote
 11 clean energy, and address climate impacts, under oversight of a
 12 public board.

12 Should this measure be enacted into law?

13 Yes
 14 No

15 Adopted _____

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 18 Mayor

18 Attest:

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 20 _____
 21 City Clerk

22 Approved as to form:

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 25 City Attorney
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