



## RESOLUTION NO. 41529

1 BY REQUEST OF DEPUTY MAYOR HINES, AND COUNCIL MEMBERS DIAZ  
2 AND WALKER

3 A RESOLUTION expressing the Mayor and City Council's opposition to  
4 Initiative 2117, which will appear on the November 5, 2024, General  
5 Election ballot in Washington, which proposes a prohibition on state  
6 agencies from imposing any type of carbon tax credit trading, including  
7 "cap and trade" or "cap and tax" programs; repeals sections of the 2021  
8 Washington Climate Commitment Act as amended, including repealing  
9 the creation and modification of a "cap and invest" program to reduce  
10 greenhouse gas emissions by specific entities.

11 WHEREAS currently, the 2021 Washington Climate Commitment Act  
12 ("CCA") sets a cap for carbon emissions that decreases over time and requires  
13 companies to either reduce their emissions or purchase allowances based on their  
14 emission amounts, and

15 WHEREAS businesses that reduce emissions are allowed to sell remaining  
16 emission allowance permits to other companies, and

17 WHEREAS all funds raised through the CCA can be allocated by the State  
18 Legislature to communities statewide for climate projects focused on improving  
19 clean transportation options, increasing climate resilience, and addressing issues of  
20 environmental justice and health equity, and

21 WHEREAS in 2023, the first CCA auction enabled the State Legislature to  
22 appropriate \$2.1 billion for climate projects in the 2023-2025 biennium budget,  
23 including support for a variety of programs in the City, and

24 WHEREAS the allocations benefitting the City include projects such as:  
25 (1) the Home Electrification Appliance Rebates Grant Program, which provides  
26 \$1.94 million to help income-constrained residents in the City transition from using



1 natural gas or oil-powered appliances to energy-efficient electric space and water  
2 heating appliances, and (2) the Washington Families Clean Energy Grant Program,  
3 which had a total funding of \$150 million statewide, and enabled Tacoma Power  
4 customers whose annual income does not exceed 150 percent of the area median  
5 income to receive a \$200 credit, and  
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7 WHEREAS passage of Initiative 2117 would eliminate the opportunity for  
8 similar awards to the City, as well as to other agencies and governments providing  
9 services to the City community, going forward; Now, Therefore,  
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11 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TACOMA:

12 Section 1. That the City of Tacoma remains committed to addressing the  
13 issues of environmental justice and health inequity within the City.

14 Section 2. That the Mayor and City Council oppose Initiative 2117, which  
15 proposes a prohibition on state agencies from imposing any type of carbon tax  
16 credit trading, including “cap and trade” or “cap and tax” programs; repeals  
17 sections of the 2021 Washington Climate Commitment Act as amended, including  
18 repealing the creation and modification of a “cap and invest” program to reduce  
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1 greenhouse gas emissions by specific entities, and the City Manager is directed to  
2 forward a copy of this resolution to the Washington State Legislature.

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7 Mayor

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9 Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
10 City Clerk

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12 Approved as to form: \_\_\_\_\_  
13 Chief Deputy City Attorney

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