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### RESOLUTION NO. 3 8 2 4

- 1 A RESOLUTION relating to the City's vision and definition of sustainability;
- 2 establishing the City's vision and definition of sustainability; and establishing
- 3 a framework for the City to track and report on its progress toward
- 4 achievement of its vision of sustainability.
- 5 WHEREAS the City endeavors to be recognized as a "livable and
- 6 progressive international city, regarded for the richness of its multicultural
- 7 population," and
- 8 WHEREAS the City realizes that the natural resources essential to the
- 9 economic, social, and cultural well-being of its citizens are finite, and
- 10 WHEREAS the City recognizes its responsibility to improve human
- 11 health while supporting a diverse community with equitable access to
- 12 opportunities, and
- 13 WHEREAS the City recognizes the value of cultural contributions, such
- 14 as the arts, innovation, heritage, recreation, and the overall value of a high
- 15 quality of life for its citizens, and
- 16 WHEREAS the City recognizes that protection, preservation, and
- 17 restoration of local and regional ecological quality is vital for our economic,
- 18 social, and cultural well-being, and
- 19 WHEREAS the City seeks to strengthen its position as a vibrant
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21 economic center and as a destination for investment, thus supporting local  
22 business, and  
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24 WHEREAS "sustainability" is used by international, national, and local  
25 organizations to mean consideration of environmental, economic, social, and  
26 cultural values in decision making, and

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WHEREAS Tacoma's Climate Action Plan seeks "to guide the reduction

2 of greenhouse gases and provide a blueprint to grow our local economy, to

3 make Tacoma more livable and more attractive, to allow our citizens to be

4 healthier, and to advance sustainability for the long term," and

5 WHEREAS, on October 31, 2008, the City Council adopted

6 Resolution No. 37631, creating the Office of Sustainability and establishing the

7 Sustainable Tacoma Commission on Climate Change; Now, Therefore,  
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9 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TACOMA:

10 Section 1. That the City's vision of sustainability is: (1) Tacoma will  
11 achieve exceptional quality of life for every generation and will leave a legacy of  
12 stewardship and (2) Tacoma will achieve lasting and equitable prosperity; build  
13 a safe, healthy, attractive, and vibrant community; and minimize negative  
14 impacts in order to conserve the natural resources that sustain it.  
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16 Section 2. That the City's definition of sustainability is: The City and its  
17 citizens meet current needs without compromising the needs of future  
18 generations, such that environmental, social, cultural, and economic  
19 considerations are balanced and integrated in a day-to-day, decision-making  
20 manner.

21 Section 3. That the City's vision and definition of sustainability will guide  
22 and inform City policy; decision-making by City staff, boards, and commissions;  
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24 and the legislative decisions of the City Council.

25 Section 4. That the City will define goals toward achieving its vision and

26 implementing its definition of sustainability and measure and report yearly

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1 progress by defining City government and community sustainability indicators,

2 such as the energy use consumption of the City government itself; and that the

3 City will adopt five- and ten-year targets for each defined sustainability indicator,

4 starting in the year 201 1.

5 Section 5. That, in addition to its duties regarding implementation of the

6 Climate Action Plan, the Sustainable Tacoma Commission on Climate Change

7 will be responsible for overseeing, coordinating, communicating, and  
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9 encouraging public involvement regarding sustainability initiatives as are

10 consistent with the City's vision and definition of sustainability.

11 Section 6. That, in addition to implementing the Climate Action Plan, the

12 Office of Sustainability will be responsible for researching policies, establishing

13 sustainability goals for City government and the community, supporting

14 implementation, integrating values, recommending and promoting practices,

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16 and partnering with government and businesses to advance the City's vision

17 and definition of sustainability within the City and the region.

18 Adopted APR 19 2011

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20 Mayor

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City Clerk

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24 Approved as to form:

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26 Deputy City Attorney

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1. DATE: April 6, 2011

2. SPONSORED BY: COUNCIL mEmBER(s) NA (if no sponsor, enter "N/A!")

3a. REQUESTING

4a. CONTACT (for questions):

PHONE:

DEPARTMENT/DivisioN/PRoGRAM

Kristin Lynett

591-5571

City Manager/Office of Sustainability

3b. "Do PASS" FROM EPW

N Yes

4b. Person Presenting:

PHONE:

F-1 No

Kristin Lynett

591-5571

F@ To Committee as information only

F-1 Did not go before a Committee

3c. DID THIS ITEM GO BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY BOARD?

4c. ATTORNEY: Martha Lantz  
591-5633

PHONE:

Yes, on [Date]

Not required

N/A

Budget Officer/Finance Director City

5. REQUESTED COUNCIL DATE: April 19, 201 1

(If a specific council meeting date is required, explain why; i.e., grant application deadline, contract expiration date, required contract execution date, public notice or hearing required, etc.)

6. SUMMARY AGENDA TITLE: (A concise sentence, as it will appear on the Council agenda.)

The City Council defines and recommits to sustainability.

7.BACKGROUND INFORMATION/GENERAL DISCUSSION: (Why is this request necessary? Are there legal requirements?

What are the viable alternatives? Who has been involved in the process?)

The Sustainable Tacoma Commission brought this policy recommendation to EPW numerous times and most recently passed on March 23, 201 1. This resolution brings clarity to the City's definition of sustainability and recommits the City to track and report on our progress.

8. LIST ALL MATERIAL AVAILABLE AS BACKUP INFORMATION FOR THE REQUEST AND INDICATE WHERE FILED:

Source Documents/Backup Material	Location of Document
2008 Climate Action Plan	www.Cityoftacoma.org/sustainability
	On File with Clerk's Office

9. WHICH OF THE CITY'S STRATEGIC GOALS DOES THIS ITEM SUPPORT? (CHECK THE GOAL THAT BEST APPLIES)

- A. 0 A SAFE, CLEAN AND ATTRACTIVE COMMUNITY
- B. N A DIVERSE, PRODUCTIVE AND SUSTAINABLE ECONOMY
- C. RA HIGH-PERFORMING, OPEN AND ENGAGED GOVERNMENT

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10. IF THIS CONTRACT IS FOR AN AMOUNT OF \$200,000 OR LESS, EXPLAIN WHY IT NEEDS LEGISLATIVE APPROVAL:

11. FINANCIAL IMPACT: F-I EXPENDITURE R REVENUE

- A. Z No IMPACT (NO FISCAL NOTE)
- B. YES, OVER \$1 00,000, Fiscal Note Attached
- C. YES, UNDER \$1 00,000, (NO FISCAL NOTE)  
Provide funding source information below:

FUNDING SOURCE: (Enter amount of funding from each source)

Fund Number & Name:	State \$	city \$	Other \$	Total Amount

If an expenditure, is it budgeted? E-1 Yes EI No Where? Cost Center:

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Adopted:  
Maker of Motion:  
Seconded:

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Voice Vote:

MEMBERS	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Mr. Boe				
Mr. Campbell				
Mr. Fey				
Mr. Lonergan				
Mr. Manthou				
Mr. Mello				
Ms. Walker				
Ms. Woodards				
Mayor Strickland				

Roll Call Vote:

MEMBERS	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
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Mr. Campbell				
Mr. Fey				
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