



**COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. 5266**

**A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO  
PASS A GREEN NEW DEAL.**

**PASSED: 6:2**

**REJECTED:**

**OPPOSED: Clark, Pryor**

**ABSENT:**

**CONSIDERED: May 20, 2019**

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#### **The City Council of the City of Eugene finds that:**

**A.** An October 2018 United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) report says we have only until 2030, to limit devastating global warming and avoid a climate change catastrophe.

**B.** The October 2018 IPCC report also makes clear that every bit of warming matters, so every fraction of a degree less of warming will save lives and pay dividends across the world's economies.

**C.** The world is already experiencing serious, costly, and increasing impacts from climate change, including more intense storms, unprecedented flooding and persistent wildfires.

**D.** An inadequate response to climate change will increase economic and environmental disruptions. These include, but are not limited to: severe storms, longer and hotter heat waves, worsening flood and drought cycles, growing invasive species and insect problems, accelerated species extinction rates, rising sea levels, increased wildfires, and a dramatic increase in refugees from climate impacted lands.

**E.** The most negative impacts of climate change are generally falling on frontline communities. Frontline communities that are underrepresented, such as lower-income communities or communities of color, are bearing the initial burden of climate change, but are least equipped to adapt to these impacts.

**F.** Doing what is now necessary to adequately address the climate crisis requires a national mobilization of a scope and scale that is a historic opportunity to address inequities caused and exacerbated by the fossil fuel economy as well as virtually eliminating poverty in the United States.

**G.** Federal Green New Deal legislation would create a detailed mobilization plan intended to eliminate greenhouse gas emissions by 2030, invest in communities on the frontlines of poverty and pollution, and guarantee a good job to anyone ready to make this happen.

**H.** Local governments calling for the federal government to pass a Green New Deal will demonstrate widespread popular support for necessary and just climate action.

**NOW, THEREFORE,**

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EUGENE, a  
Municipal Corporation of the State of Oregon, as follows:**

**Section 1.** The Eugene City Council calls on the U.S. Government to pass a Green New Deal that meets the following goals by 2030:

- a.** Dramatically expand existing renewable power sources and deploy new production capacity with the goal of meeting 100% of national power demand through renewable sources;
- b.** Building a national, energy-efficient, “smart” grid;
- c.** Upgrading every residential and industrial building for state-of-the-art energy efficiency, comfort and safety;
- d.** Eliminating greenhouse gas emissions from the manufacturing, agricultural and other industries, including by investing in local-scale agriculture in communities across the country;
- e.** Eliminating greenhouse gas emissions by repairing and improving transportation and other infrastructure, and upgrading water infrastructure to ensure universal access to clean water;
- f.** Funding massive investment in the drawdown of greenhouse gases;
- g.** Making “green” technology, industry, expertise, products and services a major export of the United States, with the aim of becoming the undisputed international leader in helping other countries transition to completely greenhouse gas neutral economies and bringing about a global Green New Deal.
- h.** Noting that the scope presents a historic opportunity to virtually eliminate poverty in the United States and to make prosperity, wealth and economic security available to everyone participating in the transformation, the Green New Deal should aim to:
  - (1) Provide all members of our society, across all regions and all communities, the opportunity, training and education to be a full and equal participant in the transition, including through a job guarantee program to assure a living wage job to every person who wants one;
  - (2) Diversify local and regional economies, with a particular focus on communities where the fossil fuel industry holds significant control over the labor market, to ensure workers have the necessary tools, opportunities, and economic assistance to succeed during the energy transition;

- (3) Require strong enforcement of labor, workplace safety, and wage standards that recognize the rights of workers to organize and unionize free of coercion, intimidation, and harassment, and creation of meaningful, quality, career employment;
- (4) Ensure a “just transition” for all workers, low-income communities, communities of color, indigenous communities, rural and urban communities and the front-line communities most affected by climate change, pollution and other environmental harm including by ensuring that local implementation of the transition is led from the community level and by prioritizing solutions that end the harms faced by front-line communities from climate change and environmental pollution;
- (5) Protect and enforce sovereign rights and land rights of tribal nations;
- (6) Mitigate deeply entrenched racial, regional and gender-based inequalities in income and wealth (including, without limitation, ensuring that federal and other investment will be equitably distributed to historically impoverished, low income, deindustrialized or other marginalized communities in such a way that builds wealth and ownership at the community level);
- (7) Include additional measures such as basic income programs, universal health care programs and any others deemed appropriate to promote economic security, labor market flexibility and entrepreneurship; and
- (8) Deeply involve national and local labor unions to take a leadership role in the process of job training and worker deployment.

**Section 2.** This Resolution is effective immediately upon its passage by the City Council.

**The foregoing Resolution adopted the 20<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2019.**

  
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**Deputy City Recorder**