

RESOLUTION NO. 4282

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SAN ANSELMO CALLING FOR THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO PASS A NEW GREEN DEAL

WHEREAS, the San Anselmo Town Council wants the children and grandchildren of this community protected from the risks of climate destruction;

WHEREAS, 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;

WHEREAS, 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;

WHEREAS, the world is already experiencing serious, costly, and increasing impacts from climate change, including more intense storms, unprecedented flooding and persistent wildfires;

WHEREAS, an inadequate response to climate change will increase economic and environmental disruptions that threaten human life, healthy communities, and critical infrastructure. 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, increased floods, and a dramatic increase in refugees from climate impacted lands.

WHEREAS, 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.

WHEREAS, 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 providing unprecedented levels of prosperity and economic security for all people in the United States;

WHEREAS, Senator Ed Markey and Representative Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez released, on February 7, 2019, a Resolution Recognizing the duty of the Federal Government to create a Green New Deal;

WHEREAS, federal Green New Deal legislation would create a detailed mobilization plan to:

- within a decade, achieve net-zero greenhouse gas emissions through a fair and just transition for all communities and workers;
- create millions of good, high-wage jobs and ensure prosperity and economic security for all people of the United States;
- invest in the infrastructure and industry of the United States to sustainably meet the challenges of the 21st century;

- secure for all people of the United States for generations to come:
 - clean air and water;
 - climate and community resiliency;
 - healthy food;
 - access to nature;
 - and a sustainable environment;
- and promote justice and equity by stopping current, preventing future, and repairing historic oppression of indigenous communities, communities of color, migrant communities, deindustrialized communities, depopulated rural communities, the poor, low-income workers, women, the elderly, the unhoused, people with disabilities, and youth;

WHEREAS, local governments calling for the federal government to pass a Green New Deal will demonstrate widespread popular support for necessary and just climate action;

WHEREAS, on April 22, 2019, the Town Sustainability Commission held a public meeting to consider this resolution and recommended the Town Council adopt this resolution;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Council of the Town of San Anselmo calls on the U.S. Government to pass, as soon as possible, House Resolution 109 and Senate Resolution 59 "A resolution recognizing the duty of the Federal Government to create a Green New Deal" introduced on February 7, 2019 by Senator Ed Markey and Representative Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez.


The foregoing Resolution No. 4282 was approved at a Regular Meeting of the Town Council of the Town of San Anselmo, California, held on May 14, 2019 and ordered passed to print by the following vote, to wit:

AYES: Brown, Colbert, Coleman, Greene

NOES: Wright

ABSENT: None

ATTEST: None


Matt Brown, Mayor

ATTEST:



Carla Kacmar, Town Clerk