

**ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY
FORTY-SIXTH SENATE
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APRIL 19TH, 2017**

**RESOLUTION #4619
ASCSU ENDORSEMENT OF CITY COUNCIL CLIMATE CHANGE PETITION**

SPONSORED BY:

WRITTEN BY: Edgar Cedillo, Associate Senator, Intra-University; Blake Mounts, Associate Senator, College of Liberal Arts; Bridgett Neff, Associate Senator, College of Liberal Arts; Peter James Seel, Internal Affairs Committee Chair

COLLABORATED WITH: Haley Dallas, Student, Warner College of Natural Resources

ENDORSED BY: Internal Affairs Committee

ABSTRACT: A resolution detailing ASCSU's support for the attached petition and consent to becoming a signatory.

WHEREAS

A petition has been written which details requests that the City Council of Fort Collins adequate resources to reaching the Climate Action Plan it adopted in 2015 from reports that limited effort has been so far seen and encouraging adoption and/or support of the renewable energy commitment made by Colorado State University; and,

WHEREAS

ASCSU is responsible for representing the voice of students to the community at large; and,

WHEREAS

Since Colorado State University has already shown itself to be a leader in developing climate solutions, that the City of Fort Collins should maintain the commitments that were previously set and collaborate with the university to facilitate the best possible outcomes for both communities in relation to climate change; so,

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED

That the Associated Students of Colorado State University Senate endorse the attached petition and as an organization, agree to be a signatory to said petition; and,

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVED

That a copy of this legislation be forwarded to: Dr. Tony Frank, Colorado State University President; and Dr. Blanche Hughes, Vice President for Student Affairs; Pranaya Sathe, ASCSU Officer of Community Affairs; Hanna Johnson, ASCSU Director of Environmental Affairs; Zachary Vaishampayan, ASCSU Parliamentarian; Fort Collins City Council

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Greetings Council Members,

Rapid and unrelenting climate change is the greatest threat humanity faces today. Young people in Fort Collins are increasingly concerned our futures will reveal an inhospitable climate lacking vital food, water, and atmospheric resources. In response, we implore City Council to continue striving for reductions in green house gas emissions, pollution, and waste, while prioritizing conservation of local ecosystems.

Fort Collins boasts a youthful population with the majority of residents under 30. For many this city represents a haven of progressive policies emphasizing community and environmental action. Historically Fort Collins has committed to bold leadership in sustainability: The Climate Action Plan approved in 2015 placed our city at the forefront of sustainable development. Community action surrounding Save the Poudre remains revolutionary 14 years later. At the heart of our culture and economy, Colorado State University is producing the next generation of environmentally minded scientists, engineers, and activists. We are ready to lead both industry and community in the fight for a livable climate.

In recent months federal attitudes and actions surrounding climate action have taken a concerning turn for the worse. Now more than ever we need Council's leadership. The youth of Fort Collins requests City Council to stand up for our future at a time when the national government is wavering.

We ask that City Council:

- **Provide adequate funding and resources to fully implement Fort Collins' Climate Action Plan goals approved by City Council in 2015**
- **Allow Fort Collins to join Colorado State University in the commitment to 100% renewable energy by 2035**

These initiatives are vital to ensure a healthy and productive future for all residents as well as generations yet to come. This is our climate to inherit, though it is currently City Council's responsibility to manage. We demand representation for the youth population. We demand the right to a livable future for all.

Sincerely,

Haley Dallas

The Associated Students of Colorado State University Senate