

Council Meeting of
March 1, 2011

Honorable Mayor and Members
of the City Council
City Hall
Torrance, California

Members of the Council:

SUBJECT: General Services – Adopt RESOLUTION supporting the California Air Resources Board in promoting clean and energy-efficient motor vehicles, energy independence, and zero emission vehicle technologies.

RECOMMENDATION

Recommendation of the General Services Director that the City Council;

1. Adopt a **RESOLUTION** supporting the California Air Resources Board (CARB) in the efforts to promote clean and energy-efficient motor vehicles, energy independence, and zero emission vehicle technologies, and,
 - a. Authorize the City Clerk to file the Resolution with the California Air Resources Board.

Funding

Not Applicable.

BACKGROUND AND ANALYSIS

During the December 21, 2010 City Council meeting, Councilman Numark requested that staff bring forth a City Council RESOLUTION supporting the California Air Resources Board's leadership in promoting clean and energy-efficient motor vehicles, energy independence, and zero emission vehicle technologies, therefore improving the quality of life for the City's residents.

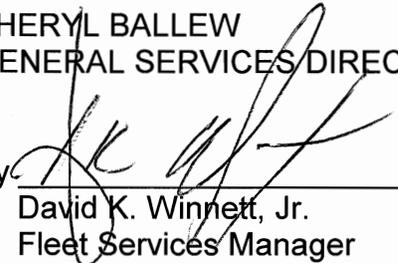
The City of Torrance has made a commitment to reduce harmful vehicle emissions by gradually replacing fleet assets wherever practical with more energy-efficient vehicles that use cleaner burning fuels such as Propane, Natural Gas, Bio-fuels, and Electricity. Additionally, Hybrid technologies will be incorporated into the fleet wherever possible. Together these efforts will lead to more efficient and cost-effective use of fuels, reduce our dependence on foreign oil, and reduce the harmful particulates and greenhouse gases that are emitted from older diesel and gasoline-fueled vehicles.

The long-term benefits of CARB's efforts will improve air quality and stimulate further development of more energy efficient vehicles; the results of which will directly benefit the citizens of Torrance by providing for a healthier environment in which to work and play, and generate sales tax revenues at the local level through the sale of "green" vehicles at local auto dealerships.

Staff therefore recommends that the City Council adopt the attached RESOLUTION supporting the aforementioned efforts of the California Air Resources Board.

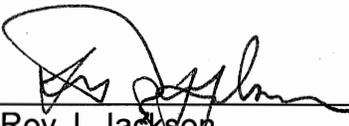
Respectfully submitted,

SHERYL BALLEW
GENERAL SERVICES DIRECTOR

By: 
David K. Winnett, Jr.
Fleet Services Manager

CONCUR:


Sheryl Ballew
General Services Director


LeRoy J. Jackson
City Manager

Attachment A: RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION NO. 2011-_____

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE
AUTHORIZING SUPPORTING THE CALIFORNIA AIR RESOURCES BOARD'S LEADERSHIP
IN PROMOTING CLEAN AND ENERGY EFFICIENT MOTOR VEHICLES, ENERGY
INDEPENDENCE, ZERO EMISSIONS TECHNOLOGIES AND IMPROVED QUALITY OF LIFE IN
CALIFORNIA**

WHEREAS, the California Air Resources Board (CARB) has been a leader in the nation on matters regarding greenhouse gas reduction and the achievement of zero emissions in passenger vehicles; and

WHEREAS, thirteen other states and the District of Columbia have already adopted California's regulations, and, in keeping with goals established by the Obama Administration and America's automobile manufacturers; the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) have based new national vehicle emissions standards on California's clean car regulations; and

WHEREAS, The State of California, the EPA and USDOT have recently announced development of new joint standards for improved fuel economy and greenhouse gas reduction to be released in September, 2011 for implementation in 2017 model year passenger vehicles; and

WHEREAS, strengthening state and federal emissions standards for motor vehicles will improve air quality, promote energy independence, support new green jobs, stimulate investment in clean vehicle technologies, help California achieve its goal of reducing global warming, and continue California's long history of national leadership on air quality and environmental policy.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, DOES HEREBY: commends the State of California and the California Air Resources Board and urges them to continue demonstrating their forward-looking leadership in reducing greenhouse gases and promoting clean vehicle technologies through development and adoption of enhanced Low Emission Vehicle standards (LEV III) which will reduce air pollutants and greenhouse gases, and protect the health of California's economy, its environment and its citizens.

INTRODUCED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this 1st day of March, 2011.

Mayor Frank Scotto

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
JOHN FELLOWS III, City Attorney

ATTEST:

by _____
Patrick Q. Sullivan, Assistant City Attorney

Sue Herbers, City Clerk