

## Resolution for Membership in Green Cities California

**Whereas**, we recognize that for the first time in history the majority of the planet's population now lives in cities, and that continued urbanization creates a new set of environmental challenges and opportunities; and

**Whereas**, we recognize that current global environmental challenges related to the over-consumption of natural resources, climate change, availability of potable water, food security, and environmental justice put our cities and our residents at serious risk and require immediate action by all sectors of the community; and

**Whereas**, we recognize that local environmental problems including air pollution, water pollution, solid waste, resource scarcity, and the ubiquity of toxic chemicals in the environment contribute to significant public health impacts in our cities; and

**Whereas**, California jurisdictions have joined together to create a collaborative organization known as Green Cities California (GCC) in order to accelerate the adoption of innovative policies and practices, thereby furthering sustainability at the local, State, and national levels; and

**Whereas**, the City/County **municipality** has adopted a local climate action plan, and has made other state, national and/or international commitments that support resilient commitments; and

**Whereas**, the City/County **municipality** has demonstrated leadership in achieving effective solutions that bridge economic, environmental and social challenges; and

**Whereas**, through our actions the City/County **municipality** has:

*(Sample list of achievements – please customize to suit your needs)*

- ✓ Significantly reduced greenhouse gas emissions and are addressing climate adaptation in our community;
- ✓ Significantly reduced the amount of solid waste entering landfills;
- ✓ Significantly improved potable water management and reliability through conservation and development of new water sources;
- ✓ Increased energy efficiency in municipal operations and use of renewable electricity
- ✓ Supported expansion of urban farming
- ✓ Improved water quality
- ✓ Improved air quality
- ✓ Significantly reduced the amounts of hazardous and toxic materials entering the environment
- ✓ Improved the quality of life for our residents

**Therefore, Be It Resolved**, that the City/County of **municipality** joins with the members of Green Cities California to collectively catalyze bold, successful implementation of

policies and initiatives that create vibrant, verdant, and healthy communities throughout the State.

**Be It Further Resolved**, that by adopting this Resolution the City/County of **municipality** commits to:

1. Work together with other Green Cities California members to create resilient communities through:
  - Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation
  - Extended Producer Responsibility for Hazardous, Biohazardous, and Electronic Products
  - Land Use and Transportation Planning that supports Sustainable Urban Development
  - Reuse, Recycling and Composting that leads to Zero Waste
  - Water Quality Protection and Conservation
  - Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy
  - Equitable Distribution of Environmental Benefits and Burdens
  - State and Federal Funding to Enhance the Ability of Local Governments to Accomplish these Goals.
2. Actively engage in workshops, Working Groups, and GCC-led opportunities that advance innovative policies and practices for local governments.
3. Contribute to the collection of GCC “Best Practices” that are available to all municipalities who seek to learn from the local government leaders in California.

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