

INTRODUCED: January 9, 2023

A RESOLUTION No. 2023-R005

To adopt the City of Richmond RVAgreen 2050: Climate Equity Action Plan 2030 as the official sustainability plan for the City of Richmond in accordance with Res. No. 2021-R049, adopted Sept. 13, 2021.

Patrons – Mayor Stoney, Ms. Lambert, Mr. Addison, Mr. Robertson, Ms.
Jordan, Vice President Nye, President Jones, Ms. Newbille and Ms. Lynch

Approved as to form and legality
by the City Attorney

PUBLIC HEARING: FEB 13 2023 AT 6 P.M.

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 2021-R049, adopted September 13, 2021, the Council expressed the commitment to pursue the goals set forth in the City’s RVA Green 2050 plan detailing the actions and strategies necessary to implement climate crisis response, climate mitigation, resilience, adaptation, engagement, education, advocacy, and research and development programs in the city of Richmond; and

WHEREAS, the City’s Office of Sustainability has prepared a City of Richmond RVAgreen 2050: Climate Equity Action Plan 2030 for adoption and implementation as the City’s official sustainability plan; and

AYES: 9 NOES: 0 ABSTAIN:

ADOPTED: FEB 13 2023 REJECTED: STRICKEN:

WHEREAS, the City of Richmond RVAgreen 2050: Climate Equity Action Plan 2030 is an equity-centered, community based, integrated climate action and climate resilience plan to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in the city of Richmond by 45 percent by 2030, to achieve net zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050, and to help the community adapt to the city of Richmond’s climate impacts of extreme heat, precipitation, and flooding, all in alignment with the goals of the City of Richmond’s Equity Agenda, the City’s Master Plan entitled “Richmond 300: A Guide for Growth,” and other City initiatives; and

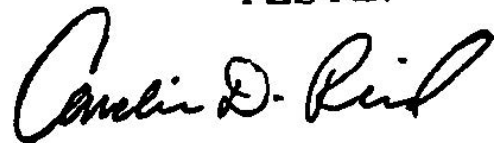
WHEREAS, the Council believes that it is in the best interest of the citizens of the City of Richmond that the Council adopt the City of Richmond RVAgreen 2050: Climate Equity Action Plan 2030 as the official sustainability plan for the City of Richmond in accordance with Res. No. 2021-R049, adopted September 13, 2021;

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND:

That the City of Richmond RVAgreen 2050: Climate Equity Action Plan 2030, a copy of which is attached to this resolution, is hereby adopted in accordance with Resolution No. 2021-R049, adopted September 13, 2021, as the official sustainability plan for the City of Richmond.

**A TRUE COPY:
TESTE:**



**Carolin D. Reed
City Clerk**



City of Richmond

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O&R REQUEST

DATE: November 16, 2022 **EDITION:** 1

TO: The Honorable Members of City Council

THROUGH: The Honorable Levar M. Stoney, Mayor

THROUGH: J.E. Lincoln Saunders, Chief Administrative Officer

THROUGH: Sharon L. Ebert, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer for Planning and Economic Development

FROM: Laura C. Thomas, Director, Office of Sustainability

RE: Request to Adopt RVAgreen 2050: Climate Equity Action Plan 2030

ORD. OR RES. No. _____

PURPOSE: To adopt the RVAgreen 2050: Climate Equity Action Plan 2030 as the official sustainability plan for the City of Richmond.

REASON: Res. No. 2021-R049 calls for the adoption and implementation of RVAgreen 2050: Climate Equity Action Plan 2030. The Plan will support achieving the official greenhouse gas emission reduction goals set by City Council pursuant to Res. No. 2020-R024.

RECOMMENDATION: Adoption is recommended by City Administration.

BACKGROUND: RVAgreen 2050: Climate Equity Action Plan 2030 is an equity-centered, community based, integrated climate action and climate resilience plan. It is a roadmap that lays out how to reduce greenhouse gas emissions 45% by 2030, achieve net zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050 and help the community adapt to Richmond's climate impacts of extreme heat, precipitation, and flooding.

The Plan is critical to achieving many of the goals in Richmond 300. It also intentionally aligns with and supports the Richmond Equity Agenda as well as other city initiatives including Richmond Connects, RVA H20, Vision Zero, etc.

The Plan represents the culmination of involvement from hundreds of stakeholders over thousands of hours to ensure that the planning process and plan contents incorporated diverse and

representative voices. The Office of Sustainability convened residents from frontline communities, community organizations serving frontline communities, institutional partners, government content experts, city employees, and other stakeholders for the RVAgreen 2050 Racial Equity & Environmental Justice Roundtable (as the central advisory group) and topical working groups: Buildings and Energy, Community, Environment, Transportation and Mobility, and Waste Reduction and Recovery. There were over 125 people involved in these key stakeholder groups.

Much of the RVAgreen 2050 planning and community engagement process took place on two parallel tracks: some steps and tools were more typical of traditional city and climate planning processes, while others were specifically aimed at improving the traditional process in order to center equity. Over the two year process, there were multiple rounds of community outreach and engagement combined with multiple rounds of internal city staff and leadership review. In the end, the Plan is reflective of the over 5,700 community members that the Office of Sustainability has engaged in the planning process to date.

The Plan's Vision is that *All Richmonders, regardless of their identity or neighborhood, thrive in a climate-resilient and climate-neutral community.* There are 49 strategies across five pathways: Buildings and Energy, Community, Environment, Transportation and Mobility, Waste Reduction and Recovery. To ensure the Plan moves forward and strategies are implemented equitably, the Office of Sustainability developed a Shared Accountability Framework. The Plan also includes a set of twelve high-level Outcomes focused around community priorities that will be used to measure progress.

FISCAL IMPACT / COST: None

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS: None

BUDGET AMENDMENT NECESSARY: None

REVENUE TO CITY: None

DESIRED EFFECTIVE DATE: Immediate upon adoption

REQUESTED INTRODUCTION DATE: January 9, 2023

CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING DATE: January 23, 2023

REQUESTED AGENDA: Consent

RECOMMENDED COUNCIL COMMITTEE: Land Use, Housing, and Transportation meeting on January 17, 2023

CONSIDERATION BY OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES: N/A

AFFECTED AGENCIES: Budget and Strategic Planning, Community Wealth Building, Economic Development, Emergency Management, Finance, Housing and Community Development, Parks and Recreation, Planning and Development Review, Procurement, Public Works, Public Utilities

RELATIONSHIP TO EXISTING ORD. OR RES.: None

REQUIRED CHANGES TO WORK PROGRAM(S): None

ATTACHMENTS:

RVAgreen 2050: Climate Equity Action Plan 2030 Executive Summary and [Link](#)

Draft RVAgreen 2050: Climate Equity Action Plan 2030 [Link](#)

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