

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL AGENDA BILL

NO. 2006 - 223

CLEARANCES	Initial	Date	Date Received in Council Office	Agenda Date	Assigned to:
Originator:	Laurie C-S	5/8/2006		5/9/2006	Council
Division Head:					
Dept. Head:					
Prosecutor:					
Purchasing/Budget:					
Executive:					

TITLE OF DOCUMENT:

Resolution to participate in Counties and Cities for Climate Campaign

ATTACHMENTS:

SEPA review required? () Yes () NO	Should Clerk schedule a hearing? () Yes (X) NO
SEPA review completed? () Yes () NO	Requested Date:

SUMMARY STATEMENT OR LEGAL NOTICE LANGUAGE: (If this item is an ordinance or requires a public hearing, you must provide the language for use in the required public notice. Be specific and cite RCW or WCC as appropriate. Be clear in explaining the intent of the action.)

COMMITTEE ACTION:

COUNCIL ACTION:

5/9/2006: Approved 5-2, Nelson & Crawford opposed

Related County Contract #:

Related File Numbers:

Ordinance or Resolution Number: Res. 2006-033

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PROPOSED BY: Caskey-Schreiber
SPONSORED BY: Consent
INTRODUCED: May 9, 2006

RESOLUTION NO. 2006-033

**IN SUPPORT OF WHATCOM COUNTY'S PARTICIPATION IN THE COUNTIES AND
CITIES FOR CLIMATE PROTECTION CAMPAIGN**

WHEREAS, scientific consensus has developed that Carbon Dioxide (CO₂) and other greenhouse gases released into the atmosphere have a profound effect on the Earth's climate; and

WHEREAS, in 2003 the American Geophysical Union adopted a Statement noting that human activities are increasingly altering the Earth climate and that natural influences cannot explain the rapid increase in near-surface temperatures observed during the second half of the 20th century; and

WHEREAS, in 2001, at the request of the Administration, the National Academy of Sciences (NAS) reviewed and declared global warming a real problem caused in part by the actions of humankind; and

WHEREAS, the 2001 Third Assessment Report from the International Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) and the 2000 U.S. Global Change Research Program's (USGCRP) First National Assessment indicate that global warming has begun; and

WHEREAS, 162 countries, including the U.S., pledged under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change to reduce its greenhouse gas emissions; and

WHEREAS, energy consumption, specifically the burning of fossil fuels, accounts for more than 80% of U.S. greenhouse gas emissions; and

WHEREAS, local governments influence communities' emissions by exercising key powers over land use, transportation, construction, waste management, and energy management; and

WHEREAS, local government actions taken to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and increase energy efficiency provide multiple local benefits by decreasing air pollution, creating jobs, reducing energy expenditures, and saving money for the local government, its businesses and its residents; and

WHEREAS, the Counties and Cities for Climate Protection Campaign, sponsored by International Council for Local Environmental Issue-Local Governments for Sustainability (ICLEI-ILGS) has invited Whatcom County to become a partner in the Campaign.

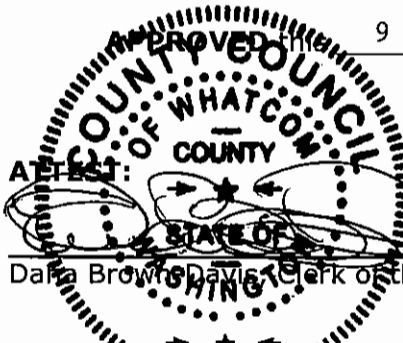
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Whatcom County commits to participate in the Counties and Cities for Climate Protection Campaign and, as a participant, pledges to take a leadership role in promoting public awareness about the causes and impacts of climate change.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Whatcom County will undertake the Counties and Cities for Climate Protection Program's 5 milestones to reduce both greenhouse gas and air pollution emissions throughout the community, specifically:

- conduct a greenhouse gas emissions inventory and forecast to determine the source and quantity of greenhouse gas emissions in the jurisdiction;
- establish a greenhouse gas emissions reduction target;
- develop an action plan with both existing and future actions which when implemented will meet the local greenhouse gas reduction target;
- implement the action plan; and
- monitor to review progress; and

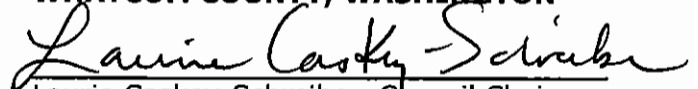
BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that Whatcom County requests assistance from ICLEI-ILGS's Counties/Cities for Climate Protection Campaign (CCP) as it progresses through the milestones.

APPROVED this 9 day of May, 2006.


ATTEST:
A circular seal for the Whatcom County Council. The outer ring contains the text 'WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL' at the top and 'STATE OF WASHINGTON' at the bottom. Inside the ring, the words 'COUNTY OF WHATCOM' are written in a circular path. In the center, there is a five-pointed star. A signature is written across the seal, and the text 'Dana Brown-Davis, Clerk of the Council' is printed below it.

Dana Brown-Davis, Clerk of the Council

**WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL
WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON**


Laurie Caskey-Schreiber, Council Chair

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Civil Deputy Prosecutor