



# County of Sonoma

## State of California

Date: December 7, 2021

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Resolution Number: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ 4/5 Vote Required

**Resolution of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Sonoma, State of California,  
Commending and Recognizing The Climate Center as North Bay Leadership Council's 2021  
Leaders of the North Bay Award "Paint the Town Green: Environmental Stewardship"**

**Recipient**

**Whereas,** despite enormous challenges such as record-breaking heatwaves, severe drought, 4+ million acres burned, toxic smoke storms, floods and a deadly pandemic, the Climate Center continues to double down on its investments for a climate-safe future by broadening and deepening its local, regional, and statewide climate policy efforts. The Climate Center's leadership in addressing the climate crisis is more important now more than ever; and

**Whereas,** The Climate Center's Climate-Safe California Campaign is a powerful solution to the climate crisis. It is a unique, bold, urgently needed, and comprehensive campaign that is focused on the goal to remove more carbon pollution from the atmosphere than we release by 2030, while creating thousands of jobs and building a more equitable clean energy economy. Climate-Safe California —and all of The Climate Center's work — is guided by these core principles: follow the latest science, secure a just transition for fossil fuel workers and their families, and prioritize climate justice with equitable access to climate solutions; and

**Whereas,** the campaign is taking off with hundreds of endorsements from businesses, non-governmental organizations, and government officials. These leaders have affirmed that accelerated state timelines for greenhouse gas reductions and equitable resilience measures are paramount to ensure a safe and healthy California. Doing nothing or pursuing timid climate solutions will cost California trillions of dollars; and

**Whereas,** The Climate Center continues to champion Community Choice Energy upon its early successes in playing a pivotal role in rapidly expanding Community Choice Energy in the North Bay and California, from two agencies (Marin and Sonoma County) in 2014 to 19 agencies today. These agencies serve over 11 million Californians - one quarter of the state - with 88% GHG-free electricity; and

**Whereas,** Substantial progress is being made on Community Energy Resilience with state regulators and legislators. Thanks in part to the Climate Center's efforts, the California Public Utilities Commission made a ruling that will make it easier for local governments to plan microgrids in California. With the ongoing challenges of Public Safety Power Shutoffs (PSPS) affecting our North Bay communities, local resiliency has taken center court. The Community Resilience Energy webinar series has drawn more than 1,000 attendees from a broad spectrum of interested stakeholders; and

**Whereas,** Climate change is occurring at a faster, more destructive rate than previously known. The Climate Center, with its mission of speed and scale greenhouse gas reductions, and community energy resiliency, has emerged as a significant player in public policy discussions in addressing the climate crisis today and in the years to come.

**Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved** that the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors commends and honors The Climate Center as a recipient of North Bay Leadership Council's 2021 Leaders of the North Bay Award for "Paint the Town Green: Environmental Stewardship."

**Supervisors:**

Gorin:

Rabbitt:

Coursey:

Gore:

Hopkins:

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

Abstain:

**So Ordered.**