

Town of Windsor, County of Broome State of New York
RESOLUTION #18-2022
A RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO THE
CLIMATE ACTION COUNCIL'S DRAFT SCOPING PLAN

PRESENT: Supervisor Mark Odell
Deputy Supervisor Daniel Colwell
Councilman Gary M. Hupman
Councilman Timothy Harting
Councilwoman Kennedy-Tierno

Offered By:
Second By:

At a regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Windsor, held at Windsor Town Hall, 124 Main Street, Windsor, New York on the 11th day of May, 2022, the following resolution was offered and seconded:

WHEREAS, in 2019, New York State adopted the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act ("Climate Act"), which set some of the nation's most aggressive targets for reducing greenhouse gas emissions and accelerating renewable energy generation; and

WHEREAS, the Climate Act called for the creation of a Climate Action Council that is charged with developing a Scoping Plan of recommendations to meet these targets; and

WHEREAS, as the Council developed its draft Scoping Plan, it consulted with several Advisory Panels that held sector-specific discussions and provided recommendations for their subject areas; and

WHEREAS, the Land Use and Local Government Advisory Group, which advised on two key sections of the report that will directly impact counties and municipalities and require their partnership, did not include any members who currently work in local government; and

WHEREAS, county and municipal leaders are best positioned to understand local needs and anticipate how meeting the Climate Act's goals could disproportionately impact their communities and economies; and

WHEREAS, the recommendations included in the draft Scoping Plan released in December 2021 do not adequately balance the goal to accelerate renewable energy production with the need for food production; and

WHEREAS, the draft Scoping Plan's recommendations to prohibit new gas service to existing buildings and certain gas/oil equipment in new construction beginning in 2024 will be costly to residents and businesses and could leave New Yorkers in the cold during harsh winters.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Windsor expresses frustration with the lack of local government representation on the Climate Action Council and its Advisory Panels and the lack of local input in the development of the draft Scoping Plan; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED counties and other local governments should be engaged as active participants in the review and implementation of the Scoping Plan and provided with technical planning and zoning assistance in all areas where they are relied upon to implement the recommendations of the Scoping Plan; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the State's timetable for meeting its renewable energy production goals and transitioning away from natural gas is too aggressive and should be extended; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the State should level the playing field to incentivize landowners to protect productive farmland, which naturally captures carbon dioxide and should be conserved wherever possible; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town of Windsor shall forward copies of this resolution to Governor Kathy Hochul, the New York State Legislature, the Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Conservation, the President/CEO of the NYS Energy Research and Development Authority, the Commissioner of Agriculture and Markets, and all others deemed necessary and proper; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

CERTIFICATION

I, Elizabeth Pfister, do hereby certify that I am the Town Clerk of the Town of Windsor and that the foregoing constitutes a true, correct and complete copy of a resolution duly adopted by the Town Board of the Town of Windsor at a meeting thereof held at Town Hall, 124 Main Street, Windsor, NY on the 11th day of May, 2022. Said resolution was adopted by the following roll call vote:

Supervisor Mark Odell	VOTED _____
Deputy Supervisor Daniel Colwell	VOTED _____
Council Member Gary Hupman	VOTED _____
Council Member Timothy Harting	VOTED _____
Council Member Christine Kennedy-Tierno	VOTED _____

Dated: May 11, 2022

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Elizabeth Pfister, Town Clerk