



AGENDA REPORT SUMMARY

Meeting Date: May 24, 2022

Subject: Participation in the Institute of Local Government's Beacon Program Resolution

Prepared by: Ranu Aggarwal, Liaison, Environmental Commission

Reviewed by: Laura Simpson, Interim Planning Director

Approved by: Gabriel Engeland, City Manager

Attachment(s): None

Initiated by:

Staff

Previous Council Consideration:

None

Fiscal Impact:

None

Environmental Review:

Not applicable

Policy Question(s) for Council Consideration:

Does the Council wish to participate in the Institute of Local Government's Recognition Program, the Beacon Program?

Summary:

The City of Los Altos has developed a Climate Action and Adaptation Plan (CAAP) to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and adapt to climate change; and wishes to expand these activities, share its experiences with other communities and be recognized for its accomplishments.

Staff Recommendation:

Adopt a Resolution approving participation by the City of Los Altos in the Institute of Local Government's Beacon Program, and work towards achieving Beacon Vanguard award.

City Manager

GE

Reviewed By:

City Attorney

JH

Finance Director

JE



Subject: Beacon Award Authorization

Purpose

To adopt a resolution approving participation by the City of Los Altos in the Institute of Local Government's (ILG's) Beacon Program.

Background

On March 8, 2022, the City Council adopted the City of Los Altos Climate Actions and Adaptation Plan (CAAP), 2022. The Plan has been developed to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and adapt to climate change.

Discussion/Analysis

The ILG is the non-profit training and education affiliate of the California State Association of Counties, the League of California Cities and the California Special Districts Association. ILG's voluntary Beacon Program highlights and celebrates achievements of local agencies i.e. cities and counties that are making meaningful to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, save energy, and undertake sustainability and resiliency best practices in their communities.

With the adoption of the City's CAAP to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and adapt to climate change, the City wishes to expand these activities, share its experiences with other communities and be recognized for its accomplishments. Participating in the Beacon Program is an opportunity for the City of Los Altos to be recognized for its efforts to promote sustainability and resiliency, reduce greenhouse gas emissions and save energy.

Recommendation

The staff recommends Council adopt the attached resolution to participate in the Institute of Local Government's Recognition Program, the Beacon Program.