

RESOLUTION NO. 19-116

Resolution Of The City Council Of The City Of Emeryville Establishing Green Mondays Regarding Plant-Based Menus To Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions

WHEREAS, climate change continues to be a serious and significant issue with potentially catastrophic global impacts; and

WHEREAS, the City's Climate Action Plan 2.0, adopted in 2016, sets goals for substantial reductions in greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions both community-wide and within municipal operations; and

WHEREAS, the City's Mitigation Action Plan for 2030, within the Climate Action Plan, includes an objective to "reduce consumption-related emissions by encouraging sustainable consumption and minimization of the carbon intensity of business supply chains"; and

WHEREAS, The United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) estimates that the livestock sector contributes 14.5% of anthropogenic GHG emissions, more than the entire transportation sector; and

WHEREAS, a recent study by Oxford University found that individuals who cut meat and dairy products from their diet can reduce their carbon footprint by 73%, and other studies have found that if a family ate a plant-based diet just one day a week, it would be the equivalent of taking a car off the road for five weeks; and

WHEREAS, Green Monday US is a simple platform that equips organizations and individuals to introduce and institutionalize environmentally-friendly, plant-based food options one day per week; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Emeryville that the City of Emeryville establishes Green Monday, wherein all City-managed programs will provide either a fully plant-based food offering or an attractive plant-based alternative offering one day a week; and, be it further

RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Emeryville that the City Council will participate in the Green Monday program by procuring plant-based food for their meetings.

ADOPTED, by the City Council of the City of Emeryville at a regular meeting held Tuesday, July 23, 2019, by the following vote:


AYES:	<u>5</u>	Mayor Medina, Vice Mayor Patz, and Council Members Bauters, Donahue, and Martinez
NOES:	<u>0</u>	_____
ABSTAIN:	<u>0</u>	_____
ABSENT:	<u>0</u>	_____



MAYOR

ATTEST:


CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


CITY ATTORNEY