



**CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE  
City Commission Agenda Memo  
REGULAR MEETING**

**#23-0525**

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**TO:** Honorable Mayor & Members of the  
Fort Lauderdale City Commission

**FROM:** Greg Chavarria, City Manager

**DATE:** June 6, 2023

**TITLE:** Resolution Endorsing the Southeast Florida Climate Action Pledge -  
**(Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)**

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**Recommendation**

Staff recommends that the City Commission adopt a resolution endorsing the Southeast Florida Climate Action Pledge (the Pledge) which affirms the City of Fort Lauderdale's Commitment to jointly advancing strategic climate adaptation and mitigation efforts and implementation of the Southeast Florida Regional Climate Change Compact (the Compact) Regional Climate Action Plan 3.0 (RCAP).

**Background**

Established in 2010, the Southeast Florida Regional Climate Change Compact (Compact) is a partnership between Broward, Miami-Dade, Monroe, and Palm Beach Counties to work collaboratively to reduce regional greenhouse gas emissions, implement adaptation strategies, and build climate resilience across the Southeast Florida region.

The Compact emerged through the leadership of local county government officials in Southeast Florida, who came together to discuss the climate change threats facing over six million residents in the region. Recognizing the shared challenge, but also significant opportunity to position Southeast Florida as an early leader, their call to action solidified a coordinated, regional response in the form of the Compact, which aims to ensure that the region continues to thrive in the face of shared climate change challenges.

The City has been an active participant in the Compact since its inception, participating in summits, meetings, working groups, and adopting Compact documents. In 2012, the City pledged to support the Compact's first Regional Climate Action Plan (CAM 12-2434). In 2015 and 2020, the City adopted the Compact's most recent uniform sea level rise projections (CAMs 15-1535 and 20-0334, respectively).

The City has improved both its sustainability and resiliency through these collaborative efforts that were created within the Southeast Florida Regional Climate Change Compact and by referencing the Compact's Regional Climate Action Plan (RCAP) which is a planning document to help guide local governments in their climate response efforts. The

third update of the RCAP was completed in 2022 and the Compact has requested that local governments take the Climate Action Pledge to indicate their commitment to jointly advancing the climate adaptation and mitigation efforts described in the RCAP. Fort Lauderdale's Comprehensive Plan, *Advance Fort Lauderdale*, is in line with the recommendations of the RCAP. A total of 92 of the 119 strategies recommended by the RCAP have corresponding policies or objectives in Fort Lauderdale's Comprehensive Plan. Therefore, staff recommends that the City Commission adopt a resolution expressing support for the Pledge, aligning City efforts to address climate change with those of the entire region as described in RCAP 3.0.

### **Resource Impact**

There is no fiscal impact associated with this action.

### **Strategic Connections**

This item supports the *Press Play Fort Lauderdale 2024* Strategic Plan, specifically advancing:

- The Infrastructure Focus Area
  - Goal 1: Build a sustainable and resilient community.
  - Objective: Ensure climate change resiliency and implement local and regional strategies to reduce out carbon footprint;
  - Objective: Reduce flooding and adapt to sea level rise; and
  - Objective: Promote energy efficiency and the expansion of renewable energy Sources.
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- The Internal Support Focus Area
  - Goal 8: Build a leading government organization that manages all resources wisely and sustainably.
  - Objective: Integrate sustainability and resiliency into daily operations.

This item advances the *Fast Forward Fort Lauderdale 2035* Vision Plan: We Are Ready

This item supports the *Advance Fort Lauderdale 2040* Comprehensive Plan specifically advancing:

- The Infrastructure Focus Area
- The Climate Change Element
- Goal 1: Develop mitigation and adaptation strategies to reduce emissions that contribute to climate change.

### **Attachments**

Exhibit 1 – Resolution

Exhibit 2 – Regional Climate Action Plan 3.0

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