



TOWN OF CHAPEL HILL

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Legislation Text

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Endorse a Letter from Orange County Climate Council to Governor Cooper.

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Overview: At its meeting on May 28th, 2020, the Orange County Climate Council (OCCC) voted in support of sending a letter to Governor Roy Cooper that makes a case for linking COVID-19 relief funding to broader improvements to public health and resilience. As part of the OCCC's action, the Council asked that the final version of the letter (attached) be sent to the four Orange County local government elected boards to ask for endorsement before sending the letter to the Governor.



Recommendation(s):

That the Council endorse the attached letter from the OCCC to Governor Cooper.

Fiscal Impact/Resources: There is no direct financial impact associated with the endorsement of the attached letter. The letter supports the idea that the state can help local government economic recovery efforts from the COVID-19 pandemic, and that this support will have the greatest impact if it addresses immediate budgetary needs, supports local jobs, reduces expenses for governments or citizens, and improves the quality of life.



Attachments:

- Resolution
- Letter from OCCC to Governor Roy Cooper

A RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE ORANGE COUNTY CLIMATE COUNCIL'S LETTER REGARDING RECOMMENDATIONS TO SUPPORT LOCAL GOVERNMENTS DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC (2020-06-24/R-5)

WHEREAS, the Orange County Climate Council (OCCC) was jointly formed by Orange County, Carrboro, Chapel Hill, and Hillsborough as a collaborative effort among the municipal governments, the school systems, UNC, and residents in 2019; and

WHEREAS, the OCCC's stated mission is to accelerate joint action addressing the climate emergency by sharing successful strategies and identifying equitable opportunities to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, provide stewardship of the natural world, and protect all County residents from climate impacts; and

WHEREAS, at the OCCC's regular business meeting on May 28th, 2020, the Council voted in support of sending a letter to Governor Cooper that makes a case for linking COVID-19 relief funding to broader improvements to public health and resilience; and

WHEREAS, as part of the OCCC's action, the Council asked that the final version of the letter be sent to the four Orange County local government elected boards to ask for endorsement before sending the letter to the Governor.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Town of Chapel Hill that the Council endorses the letter from the Orange County Climate Council as presented to the Town Council with the agenda materials for this meeting regarding recommendations to support local governments during the pandemic.

This the 24th day of June, 2020.

The Agenda will reflect the text below and/or the motion text will be used during the meeting.

By adopting the resolution, the Council endorses the letter from the Orange County Climate Council regarding recommendations to support local governments during the COVID-19 pandemic.