



# AGENDA REQUEST

<b><u>AGENDA HEADING:</u></b> Consent Agenda No. 1	<b><u>COMMISSION MEETING DATE:</u></b> March 18, 2019	<b><u>AGENDA ITEM NO.:</u></b> IV.A.1.		
<b>BY</b> City Manager <hr/> Originating Department	Thomas Barwin <hr/> Department Head	Sustainability Manager Freeman-Montes <hr/> Presenter		
<b><u>SUBJECT:</u></b> Approval Re: Authorize the Mayor to Sign the Global Covenant of Mayors Commitment				
<b><u>COMMISSION PRIORITIES:</u></b> Quality of Life				
<b><u>EXPLANATION:</u></b> (see next page for additional explanation) The Global Covenant of Mayors is an international alliance of cities and local governments with a shared long-term vision of promoting and supporting voluntary action to combat climate change. Through signing this commitment we join over 9,000 cities and local governments from six continents and 127 countries. There is no fee associated with membership and allows the City to utilize a free greenhouse gas inventory software.				
<b><u>ADMINISTRATION'S RECOMMENDATION:</u></b> Approval to authorize Mayor to sign the Global Covenant of Mayors commitment letter				
<b><u>APPROVAL SUMMARY:</u></b>				
<b>Approval</b>	<b>Required</b>	<b>Date Completed</b>	<b>Completed By</b>	<b>Status</b>
Department Head Approval	Y	03/01/2019	John Lege	APPROVED
Deputy City Manager Approval	Y	03/01/2019	John Lege	APPROVED
City Manager Approval	Y	03/01/2019	John Lege	APPROVED
City Auditor and Clerk Approval	Y	03/06/2019	Shavla Griggs	APPROVED



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**ADDITIONAL EXPLANATION:**

Previously, the City had to pay \$1,200 for access to a greenhouse gas inventory calculator. By signing this commitment, sustainability staff will have free access to a globally-recognized greenhouse gas inventory tool, thus saving general fund budget. Additionally, this network aligns with all our current climate adaptation plan and Ready for 100 activities and does not bind us to any additional tasks.

Signing of the Covenant means that the City of Sarasota will agree to the following tasks (see bullets). In parenthesis are details of how we are already meeting each objective and therefore joining will not cost any additional funds, add to staff capacity, and will allow us to save \$1,200 for access to a free greenhouse gas inventory calculator.

- A community-scale greenhouse gas (GHG) emission inventory [done in 2015, planning to update for 2018 if we sign this commitment];
  - An assessment of climate hazards and vulnerabilities [completed in January 2018];
  - Ambitious, measurable, and time-bound target(s) to reduce/limit greenhouse gas emissions [done through Ready for 100 effort];
  - Ambitious adaptation vision and goals, based on quantified scientific evidence when possible, to increase local resilience to climate change [completed through climate vulnerability assessment and adaptation plan] ;
  - Ambitious and just goal to improve access to sustainable energy [done through our Ready for 100 effort];
- and
- Plan(s) to address climate change mitigation / low emission development, climate resilience and adaptation, and access to sustainable energy, including provisions for regular (annual or biennial) progress reports [can be done easily].

**ADDITIONAL ADMIN RECOMMENDATION:**

**FUNDING SOURCE:**

**AMOUNT:**

**HOUSING IMPACT (Per House):**

**NEW CONSTRUCTION:**

**REHABILITATION:**

\$ 0

\$ 0

**SUPPORT DEPARTMENTS:**

City Manager - Thomas Barwin



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## AGENDA DISPOSITION

### COMMISSION ACTION:

Final Action Motion: \_\_\_\_\_

Motion By: \_\_\_\_\_ Second By: \_\_\_\_\_

Vote: \_\_\_\_\_



## Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate & Energy

### Commitment of City of Sarasota, Florida United States of America



I, Liz Alpert, Esq, Mayor of The City of Sarasota, commit to the Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate & Energy, joining thousands of other cities and local governments around the world currently engaged in climate leadership.

The Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate & Energy envisions a world where committed mayors and local governments – in alliance with partners – accelerate ambitious, measurable climate and energy initiatives that lead to an inclusive, just, low-emission and climate resilient future, helping to meet and exceed the Paris Agreement objectives.

Whatever the size or location, the mayors and local leaders committed to the Global Covenant stand ready to take concrete measures with long-term impact to tackle the interconnected challenges of climate change mitigation, adaptation, and access to sustainable energy.

To implement this vision, the City of Sarasota pledges to implement policies and undertake measures to (i) reduce / limit greenhouse gas emissions, (ii) prepare for the impacts of climate change, (iii) increase access to sustainable energy, and (iv) track progress toward these objectives. Specifically, within no more than three years of this commitment, we pledge to develop, formally adopt and report on the following:

- A community-scale greenhouse gas (GHG) emission inventory;
- An assessment of climate hazards and vulnerabilities;
- Ambitious, measurable and time-bound target(s) to reduce/limit greenhouse gas emissions;
- Ambitious adaptation vision and goals, based on quantified scientific evidence when possible, to increase local resilience to climate change;
- Ambitious and just goal to improve access to sustainable energy; and
- Plan(s) to address climate change mitigation / low emission development, climate resilience and adaptation, and access to sustainable energy, including provisions for regular (annual or biennial) progress reports.

The targets and action plans for mitigation / low emission development must be quantified and consistent with or exceed relevant national commitments defined through the relevant UNFCCC (Intended Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC).

We acknowledge that there may be additional region- or country-specific commitments for us to adhere to, agreed through our local membership networks or through our direct engagement with local Global Covenant of Mayors partners.

The City of Sarasota acknowledges that continued membership in the Global Covenant of Mayors and associated local chapters or “Regional Covenants” as established, is contingent on complying with the above requirements within established timeframes.

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56,000 inhabitants, 25 square miles  
United States of America

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**Signature**

**Mayor Liz Alpert, Esq, Mayor of The City of Sarasota**

Mandated by the Liz Alpert, Esq, Mayor of The City of Sarasota on \_\_\_\_\_.