

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-38

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE BELLINGHAM ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAM PLAN AND ENDORSING BELLINGHAM'S PARTICIPATION IN THE GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY ENERGY PRIZE COMPETITION

WHEREAS, the City of Bellingham's Legacy Goal of a Healthy Environment includes a commitment to continual efficiency gains in the use of residential and municipal energy; and

WHEREAS, achieving the City's Climate Protection Action Plan goals will be assisted by continuous improvements in energy efficiency; and

WHEREAS, Bellingham's enterprising community spirit has resulted in numerous partnerships to enhance energy efficiency and the growth of renewable energy; and

WHEREAS, the Bellingham community has demonstrated a long-term commitment to improving the energy performance of its buildings via its creation and support of the successful Community Energy Challenge; and

WHEREAS, past energy campaigns in Bellingham have been successful and have resulted in, for example, Bellingham being named the Nation's Number One Green Power Community by the EPA in 2007; and

WHEREAS, the City of Bellingham has committed to long-term energy savings in its buildings and facilities by investing millions of dollars in energy upgrades; and

WHEREAS, the City acknowledges the energy-water nexus whereby conserving energy conserves water, and vice-versa, and has included this in its energy-saving activities; and

WHEREAS, other local organizations including the Bellingham School District, have similarly invested in energy efficiency; and

WHEREAS, the City of Bellingham has submitted a Letter of Intent to participate in the Georgetown University Energy Prize project, and has been selected to be a quarter-finalist in the Prize competition; and

WHEREAS, the Bellingham community has assembled an Energy Leadership Team to identify activities to accelerate efficiency innovations, and has created an Energy Efficiency Program Plan to carry out such activities; and

WHEREAS, The Energy Leadership Team is broad and representative, and includes members from the Bellingham School District, Puget Sound Energy, Sustainable

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Connections, the City of Bellingham, Cascade Natural Gas, RESources for Sustainable Communities, the Opportunity Council, and Western Washington University's Institute for Energy Studies; and

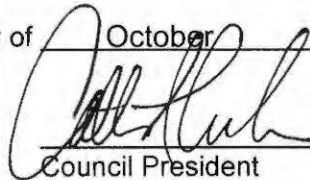
WHEREAS, the Energy Efficiency Program Plan results from the creation of highly effective partnerships and will lead to substantial improvements in efficiency in the community; and

WHEREAS, the participating organizations have each identified a set of actions that will contribute substantially to the success of the Energy Efficiency Program Plan;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELLINGHAM:

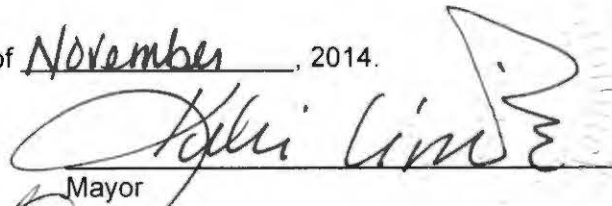
We endorse the City of Bellingham's Participation in the Georgetown University Energy Prize. We also endorse the Bellingham Energy Efficiency Program Plan and pledge to support the energy plan's implementation over the 2015-16 period.

PASSED by the Council this 27th day of October, 2014.

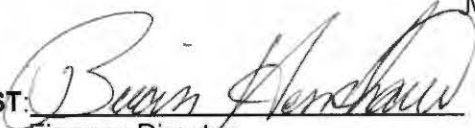


Council President

APPROVED by me this 4th day of November, 2014.




Mayor

ATTEST: 

Finance Director

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



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