

**A RESOLUTION UPHOLDING THE WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS'
COMMITMENT TO ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE AND ESTABLISHING THE BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS' ENVIRONMENTAL COUNCIL**

WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

November 28, 2018

WHEREAS, the County Board of Commissioners has demonstrated a strong commitment to environmental stewardship through making the pursuit of environmental justice one of its budget priorities in this document, and through Resolution 17-100, which affirmed the county's intent to take action on climate change in accordance with the Paris Accord; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners is directing the County's Office of Infrastructure Management to establish an Environmental Infrastructure Workgroup to create an Energy and Environmental Infrastructure Policy; and

WHEREAS, input and guidance from the wider community and environmental activists, experts and organizations is crucial to the success of the County's environmental policies and pursuit of environmental justice, as well as to the achievement of the net-zero goals articulated in the Paris Accord;

THEREFORE, the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners hereby creates the "Environmental Council" as a subcommittee of the County Board of Commissioners, to consist of 11-13 members per the appended Environmental Council Organizational Policy; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board of Commissioners authorizes a non-structural one-time appropriation to the Environmental Council in an amount not to exceed \$10,000 for 2019, to be offset by reducing the non-structural "Undesignated Allocation" in the same amount. The funding is to cover stipend or per diem payments to Environmental Council appointees, matching grant funds, and other expenses.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board of Commissioners directs the County Administrator to provide administrative support to the Environmental Council.

COMMISSIONER	Y	N	A	COMMISSIONER	Y	N	A	COMMISSIONER	Y	N	A
Brabec	X			LaBarre	X			Smith	X		
Deatrick	X			Martinez-Kratz			X				
Jamnick	X			Morgan	X						
Jefferson	X			Ping			X				

CLERK/REGISTER'S CERTIFICATE - CERTIFIED COPY

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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STATE OF MICHIGAN)

I, Lawrence Kestenbaum, Clerk/Register of said County of Washtenaw and Clerk of Circuit Court for said County, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and accurate copy of a resolution adopted by the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners at a session held at the County Administration Building in the City of Ann Arbor, Michigan, on November 28th, 2018, as it appears of record in my office.

COUNTY OF WASHTENAW)^{SS}.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court at Ann Arbor, this 29th day of November, 2018.

LAWRENCE KESTENBAUM, Clerk/Register

BY: _____

Deputy Clerk



Res. No. 18-191

Environmental Council Organizational Policy

(1) *Intent.* The Board of Commissioners' intent in establishing the Environmental Council is for the Council to:

- (a) Develop comprehensive, integrated environmental policies to recommend to the County Board of Commissioners for implementation by the County in order to:
 - (i) protect and improve our air, water, land, food policy, and both mental and public health;
 - (ii) develop and advise on policies for the County to reduce its contribution to climate change; and
- (b) Develop a proposal and timetable for the County's development of a plan to reach net-zero (neutral) emissions by 2035, including recommendations for any necessary consulting, staffing; and to deliver this proposal to the Board of Commissioners (BOC) no later than August 1, 2019;
- (c) If the proposal and timetable in (1)(b) are approved by the BOC, the Council may, if tasked by the BOC, work with County Administration, consultants, and/or other appropriate County departments to develop the detailed plan for the County to achieve net-zero emissions;
- (d) Act in an advisory capacity, without regulatory or legislative authority, to County departments, committees, and the Board of Commissioners on environmental issues;
- (e) Act in an advisory capacity, with the County's Office of Infrastructure Management's Environmental Working Group, in the development and review of the "DRAFT Energy and Environmental Infrastructure Policy 2020-2023," which is being drafted by OIM as part of its comprehensive restructuring.

(2) *Organization and Procedures.* The Environmental Council will be comprised of 11-13 members appointed by the Board of Commissioners. Up to 5 members may be appointed in 2018 to allow initial planning work to begin, with the remainder to be appointed in 2019. The County Administrator will ensure staffing of the Environmental Council, via the BOC's Liaison, for tasks including arranging meeting venues, writing minutes, and communicating with the BOC and other County staff and departments.

- (a) The Council reports directly to the Board of Commissioners.
- (b) Members are appointed to an initial term to end in March, 2020, unless the Council is authorized to continue by the Board of Commissioners.
- (c) No more than 1 member may reside outside the County. Members will be:
 - (i) 1-3 County Commissioners
 - (ii) 2 members representing Community Groups
 - (iii) 1 member representing Sustainable Energy Producers (private or non-profit sector)
 - (iv) 1 member representing Land Use and Preservation
 - (v) 1 member representing Sustainable Agriculture

- (vi) 1 member representing Racial Equity and Environmental Issues
- (vii) 1 member representing Water Protection
- (viii) 1 member representing Vehicle Emission Reduction Issues
- (ix) 1 member representing Public Health Issues
- (x) 1 member representing Infrastructure Energy Reduction Issues

(d) The Environmental Council shall be inclusive of, and open to, input and dialogue with the public, environmental researchers, and environmentally concerned community organizations, and will actively work to develop and maintain input and dialogue with the wider Washtenaw County community.