

# City of Philadelphia



Council of the City of Philadelphia  
Office of the Chief Clerk  
Room 402, City Hall  
Philadelphia

(Resolution No. 240069)

## RESOLUTION

Authorizing the Committee on Legislative Oversight to hold hearings to investigate the City's progress on its carbon neutrality goals to meaningfully participate in the planet-wide effort to mitigate the effects of global warming.

WHEREAS, Last year was the warmest year on record globally and the 10 hottest years on record in the United States have all occurred since 2010; and

WHEREAS, The globally agreed goal to keep global mean temperature rise to less than 1.5 degrees Celsius is likely to be surpassed in the next year; and

WHEREAS, Philadelphia has joined several global efforts to combat climate change and has set its own carbon neutrality goals; and

WHEREAS, The Philadelphia Office of Sustainability has led the City toward its current goal of carbon neutrality by 2050; and

WHEREAS, As global warming speeds up and the effects it mounts, Philadelphia should consider ways to get to carbon neutrality faster; and

WHEREAS, This hearing should focus on new and innovative ways to reduce our carbon footprint, bring about a just energy transition, and center communities that have been repeatedly burdened with negative environmental impacts ranging from more flooding to higher rates of asthma and heart conditions to hotter streets and fewer places to beat the heat; and

WHEREAS, At the beginning of a new legislative term and new administration, the hearing should establish the progress the city has made as it relates to our climate resiliency and carbon neutrality goals, as well as establish new goals and as we work towards a clean and green future for Philadelphia; now, therefore, be it,

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RESOLVED, BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF PHILADELPHIA, Authorizes the Committee on Legislative Oversight to hold hearings to investigate the City's progress on its Carbon neutrality goals and seek out best practices and new ideas to speed up Philadelphia's just climate future.

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CERTIFICATION: This is a true and correct copy of the original Resolution, Adopted by the Council of the City of Philadelphia on the first day of February, 2024.

KENYATTA JOHNSON  
PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL

Michael A. Decker  
CHIEF CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

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Sponsored by: Councilmembers Thomas, Landau, Squilla, O'Rourke,  
Gauthier, Ahmad, Bass, Phillips and Brooks