

RESOLUTION NO. 14439

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BUENA
PARK, CALIFORNIA, SUPPORTING FEDERAL PER- AND
POLYFLUOROALKYL SUBSTANCES (PFAS) LEGISLATION
THAT PROTECTS RATEPAYERS AND WATER/WASTEWATER
AGENCIES

WHEREAS, PFAS are a group of chemicals developed by chemical manufacturers that would otherwise not exist naturally and despite playing no role in releasing PFAS into the environment, cities and water agencies must find ways to remove them from local water supplies; and

WHEREAS, PFAS have been detected in the Orange County Groundwater Basin, managed by Orange County Water District, and are estimated to cost Orange County communities more than \$1 billion, over 30 years—a cost that will likely increase; and

WHEREAS, ratepayers are at risk from pending PFAS legislation and associated PFAS costs and water agencies and stakeholders must take action to inform members of Congress of these devastating impacts; and

WHEREAS, all PFAS-related legislation must exempt water and wastewater agencies from any liability for PFAS cleanup costs; and

WHEREAS, a water utility that complies with applicable and appropriate federal management and treatment standards must not be responsible for current and future costs associated with a PFAS cleanup; and

WHEREAS, given the potential for federal legislation, such as the PFAS Action Act of 2021 (H.R. 2467), to expose water agencies that simply receive and treat water supplies with across-the-board liability for PFAS-related cleanups when they have no responsibility for the presence of PFAS, an explicit exemption from Superfund clean-up liability must be made for water and wastewater agencies; and

WHEREAS, under existing law (Safe Drinking Water Act), the USEPA ensures that public health benefits of new drinking water standards are reasonably balanced with the compliance costs that water system ratepayers will ultimately incur and eliminating this analysis would burden ratepayers of all income levels with astronomical costs to comply with drinking water standards; and

WHEREAS, when setting drinking water standards for PFOA and PFOS, we advocate for the USEPA to use this longstanding methodology; and

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Buena Park does hereby resolve determine and order as follows:

Section 1. That the City Council of the City of Buena Park hereby supports these federal PFAS policy principles to protect water and wastewater agencies and their rate payers.

Section 2. That the City of Buena Park calls upon the Orange County Congressional Delegation and California Senatorial Delegation to cast votes implementing these public policy positions.

Section 3. The City Clerk shall certify to the adoption of this Resolution and it shall become effective immediately.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 25th day of January 2022, by the following called vote:

AYES: Traut, Swift, Brown, Sonne, Park

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

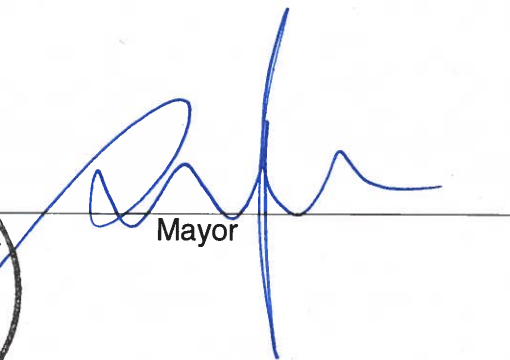
ABSTAIN: None

ATTEST:



City Clerk





Mayor

I, Adria Jimenez, MMC, City Clerk of the City of Buena Park, California, hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly and regularly passed and adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Buena Park, held this 25th day of January 2022.



City Clerk