

RESOLUTION NO. 6877

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CYPRESS
SUPPORTING FEDERAL 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.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Cypress hereby supports these federal PFAS policy principles to protect water/wastewater agencies and their ratepayers; and

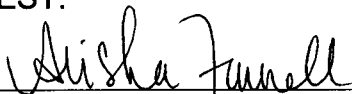
FURTHERMORE, we call upon the Orange County Congressional Delegation and California Senatorial Delegation to cast votes implementing these public policy positions.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Cypress at a regular meeting held on the 14th day of February, 2022.



MAYOR OF THE CITY OF CYPRESS

ATTEST:

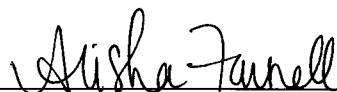


CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF CYPRESS

STATE OF CALIFORNIA }
COUNTY OF ORANGE } SS

I, ALISHA FARNELL, City Clerk of the City of Cypress, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted at a regular meeting of the said City Council held on the 14th day of February, 2022, by the following roll call vote:

AYES: 4 COUNCIL MEMBERS: Minikus, Peat, Hertz-Mallari and Morales
NOES: 1 COUNCIL MEMBERS: Marquez
ABSENT: 0 COUNCIL MEMBERS: None



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