

**RESOLUTION NO. 2022-08**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOS ALAMITOS, CALIFORNIA, 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 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, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOS ALAMITOS DOES RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:**

**SECTION 1.** The City Council finds that the above recitals are true and correct.

**SECTION 2.** The City Council hereby supports these federal PFAS policy principles to protect water/wastewater agencies and their ratepayers.

**SECTION 3.** The City Council calls upon the Orange County Congressional Delegation and California Senatorial Delegation to cast votes implementing these public policy positions.

**SECTION 4.** The City Clerk shall certify as to the adoption of this Resolution.

**PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED** this 28<sup>th</sup> day of February 2022.

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*Shelley Hasselbrink*  
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Shelley Hasselbrink, Mayor

ATTEST:

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*Windmera Quintanar*  
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Windmera Quintanar, MMC, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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*Michael S. Daudt*  
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Michael S. Daudt, City Attorney

STATE OF CALIFORNIA )  
COUNTY OF ORANGE ) ss  
CITY OF LOS ALAMITOS )

I, Windmera Quintanar, MMC, City Clerk, of the City of Los Alamitos, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted at an adjourned regular meeting of the City Council held on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2022, by the following vote, to wit:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Chirco, Bates, Doby, Hasselbrink, Nefulda  
NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: None  
ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: None  
ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEMBERS: None

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