

**A RESOLUTION TO TAKE RESPONSIBILITY IN A SOCIALLY JUST MANNER FOR CARRBORO'S
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LEVEL BELOW 350 PPM OF CO₂**

The following resolution was introduced by Alderman Sammy Slade and duly seconded by Alderman Rande Haven-O'Donnell.

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Resolution No. 78/2009-10

WHEREAS, if humanity wishes to preserve a planet similar to that on which civilization developed and to which life on Earth is adapted, paleoclimate evidence and ongoing climate change suggest that CO₂ will need to be reduced from its current 385 ppm to at most 350 ppm, but likely less than; and

WHEREAS, to achieve the 350 ppm target, scientists have calculated that the major industrialized nations need to cut their CO₂ emissions by 40% from 1990 levels by 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Copenhagen Climate Change Summit (December 7-18) is the UN meeting and deadline for preventing dangerous global warming; and

WHEREAS, the Obama administration in Copenhagen is expected to offer a promise that the equivalent of 4% CO₂ emissions will be cut from 1990 levels by 2020; and

WHEREAS, the climate bill passed by the U.S. House of Representatives, as well as legislation currently pending in the Senate, would eliminate EPA's authority under the Clean Air Act to designate greenhouse gases as criteria air pollutants and to set a cap on such emissions; and

WHEREAS, International and National scales of governance are failing to be responsible and to take the necessary action to preserve a planet similar to that on which civilization developed and to which life on Earth is adapted.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF CARRBORO:

Section 1. The town of Carrboro commits to taking responsibility in a socially just manner for its share of CO₂ emissions in the atmosphere.

Section 2. The Town of Carrboro will seek, and will facilitate the community at large, to cut CO₂ emissions by its proportion of the amount which is required to stabilize the climate back to less than 350 ppm of CO₂ in the atmosphere in time for a 90% probability for success as defined by the most up to date scientific consensus.

Section 3. This resolution shall be referred to staff for further evaluation of what measures will be needed to achieve this target for the Town of Carrboro and the community at large.

Section 4. The Town of Carrboro will make a formal request to the County Commissioners, Representative Verla Insko, Representative Bill Faison, Speaker of the House Joe Hackney, N.C. Senator Ellie Kinnaird, Congressman David Price, U.S. Senator Kay Hagan, U.S. Senator Richard Burr, and

President Barack Obama, to take any and all necessary actions required to facilitate for Carrboro the achievement of the responsible ambition to combat Climate Change in time for a 90% probability for success as defined by the most up to date scientific consensus.

Section 5. This resolution shall become effective upon adoption.

The foregoing resolution having been submitted to a vote received the following vote and was duly adopted this 8th day of December 2009:

Ayes: Dan Coleman, Sammy Slade, Lydia Lavelle, Mark Chilton, Joal Hall Broun, Jacquelyn Gist, Randee Haven-O'Donnell

Noes: None

Absent or Excused: None