



**TOWN OF FAIRFAX**  
**STAFF REPORT**  
**June 5, 2019**

**TO:** Mayor and Town Council  
**FROM:** Michele Gardner, Town Clerk *MG*  
**SUBJECT:** Adopt a Resolution Calling for the Federal Government to Pass a Green New Deal

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**RECOMMENDATION**

Adopt the resolution.

**DISCUSSION**

Vice Mayor Goddard requested this item be added to the agenda for the Council's consideration.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

N/a

**ATTACHMENT**

Resolution

## RESOLUTION 19-\_\_

### A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF FAIRFAX CALLING FOR THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO PASS A GREEN NEW DEAL

**WHEREAS**, Fairfax Town Council wants the children and grandchildren of this community protected from the risks of climate destruction; and

**WHEREAS**, an October 2018 United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) report states we have only until 2030 to limit devastating global warming and avoid a climate change catastrophe; and

**WHEREAS**, the IPCC report also makes clear that every bit of warming matters, so every fraction of a degree less of warming will save lives and pay dividends across the world's economies; and

**WHEREAS**, the world is already experiencing serious, costly, and increasing impacts from climate change, including more intense storms, unprecedented flooding, and persistent wildfires; and

**WHEREAS**, an inadequate response to climate change will increase economic and environmental disruptions that threaten human life, healthy communities, and critical infrastructure, including severe storms, longer and hotter heat waves, worsening flood and drought cycles, growing invasive species and insect problems, accelerated species extinction rates, rising sea levels, increased wildfires, and a dramatic increase in refugees from climate-impacted lands; and

**WHEREAS**, the most negative impacts of climate change are generally falling on frontline communities, with those that are underrepresented, such as lower-income communities or communities of color, bearing the initial burden of climate change despite being the least-equipped to adapt to the impacts; and

**WHEREAS**, doing what is now necessary to adequately address the climate crisis requires a national mobilization of a scope and scale that is a historic opportunity to address inequities caused and exacerbated by the fossil fuel economy, as well as to provide unprecedented levels of prosperity and economic security for all people in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, Senator Ed Markey and Representative Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez released, on February 7, 2019, a Resolution Recognizing the duty of the Federal Government to create a Green New Deal; and

**WHEREAS**, federal Green New Deal legislation would create a detailed mobilization plan to:

- within a decade, achieve net-zero greenhouse gas emissions through a fair and just transition for all communities and workers;
- create millions of good, high-wage jobs and ensure prosperity and economic security for all people of the United States;
- invest in the infrastructure and industry of the United States to sustainably meet the challenges of the 21st century;
- secure for all people of the United States for generations to come:
  - clean air and water;
  - climate and community resiliency;
  - healthy food;
  - access to nature;
  - and a sustainable environment;
- and promote justice and equity by stopping the current, preventing future, and repairing historic oppression of indigenous communities, communities of color, migrant communities, deindustrialized communities, depopulated rural communities, the poor, low-income workers, women, the elderly, the unhoused, people with disabilities, and youth; and

**WHEREAS**, local governments calling for the federal government to pass a Green New Deal will demonstrate widespread popular support for necessary and just climate action;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED**, that Town Council of the Town of Fairfax calls on the U.S. Government to, as soon as possible, pass a Green New Deal based on the February 7, 2019, Resolution sponsored by United States Representative Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez and United States Senator Ed Markey.

The foregoing resolution was adopted at a regular meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Fairfax held in said Town on the \_\_\_ day of June 2019 by the following vote, to wit:

AYES:  
NOES:  
ABSENT:

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BARBARA COLER, Mayor

Attest:

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Michele Gardner, Town Clerk