

# City Council Resolutions

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## Why they are important

- demonstrate public support; local elected officials and MOCs share constituents
- local elected officials have (potentially very close) relationships with MOCs
- MOCs may be skeptical of merits of CF&D, and local elected officials who evaluate policy in similar ways can help assuage this concern

## How?

Who to approach?

What to say?

The conversation

Content of resolution?

Potential obstacles

General Advice



## Who?

Depends on the size of the city:

1. small city- approach council members directly
2. large city- contact council member's office(like congress, they have staff)

Which council member: try them all and you will figure out which one pretty quickly

## Initial Message

“We would like to meet with you/CM XXX to discuss your/his/her goals for climate and how we can collaborate to achieve those goals”

## Conversations with offices/CMs

- how CF&D helps localities reduce their emissions
- the connection between support of local elected officials and climate progress in Congress(mention examples in other places)
- (err on the side of caution!! but) goals for your MOC, eg. join the caucus
- effects, especially economic, that CF&D will have on CM's constituents
- (be ready to) share sample resolution language (easier for them)

## Content of resolution

- either endorsing CF&D or climate action
- detail local impacts/dynamics, eg. flooding, heat stress, climate justice
- request bipartisanship
- request swift and meaningful Congressional action
- describe what a policy should do/not do, eg. not be an economic burden
- (if CF&D) have resolution mention CCL and that CF&D addresses above concerns

## Potential obstacles

- small cities may have a policy against resolutions aimed at Congress
- cities may want to hold off until legislation has been introduced
- may be hard to find CM who wants to lead the effort/sponsor the resolution even if all/most CMs are supportive

## Advice

- unless you anticipate hostility, keep the mayor's office in the loop(and seek an endorsement)
- be persistent
- you DO NOT need any preexisting connection to CMs
- council may want to sign a joint letter instead of a resolution, this is fine
- contact info is usually easy to find but never bad to show up in person
- list of municipalities and their resolutions can be found on [Community](#)

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