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Dear Commissioner Graham and Clerk Teitzman,
The City Council of the City of Boca Raton unanimously adopted Resolution No. 91-2019 on September 10, 2019 (copy attached). The resolution urges the Public Service Commission to set meaningful energy efficiency goals through programs targeted to residential and commercial customers with a focus on low to moderate income households. The resolution also authorizes the filing of this resolution in the FEECA proceedings before the Commission, including Docket No. 2019-0015 relating to the Commission review of Numeric Conservation Goals.

Respectfully,
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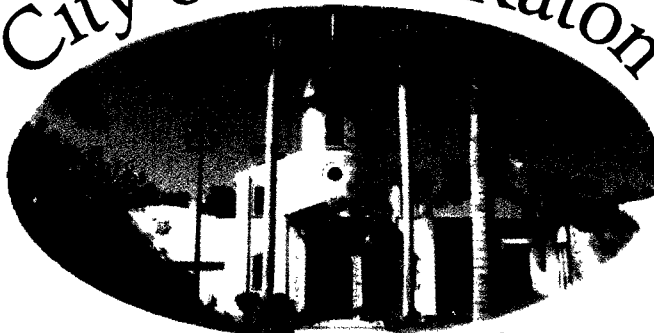
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RESOLUTION

91-2019

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2 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF BOCA RATON
3 ENCOURAGING THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE
4 COMMISSION ("PSC") TO SET MEANINGFUL ENERGY
5 EFFICIENCY GOALS, TO MEET THOSE GOALS THROUGH
6 PROGRAMS TARGETED TO RESIDENTIAL AND
7 COMMERCIAL CUSTOMERS WITH A FOCUS ON LOW TO
8 MODERATE INCOME HOUSEHOLDS; PROVIDING FOR
9 TRANSMITTAL OF THE RESOLUTION TO THE CHAIR AND
10 CLERK OF THE PSC AND FILING IN RELEVANT PSC
11 DOCKETS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING
12 FOR REPEALER; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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14 WHEREAS, the Florida Legislature passed the Florida Energy Efficiency and
15 Conservation Act ("FEECA") in 1980 to reduce peak electricity demand and energy consumption;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, the Florida Legislature amended FEECA in 2008 to include an emphasis
18 on cost-effective energy conservation measures; and

1 WHEREAS, Florida is understood to be vulnerable to the impacts of climate change
2 including rising sea levels, damaging hurricanes and storms, and extreme temperatures and
3 increasing energy efficiency will both mitigate the drivers of climate change and facilitate
4 adaptation to some effects, such as more frequent days with extreme high temperatures; and

5 WHEREAS, the City of Boca Raton has shown its commitment to mitigating and
6 adapting to climate change through its participation in the Southeast Florida Regional Climate
7 Change Compact, its support of federal policies to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and its
8 creation of an Office of Sustainability and a citizen Sustainability Advisory Board; and

9 WHEREAS, the efforts undertaken by utilities and building owners in Florida to expand
10 renewable energy installations would be even more effective in meeting electricity demand if that
11 demand were first reduced through energy conservation; and

12 WHEREAS, electricity used by commercial and residential buildings accounts for more
13 than half of the greenhouse gas emissions in the southeast Florida region, and, in the State of
14 Florida, 98.4% of electricity customers are residential and commercial consuming 88.3% of the
15 electrical energy produced; and

16 WHEREAS, energy conservation and efficiency programs that promote behavioral and
17 operational changes by residents and building owners can significantly reduce energy demand
18 from the built environment; and

19 WHEREAS, cost-effective energy efficiency measures can constitute a low-cost
20 resource that helps residential and commercial building owners use less energy, save money on
21 bills, and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, while providing additional economic and societal
22 benefits, including potential local job creation and economic growth; and

23 WHEREAS, by reducing electricity demand, cost-effective energy conservation
24 reduces the need for the construction of new power plants and the operation of existing fossil fuel
25 plants, lowering not only carbon pollution but also other air pollutants that have a negative effect
26 on public health; and

1 WHEREAS, the Florida Public Service Commission (PSC) is statutorily required to
2 establish goals for FEECA utilities and review such goals every five years, at a minimum; and

3 WHEREAS, in turn, the utilities are required to develop cost-effective demand-side
4 management plans that meet those goals and submit them to the PSC for approval; and

5 WHEREAS, the 2019 FEECA proceedings thus present a once in every-five-year
6 opportunity to reset and improve the energy conservation goals for the state's largest utilities; and

7 WHEREAS, improved conservation goals will generally lead to more robust energy
8 efficiency programs and options directed at residential and commercial customers that reduce
9 energy usage and provide economic and environmental benefits;

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11 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BOCA
12 RATON:

13 Section 1. The City of Boca Raton urges the PSC to set meaningful numeric energy
14 conservation goals during current FEECA proceedings in order to put the City of Boca Raton and
15 the State of Florida on a path to significant economic, environmental, and public health benefits.

16 Section 2. The City of Boca Raton urges the PSC to require that most, if not all, of the
17 numeric energy conservation goals be met through programs to assist commercial and residential
18 customers with an emphasis on low- and moderate-income households.

19 Section 3. The City Council of the City of Boca Raton directs the City Clerk to provide
20 copies of this Resolution to the Chair and Clerk of the PSC and authorizes filing of this Resolution
21 in the FEECA proceedings before the PSC, including PSC Docket No. 2019-0015 relating to the
22 Commission Review of Numeric Conservation Goals.

23 Section 4. If any section, subsection, clause or provision of this resolution is held
24 invalid, the remainder shall not be affected by such invalidity.

25 Section 5. All resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict herewith shall be and hereby
26 are repealed.

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Section 6. This resolution shall take effect immediately after adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Boca Raton this 10th day
of September, 2019.

CITY OF BOCA RATON, FLORIDA

ATTEST:

Susan S. Saxton

Susan S. Saxton, City Clerk

Scott Singer
Scott Singer, Mayor

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COUNCIL VOTE			
	YES	NO	ABSTAINED
MAYOR SCOTT SINGER	✓		
DEPUTY MAYOR JEREMY RODGERS	✓		
COUNCIL MEMBER MONICA MAYOTTE	✓		
COUNCIL MEMBER ANDREA LEVINE O'ROURKE	✓		
COUNCIL MEMBER ANDY THOMSON	✓		

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