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RESOLUTION NO. 2017-78

A RESOLUTION OF THE ALBANY CITY COUNCIL CALLING UPON THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY TO NOT REVOKE THE **CLEAN POWER PLAN**

WHEREAS, the Environmental Protection Agency's core mission is to protect public health and the environment; and

WHEREAS, the Supreme Court has ruled on three separate occasions that the EPA has a responsibility under the Clean Air Act and other laws to protect our families and communities from harmful carbon pollution from power plants and other sources; and

WHEREAS, the Clean Power Plan, adopted in 2015, would substantially reduce carbon pollution and other emissions from power plants that cause asthma attacks and respiratory illnesses; and

WHEREAS, the Clean Power Plan is projected to prevent thousands of premature deaths, tens of thousands of fewer asthma attacks, and total health benefits of \$14 to \$34 billion; and

WHEREAS, the decision to repeal the Clean Power Plan threatens the health and safety of American families and communities by worsening climate change and increasing dangerous air pollution from power plants; and

WHEREAS, revoking this lifesaving plan denies Americans these health protections and removes crucial tools to reduce pollution that causes climate change; and

WHEREAS, climate change poses sweeping and devastating threats to human health. From elevated levels of dangerous ozone and particulate air pollution due to higher temperatures and worsening wildfires, to increased risks from vector-borne diseases, the examples of climate-related health risks are far-reaching; and

WHEREAS, children, seniors, low-income communities, and those living with a chronic disease like asthma are especially vulnerable to health impacts of climate change; and

WHEREAS, the Clean Power plan is based on a strong legal foundation. It is consistent with the law, earlier court precedents, and other EPA standards that protect Americans from dangerous pollution; and

WHEREAS, the decision to repeal the Clean Power Plan threatens taxpayers and future generations with billions of dollars in recovery costs from extreme weather; and

WHEREAS, transitioning to a clean energy is good for our economy and will create good jobs. Repealing the Clean Power Plan, derails our transition to a clean energy economy.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Albany City Council hereby calls on the EPA to not revoke the Clean Power Plan and to heed the clear scientific evidence and protect public health by cleaning up major sources of carbon pollution from power plants and taking steps to avoid the worst health impacts of climate change.

PEGGY MCQUAID, MAYOR



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PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALBANY,

The 16th day of October, 2017, by the following votes:

AYES: Council Members Barnes, Maass, Nason, Pilch and Mayor McQuaid

NOES: none

ABSENT: none

ABSTAINED: none

RECUSED: none

WITNESS MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF THE CITY OF ALBANY, this

17th day of October, 2017.

Eileen Harrington

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DEPUTY CITY CLERK