

**RESOLUTION OF THE MEMBERS REGARDING THE AUTHORITY'S COMMITMENT TO SUPPORTING, PROMOTING AND IMPLEMENTING SUSTAINABILITY, ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND LOW/ZERO CARBON IMPROVEMENTS IN BATTERY PARK CITY**

WHEREAS, since its inception, the Battery Park City Authority (BPCA) has developed a robust legacy of creating, implementing and promoting energy efficiency and sustainability practices in Battery Park City (BPC) in areas such as building design, construction and management, maintenance, horticulture, and in the administration of its programming and events;

WHEREAS, specific portions of BPCA's environmental legacy include the promulgation of its Residential and Commercial Environmental Guidelines, which ultimately led to the construction in Battery Park City of the nation's first LEED-certified residential building;

WHEREAS, BPCA's Parks Operations team is also a leader in the sustainable maintenance and stewardship of BPC's 36 acres of parkland, as evidenced by its innovative composting program and use of natural and environmentally-friendly materials;

WHEREAS, in the face of global climate change and other man-made crises, BPCA has redoubled its efforts to promote and, along with its lessees and other strategic partners, implement energy efficiency and sustainability improvements throughout Battery Park City, with a focus on significantly reducing greenhouse gas emissions and encouraging the adoption of clean energy improvements;

WHEREAS, BPCA continues to overhaul and improve sustainability practices in its internal operations, including the development of its Zero Waste program, a staff-driven effort to reduce consumption, reuse items and recycle whenever possible, both in everyday life and in BPCA's operations, and its recent amendment of the BPCA Investment Guidelines to emphasize the consideration of environmental, social, and governance (ESG) factors in BPCA's investment strategy;

WHEREAS, the adoption of enhanced sustainability and energy efficiency measures will enhance the health and well-being of BPC residents, workers and visitors, contribute to the resiliency of the BPC building portfolio and associated properties, inure to the economic benefit of BPC's building owners and commercial tenants through short- and long-term cost savings gained from greening their operations, and contribute to the broader sustainability goals of both the State of New York and New York City; and

WHEREAS, to successfully carry out its goals, BPCA must develop a uniform set of sustainability principles, goals, metrics and deadlines to apply to its interactions with BPC residents, lessees and contractors, and must also collaborate both formally and informally with State, City and private partners and avail itself of available expertise, programs, people and other resources.

**NOW THEREFORE:**

BE IT RESOLVED that by April 22, 2020 (Earth Day), it is anticipated that the Authority will create and submit to the Members for adoption a comprehensive sustainability plan and a uniform set of sustainability and energy efficiency guidelines, which will, among other things, set forth BPCA's commitment to develop and implement a road map to achieve a carbon neutral Battery Park City by the middle of the century, along with specific greenhouse gas reduction targets, a plan for achieving those targets, a plan for encouraging and supporting clean energy improvements, and a framework for ensuring BPCA lessees and business partners meet BPCA's enumerated goals; and be it further

RESOLVED, that, the President or her/his designee(s) be, and each of them hereby is, authorized and empowered, subject to applicable law, to enter into agreements, memoranda of understanding, and any other contract or document necessary, desirable or appropriate, with New York State and New York City agencies, authorities or entities necessary to access State and City resources, grants, monies, programs and personnel, and to otherwise effectuate BPCA's sustainability and energy efficiency goals; and be it further

RESOLVED, that, subject to any applicable provisions of the BPCA Procurement Guidelines, the President or her/his designee(s) be, and each of them hereby is, authorized and empowered to execute all such other and further documents and to take all such other and further actions as may be necessary, desirable or appropriate, in connection with the matters contemplated in this resolution.

This resolution shall take effect immediately and shall be filed in the Authority's official corporate records.