

## RESOLUTION NO. 2021-42

### A RESOLUTION OF THE BLAINE COUNTY, IDAHO BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO JOIN THE ICLEI150 CITIES RACE TO ZERO IN SUPPORT OF THE PARIS CLIMATE AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY AND INCORPORATED CITIES.

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**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners of Blaine County (the "County"); City Council of the City of Bellevue ("Bellevue"); City Council of the City of Hailey ("Hailey"); City Council of the City of Ketchum ("Ketchum"); and City Council of the City of Sun Valley ("Sun Valley") desire to collaborate on local and regional efforts to reduce contributions to climate pollution, strengthen resilience against climate-related hazards, transition to clean energy, and enhance livability and quality of life for all residents; and

**WHEREAS**, consensus exists among the world's leading climate scientists that global warming caused by emissions of greenhouse gases from human activities is among the most significant problems facing the world today; and

**WHEREAS**, the United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change's Sixth Assessment Report released in August 2021 states that we must reduce global emissions by 50% by 2030, giving humanity less than a decade in which to take rapid, far-reaching and unprecedented action to stem catastrophic climate change; and

**WHEREAS**, the Paris Climate Agreement is an international law that aims to keep global warming to 1.5 degrees Celsius, strengthen resilience to the adverse impacts of climate change, and govern finance toward low-carbon and climate resilient development; and

**WHEREAS**, the United States has set a target to achieve a 50-52 percent reduction in net greenhouse gas pollution by 2030 from 2005 levels and the federal climate plan aims to create good-paying jobs and securing U.S. leadership in the global transition to a low-carbon economy; and

**WHEREAS**, climate change is impacting the region as reported by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, over the past century most of the State of Idaho has warmed one to two degrees (F); snowpack is melting earlier in the year and diminishing snowpack may shorten the season for skiing; the flow of meltwater into streams during summer is declining; in the coming decades, streams will be warmer and populations of several fish species may decline; wildfires may be more common; and, water may be less available for irrigation; and

**WHEREAS**, the County and cities of Bellevue, Hailey, and Ketchum adopted ambitious clean energy goals to power the county and cities with 100% clean electricity by 2035 and 100% clean energy by 2045; and

**WHEREAS**, Idaho Power has committed to supplying 100% clean energy by 2045 and is committed to working with the county and cities to help achieve shared clean energy goals; and

**WHEREAS**, in August 2021 the County and cities of Hailey and Ketchum established a Regional Sustainability & Climate Advisory Committee comprised of a broad and diverse leadership

that is reflective of the county and cities, residents, businesses, technical experts, nonprofit organizations, and institutions; and

**WHEREAS**, on September 15, 2021, the Regional Sustainability & Climate Advisory Committee recommended that the Regional Sustainability Program administered by the County join the ICLEI150 Cities Race to Zero and coordinate efforts to achieve commitments throughout the region; and

**WHEREAS**, Cities Race to Zero is a global campaign to rally leadership and support from business, cities, regions, and investors for a healthy, resilient, zero carbon recovery that prevents future threats, creates decent jobs, and unlocks inclusive, sustainable growth ahead of COP26 in November 2021 and to build global momentum around the shift to a decarbonized economy; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of County Commissioners and the City Councils of Bellevue, Hailey, Ketchum, and Sun Valley have determined it is in the best interest of the region to join the ICLEI150 Cities Race to Zero; and

**WHEREAS**, by joining ICLEI150 Cities Race to Zero the County, and on behalf of the cities of Bellevue, Hailey, Ketchum, and Sun Valley, agrees to the pledges set forth in Exhibit A, the ICLEI150 Commitment Form; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY AND CITIES OF BELLEVUE, HAILEY, KETCHUM, AND SUN VALLEY THAT:**

**SECTION 1.** The County Board of Commissioners and City Councils of Bellevue, Hailey, Ketchum, and Sun Valley hereby approves the recitals contained in the preamble of this Resolution and finds that all the recitals are true and correct.

**SECTION 2.** Blaine County hereby joins ICLEI 150 Cities Race to Zero and has been authorized by the Board of County Commissions and Mayors of the cities of Bellevue, Hailey, Ketchum, and Sun Valley to complete the Pledge Form required for joining on behalf of all parties.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Board of Commissioners of Blaine County on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of October, 2021.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the City Council of the City of Bellevue on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of October, 2021.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the City Council of the City of Hailey on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of October, 2021.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the City Council of the City of Ketchum on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of October, 2021.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the City Council of the City of Sun Valley on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of October, 2021.

**THE PARTIES HERETO** have executed this instrument.

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Dick Fosbury  
Chair, Blaine County Board of Commissioners

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Attest: Stephen McDougall Graham  
Blaine County Clerk

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Mayor Ned Burns  
City of Bellevue

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Attest:  
City of Bellevue Clerk

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Mayor Martha Burke  
City of Hailey

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Attest:  
City of Hailey Clerk

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Mayor Neil Bradshaw  
City of Ketchum

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Attest:  
City of Ketchum Clerk

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Mayor Peter Hendricks  
City of Sun Valley

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Attest:  
City of Sun Valley Clerk



## ICLEI150 COMMITMENT FORM

I have read the information below about the ICLEI150 and the Race to Zero commitment and I understand all that is expected of me, my staff, and ICLEI USA. By signing below, I agree to participate and to allow ICLEI to publish our commitment, target, and actions on the ICLEI USA website and to report this information to the global Cities Race to Zero platform.

I pledge to join the ICLEI150 on the Race to Zero on behalf of \_\_\_\_\_,  
\_\_\_\_\_ (name of city/county),  
\_\_\_\_\_ (name of state).

Race To Zero is a global campaign (established June 2020) of the United Nations' Climate Champions to rally leadership and support from businesses, cities, regions, investors for a healthy, resilient, zero-carbon recovery that prevents future threats, creates decent jobs, and unlocks inclusive, sustainable growth.


ICLEI's Climate Neutrality Framework provides a framework to engage with the Race to Zero, and calls for the necessary level of ambition and daring leadership to keep global temperature rise below the 1.5°C goal of the Paris Agreement and to put climate action at the center of all urban decision-making, taking full advantage of ICLEI's five development pathways: low-emissions, resilient, circular, nature-based, and people-centered / equitable. The Climate Neutrality framework directs our work with you as an ICLEI member.

The "ICLEI150" represents a movement of 150 local governments across the ICLEI USA network that are stepping up to join the Cities Race to Zero to cut global emissions in half by 2030 and to zero by 2050.

The ICLEI150 communities in the Race to Zero participants will:

1. **Pledge:** at the head-of-organization level to get to zero greenhouse gas emissions as soon as possible and by 2050 at the latest. Set a 2030 interim target reflecting maximum fair share effort to reach 50% global CO2 reductions.
2. **Plan:** the actions necessary to achieve both the 2030 and 2050 targets within 12 months of joining.
3. **Proceed:** with high-impact action to achieve the targets during 2021
4. **Publish:** report Race to Zero actions by 2022


ICLEI USA will provide ICLEI150 leaders and communities with:

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- Your community's 2030 Science-Based Target, putting you on a path to climate neutrality by 2050.
  - Community-specific high-impact actions to meet the 2030 target.
  - Technical assistance to proceed with one or more high-impact actions during 2021.
  - Personalized support package, pairing ICLEI's resources with your community's goals.
  - Reporting your commitment and actions to the global Race to Zero platform. (Targets are reported via the CDP-ICLEI Unified Reporting Platform).
  - National and international recognition for your ambition and action from ICLEI USA and ICLEI World Secretariat.
  - Provide opportunities to speak about and share your community's Race to Zero ambition.

As a leader joining the Cities Race to Zero, I endorse the following principles:

1. We recognize the global climate emergency.
2. We are committed to keeping global heating below the 1.5°Celsius goal of the Paris Agreement.
3. We are committed to putting inclusive climate action at the center of all urban decision-making, to create thriving and equitable communities for everyone.
4. We invite our partners – political leaders, CEOs, trade unions, investors, and civil society – to join us in recognizing the global climate emergency and help us deliver on science-based action to overcome it.

As an ICLEI150 Leader, I will:

- **Commit my staff to work with ICLEI** to develop our “member journey” of technical and implementation aspects of the Race to Zero.
  - **Spend 15 minutes each month** amplifying the Race to Zero movement within their community, with other elected officials, and at national and international forums.
  - **Provide a 1- to 2-minute video** highlighting specific examples of what they are doing or planning to do to equitably reduce GHG emissions and why they are excited to be an ICLEI 150 leader in the Race to Zero. Submit [Here](#) within 30 days or email to [sarah.ditton@iclei.org](mailto:sarah.ditton@iclei.org).
  - **Provide a statement** about why the Race to Zero initiative is important to me and my community (in the box below). Please include a link to a portrait or include an attachment in your submission email. This will be used on the ICLEI USA website and social media to highlight your ambition.
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I anticipate my community will need ICLEI’s assistance to complete the following steps of the Race to Zero:

- A declaration of a climate emergency and/or a commitment to climate neutrality
- A Science-Based Target
- Planning and implementing at least one inclusive and equitable climate action
- Reporting progress
- Unsure. I need ICLEI technical advisors to help create my plan.

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Elected Official Signature

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Date

