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TITLE:

Continuation of Board Discussion Regarding the Draft Community Climate Action Plan

PURPOSE: The purpose of this agenda item is for the Board to continue the discussion initiated on April 5th relating to the draft Community Climate Action Plan.

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INFORMATION: On April 5th, staff presented the Board with a revised Community Climate Action Plan for review and input before finalizing materials for the April 26th public hearing. The agenda item included a staff memorandum with initial cost-benefit analysis for most of the recommendations outlined in the document, including information relating to the sustainability coordinator position and information regarding other direction provided to staff at the November 10, 2015 review of the draft plan. (Agenda materials may be found at:

<https://carrboro.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=2680869&GUID=DCD858FA-7F35-47A3-8AB9-5C148DB469A3&Options=&Search=>>) Due to the late hour, the Board decided to postpone the remainder of its discussion until the following meeting on April 12th.

A resolution is provided for the Board to accept the current draft of the Community Climate Action Plan and submit the draft plan to the April 26, 2016 public hearing. The resolution provides an alternative action, whereby the Board could postpone holding a public hearing on the plan at this time, and could direct staff to complete a detailed analysis, quantifying the potential to reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions by each actionable item. Such additional cost/benefit analysis could yield important information for prioritizing the items identified in the plan to better achieve the targeted reduction level as well as guide the discussion for pursuing potential enabling legislative authority. The results of the analysis would be included in the agenda materials for a future public hearing and would more clearly show the relationship between the costs of initiating new programs and the anticipated benefits of community climate actions.

FISCAL & STAFF IMPACT: There is no fiscal or staff impact associated with the discussion of the draft plan; up to \$30,000 could be earmarked for a consultant to assist with the financial analysis as part of the upcoming budget.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends that the Board adopt the resolution provided (Attachment A) accepting the staff memo dated April 8, 2016, and identifying a preferred action for a public hearing on the draft Community Climate Action Plan.