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## BAINBRIDGE ISLAND IS STILL IN

### **City Council Votes to Continue to Support Paris Agreement**

**Bainbridge Island, Wash.**, (June, 2017) – During their City Council meeting on Tuesday, June 27, the City Council voted to join mayors, governors, college and university leaders, businesses, and investors in declaring their continued support to meeting the goals of the Paris Agreement.

The City of Bainbridge Island joins seven other Washington cities that have signed on in support of continuing toward the goals established by the Paris Agreement. In December 2015 in Paris, world leaders signed the first global commitment to fight climate change, agreeing to “hold warming to well below 2°C and to accelerate the transition to a clean energy economy that will benefit our security, prosperity, and health.” The agreement allowed each country to set its own emission reduction targets and adopt its own strategies for reaching them. Until recently, Nicaragua and Syria were the only countries that had not signed on to the Paris Agreement. Nicaragua had declined to sign because they felt the agreement was not aggressive enough.

“The City of Bainbridge Island strongly supports the goals of the Paris Agreement,” said Mayor Val Tollefson. “We believe that addressing climate change is our collective responsibility, and we encourage our fellow residents and business leaders to join our efforts to reduce our carbon output.”

The “We Are Still In” joint letter states that, “In the U.S., it is local and state governments, along with businesses, that are primarily responsible for the dramatic decrease in greenhouse gas emissions in recent years. Actions by each group will multiply and accelerate in the years ahead, no matter what policies Washington may adopt.” The City of Bainbridge Island is proud to join other leaders across the country in committing to the Paris Agreement. For more information about the “We Are Still In” letter visit: <http://wearestillin.com/>.

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