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Subject: City of Corvallis Resolution in Support of Standing Rock Tribe
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Attached is a resolution for consideration by the city council: CITY OF CORVALLIS RESOLUTION OF SOLIDARITY WITH INDIGENOUS RESISTANCE TO THE DAKOTA ACCESS PIPELINE.

The attached resolution is co-sponsored by 13 local faith groups and justice organizations in Corvallis.

We hope to be on the agenda of the Oct 3 council meeting.

Can you confirm the date at which the council will consider the resolution. Thanks.

Ken Winograd

CITY OF CORVALLIS RESOLUTION OF SOLIDARITY WITH INDIGENOUS
RESISTANCE TO THE DAKOTA ACCESS PIPELINE

WHEREAS, the proposed Dakota Access Pipeline (DAPL) is a 1,168-mile pipeline being developed by Energy Transfer Partners and its affiliates, which would carry as much as 500,000 barrels per day of crude oil from North Dakota to Illinois, running beneath or across more than 200 streams and rivers, including the Missouri River;

WHEREAS, the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People affirms that indigenous peoples have the right to protect their culture, religion, practices, and relationship with their ‘traditionally owned or otherwise occupied and used lands, territories [and] waters’;

WHEREAS, the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe has brought a lawsuit to halt construction of the pipeline for compelling reasons: the pipeline would pass under the Missouri River (at Lake Oahe) just a half a mile upstream of the tribe’s reservation boundary, where a spill would be culturally and economically catastrophic; and the pipeline would pass through areas of cultural significance, such as sacred sites and burial grounds that federal law seeks to protect;

WHEREAS, the federal government’s September 9, 2016, ‘suspension of construction appears to signal a broader willingness to re-examine the involvement of the tribes in infrastructure decisions like this one’, according to a recent *New York Times* report;

WHEREAS, communities of color are disproportionately impacted by environmental degradation, and the DAPL project represents a continuation of the systematic oppression facing indigenous peoples in the Americas that will set judicial precedence for future encounters between these nations;

WHEREAS, the City of Corvallis sits on land inhabited by the Kalapuya and Chinook people for over 8,000 years, and the State of Oregon is home to nine federally recognized tribes;

WHEREAS, the Corvallis City Council has a history of recognizing and acting for social and ecological justice, such as its resolutions to divest from fossil fuels, to promote carbon pricing, the establishment of September 22-25 (2016) as ‘International Days of Peace’, support of the Earth Charter as well as its Climate Action Plan which aims to significantly reduce greenhouse gas emissions and foster resilience to the effects of climate change;

WHEREAS, in 2015, Corvallis was the first city in Oregon to recognize Indigenous People’s Day, to be celebrated the second Monday in October;

WHEREAS, projects like the DAPL are wholly inconsistent with the City’s vision of a fossil free economy and a worldview, in large part shaped by Indigenous teachings, based on reverence for the natural world, peace and justice for all sentient beings; and

WHEREAS, the City of Corvallis values Indigenous cultures’ wisdom that clean water, air and land is essential to life, and further investment in fossil fuel infrastructure poses an existential threat to the earth and all its inhabitants.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

The City Council of Corvallis stands in solidarity with the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe and its opposition to the Dakota Access Pipeline, with both moral support and a call to action by city

residents, following the lead of Indigenous groups, and urges municipalities, universities and other organizations throughout the United States to do the same.

Co-Sponsors

Interfaith Climate Justice Corvallis (ICJC)

Corvallis SURJ: Showing Up for Racial Justice

350 Corvallis

First United Methodist Church (Corvallis)

United Church of Christ (Corvallis)

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Corvallis

CARE: Community Action for Racial Equity

Veteran for Peace (Linus Pauling Chapter, Corvallis)

NAACP (Corvallis)

Religious Society of Friends (Corvallis)

Corvallis Raging Grannies

Corvallis No War

Beit Am Sustainability Committee

*Much appreciation to the students of the Oregon State University Longhouse Eena Haws for their support and feedback that has been incorporated into the resolution.

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PORTLAND

Whereas, the Dakota Access Pipeline (DAPL) is proposed to run through land sacred to the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe and carry approximately 450,000 barrels of crude oil per day; and

Whereas, the DAPL has the capacity to negatively impact, through its construction and possible ruptures, the Tribe's treaty resources, ancestral lands, natural resources and sacred sites; and

Whereas, placing the pipeline in this location without full federal cultural and historical reviews that may be required under the National Historic Preservation Act, the National Environmental Policy Act, the Clean Water Act, and the Rivers and Harbors Act impacts not only the Tribe but also the Native communities who have called this area their home since time immemorial; and

Whereas, the City of Portland rests on lands at the confluence of the Willamette and Columbia Rivers and its location was a major crossroads for economic, social and political interactions of Indigenous tribes for thousands of years; and

Whereas, has an indigenous population of over 40,000 people descended from more than 380 tribes; and

Whereas, the City of Portland has acted to address climate change and oppose the expansion of fossil fuel infrastructure that may affect both local communities and those far upstream from us; and

Whereas, projects like the DAPL are antithetical to the City's effort, and to the global effort, to stabilize carbon emissions; and

Whereas, the City Council approved a resolution standing in solidarity with the Tribe and other communities opposing the pipeline, and urging the responsible federal agencies to take any and all steps necessary to respect and protect the Tribe's treaty resources, ancestral lands, natural resources and sacred sites;

Now therefore, I, Charlie Hales, Mayor of the City of Portland, Oregon, the "City of Roses," do hereby proclaim Portland's support for

Standing Rock Sioux Tribe

and the other communities opposing the Dakota Access Pipeline.

Charlie Hales

