Ordinance to Ban City/County Purchases of Shell Products

Whereas, the citizens of the city/county of ____________ recognize their collective responsibility as a community to express their repugnance of and moral outrage against the racist apartheid regime in South Africa and to take action to bring about the end of apartheid; and

Whereas, the system of apartheid in South Africa is a form of institutionalized racism which denies the majority of the population fundamental human rights including the right to participate in the political process; and

Whereas, apartheid further denies and limits the majority of the population's basic human and civil rights to employment, education, freedom of speech, press, and assembly, and a just legal system; and

Whereas, the city/county of ____________ asserts its rights to measure the moral character of its business relations in determining with whom it shall conduct business; and

Whereas, Royal Dutch/Shell is a key multinational oil company which supplies fuel to the South African police and
military, the brutal enforcers of apartheid, and maintains investments and operations in South Africa; and

Whereas, Royal Dutch/Shell is the target of an international boycott of all of its subsidiaries and products because of its involvement in South Africa; and

Whereas, Royal/Dutch Shell and its wholly-owned subsidiaries, Shell South Africa and Shell Oil Company (U.S.A.), does do business in and with South Africa and, thus, profits from the apartheid system;

Therefore, be it resolved that the city/county of ___________ will no longer do business with Royal Dutch/Shell and Shell Oil Company until Royal Dutch/Shell completely withdraws from South Africa;

Further, be it resolved that the city/county of ___________ and all of its departments and agencies are immediately prohibited from purchasing any Shell products until Royal Dutch/Shell completely withdraws from South Africa;

Further, be it resolved that the city/county of ___________ from this day forward be declared "Shell-Free" until that time when Royal Dutch/Shell disinvests from South Africa.