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Transportation currently accounts for approximately 50% of the greenhouse gas emissions in the City of Los Angeles, and these emissions are a main driver of global climate change.

The City has adopted rigorous renewable portfolio standards to increase the percentage of LADWP's electricity that is generated from renewable resources like wind, solar, and geothermal power. These policies will reduce the carbon intensity of our electricity and make it an environmentally superior transportation fuel relative to petroleum.

President Obama has set a goal of putting 1 million plug-in electric vehicles on the road by 2015, and major automakers and new startup firms have announced plans to introduce plug-in hybrid electric vehicles and battery electric vehicles to the California market in 2010. In addition, the Obama Administration has just announced that the Federal government will provide \$2.4 billion in grants for greener vehicles. These new vehicles will complement the previous generation of electric vehicles currently operating in Los Angeles, while the investment in greener vehicle technology will help to spur the country's economy.

To protect public health, address global climate change, improve energy security, and foster the greening of our economy, the City should encourage sustainable modes of transportation, and provide incentives for the adoption of highly energy efficient and non-polluting vehicles. The City has previously taken action to incentivize the adoption of innovative vehicle technologies by offering free parking to early adopters of alternative fuel and hybrid electric vehicles beginning in 2004.

Now that hybrid electric vehicles (HEV) are well positioned in the Los Angeles market and a new generation of plug in technologies is on the way, the City should take action to help accelerate the adoption of plug-in hybrid electric vehicles (PHEV), battery electric vehicles (BEV), and other zero emissions vehicles in Los Angeles by providing free parking at City meters and off-street parking facilities.

I THEREFORE MOVE that in preparation for a new wave of investment in electric vehicles, the Department of Transportation and the Department of Environmental Affairs be directed to report to the Transportation Committee within 45 days with recommendations to implement a free parking program for advanced technology vehicles

I FURTHER MOVE that such report includes estimates of vehicle adoption rates, costs for administering the program, and foregone meter revenue as well as recommendations for amending the program as environmentally friendly vehicle technologies continue to advance and become more ubiquitous.

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