

TO THE COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF LOS ANGELES

FILE NO. 10-1153

Your **PLANNING AND LAND USE MANAGEMENT** Committee

reports as follows:

PLANNING AND LAND USE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT relative to a Solar Zoning Ordinance and streamline the permitting process for solar energy panel structures.

Recommendation for Council action, as initiated by Motion (Garcetti - Reyes - Smith):

1. INSTRUCT the Planning Department, in consultation with the City Attorney and with the assistance of the Department of Building and Safety (DBS), Department of Water and Power (DWP) and the Fire Department, to prepare and present a Solar Zoning Ordinance within 60 days and streamline the permitting process for solar energy panel structures.
2. INSTRUCT the Planning Department to convene a working group with the Fire Department, DBS, DWP, and City Attorney to develop an ordinance that addresses the following priorities:
 - a. The City intends to be solar friendly and allow all reasonable solar arrays particularly in commercial and industrial zones.
 - b. New rooftop structures designed to maximize the number of panels or amount of sunlight captured need to be reviewed in residential or other sensitive areas.

Fiscal Impact Statement: Neither the City Administrative Officer nor the Chief Legislative Analyst has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

Summary:

At the public hearing held on July 20, 2010, the Planning and Land Use Management Committee considered and, after an opportunity for public comment, recommended that Council approve Motion (Garcetti - Reyes - Smith) relative to instructing the Planning Department, in consultation with the City Attorney and with the assistance of the DBS, DWP and the Fire Department, to prepare and present a Solar Zoning Ordinance and streamline the permitting process for solar energy panel structures.

Respectfully submitted,

PLANNING AND LAND USE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
REYES:	YES
HUIZAR:	YES
KREKORIAN:	YES

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