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CDs 14, 6, 7, and 15

## MOTION PLANNING &amp; LAND USE MANAGEMENT

In order to thrive in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century economy, the City of Los Angeles must create, find funding for and implement programs to speed investment in cleaner industries and put people to work in well-paid, green-collar jobs. Additionally, there is an urgent need for municipal policies that streamline development, attract business and revitalize the local economy while promoting green enterprise and assisting the industrial sector to mitigate environmental impacts and encourage sustainable operational activities.

The City of Los Angeles' "Green L.A. Climate Action Plan" and "San Pedro Ports Clean Air Action Plan" have identified the cumulative impacts of pollution upon public health in our City. Strategies are needed to ensure environmental sustainability in toxic "hot spot" communities in Boyle Heights, Pacoima, and Wilmington. Young children, the elderly, people with chronic lung or heart disease as well as those suffering from asthma are especially vulnerable.

The policies of the City of Los Angeles can have a critical role in promoting green enterprise and assisting the industrial sector in implementing sustainable operational activities. Inspiration for innovative policies that balance economic prosperity and healthier communities can be found in the City of Los Angeles' Green Purchasing Program, Green Retrofit and Workforce Development Program and the Community Redevelopment Agency's "Healthy Neighborhoods Policy" that collectively can help to make the City among the "greenest" in the nation.

Local planning and land use policies provide a promising avenue to address the issue of sustainability and community health. In 2005, the City approved the "Sun Valley Environmental Justice Improvement Area." More recently, the California Air Resources Board and South Coast Air Quality Management District published a handbook and guidance documents that include innovative strategies to address these issues in General Plans and local planning. In addition, numerous federal and State incentive programs are available to assist such efforts.

To promote much-needed clean industry growth and economic development, the Council should instruct City agencies, including the Chief Legislative Analyst, Department of Planning, Community Redevelopment Agency, Department of Public Works and Building and Safety Department to analyze available data, consult with the respective Council Offices mentioned above and propose "Clean Up and Green Up" strategies in Boyle Heights, Pacoima, and Wilmington to include:

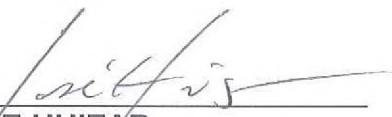
- Financial and planning incentives that contribute to the overall economic vitality of these communities, retain and create jobs, and attract new business and industrial uses, including but not limited to, utility and tax rebates, grant funding and permitting assistance.
- Inspection and enforcement protocols to ensure compliance with applicable conditions, regulations and laws to prevent and reduce concentrations of environmentally hazardous land uses.



- Administrative funding mechanism to enable associated permitting, inspection and compliance functions.
- Design standards designed to mitigate the impacts of land uses that create environmental hazards, while promoting economic development, public participation and community revitalization.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Chief Legislative Analyst, Department of City Planning, Community Redevelopment Agency, Department of Public Works, Los Angeles Fire Department and Building and Safety Department be directed to report to the Planning and Land Use Management Committee within ninety (90) days with recommendations on how to implement "Clean Up, Green Up" strategies in Boyle Heights (CD14), Pacoima (CD6/CD7), and Wilmington (CD15).

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