

LOS ANGELES COUNTY FEDERATION OF LABOR, AFL-CIO

RESOLUTION

In Support of the Clean Up Green Up Initiative in Los Angeles Presented to the Executive Board by Vice President Dave Campbell, USW 675

Whereas, scientific evidence demonstrates that many low-income Los Angeles communities have high levels of air pollution resulting, in part, from the concentration of emission sources in close proximity to homes, schools, playgrounds, and other sensitive uses, and

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Executive Secretary-Treasurer Whereas, the proposed Clean Up Green Up initiative takes a balanced approach to the problem of cumulative environmental impacts, providing economic incentives to local businesses to clean up and green up their operations, thereby retaining jobs and expanding employment opportunities, and

> Whereas, these economic incentives are coupled with familiar planning tools that seek to prevent further hazards and reduce existing levels of pollution, thereby protecting the health of workers and residents in three designated overlay districts or 'Green Zones' including Boyle Heights, Pacoima and Wilmington,

Whereas, the Clean Up Green Up initiative will complement and create synergy with other 'blue- green' initiatives in Los Angeles that encourage the development of green jobs strategies for our local economy and environmentally sustainable communities.

Whereas, the Clean Up Green Up motion (CF 11-0112) directs key City departments to make recommendations on how to implement Clean Up Green Up strategies in Boyle Heights (CD14), Pacoima (CD6/CD7), and Wilmington (CD15).

Whereas, piloting the proposed policy in three geographic areas will allow the City to narrowly apply this model and thoroughly evaluate its effectiveness prior to considering a broader effort to address the problem of cumulative environmental impacts.

Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the Los Angeles County Federation of Labor, AFL-CIO:

- 1. Finds the Clean Up Green Up motion consistent with its organizational values and mission, and its role as an advocate for workers and their families, promoting good jobs, safe working conditions and healthy communities in Los Angeles, and
- 2. Endorses the Clean Up Green Up motion (CF 11-0112) and encourages the Los Angeles City Council to adopt it as a preliminary step in developing a comprehensive approach to addressing cumulative environmental impacts in Los Angeles.

Approved by the General Body of the Los Angeles County Federation of Labor, AFL-CIO in Regular Session, April 16, 2012

Executive Secretary-Treasure

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