RESOLUTION, as amended

WHEREAS, any official position of the City of Los Angeles with respect to legislation, rules, regulations or policies proposed to or pending before a local, state or federal governmental body or agency must have first been adopted in the form of a Resolution by the City Council with the concurrence of the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, in late January 2012 Southern California Edison's (Edison) shut down Unit 3 of its nuclear reactor at San Onofre Nuclear Power Plant (San Onofre), after a leak related to replacement steam tube generators manufactured by Mitsubishi Heavy Industries; and

WHEREAS, earlier in January 2012, San Onofre reactor Unit 2 was taken offline for maintenance and both units remain off-line for inspections and repairs of premature tube wear within the steam generators; and

WHEREAS, Edison recently submitted a plan to the NRC to restart San Onofre Unit 2 at 70% power for 150 days, after which the reactor would be taken offline for inspections and while the utility considers a long-term plan for repairing the steam generators; and

WHEREAS, in 2011, the NRC recommended a 50 mile evacuation zone for Americans near Japan's Fukushima Daiichi plant after its earthquake, tsunami and resulting nuclear disaster; and

WHEREAS, three emergency zones have been established around San Onofre: a 10-mile emergency planning zone; 20-mile public education zone; and 50-mile ingestion pathway zone. Corresponding emergency response plans are governed by a committee of local, state and federal agencies and Edison, the composition of which is determined by state law and does not include Los Angeles, which is represented by the state of California.

WHEREAS, portions of Los Angeles, including the Port of Los Angeles, are within 50 miles of San Onofre, which poses possible logistical challenges and economic risks to the City of Los Angeles in the event of a significant radiation leak; and

WHEREAS, it is vitally important to ensure the health and well-being of the general public, the power plant workers, the potentially-affected residents of Los Angeles, and the environment; and

WHEREAS, the NRC's mission, by law, is to license and regulate the nation's civilian use of certain nuclear materials in order to ensure the adequate protection of public health and safety, promote the common defense and security, and to protect the environment;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2013-2014 Federal Legislative Program SUPPORT for action by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to make no decision about restarting either San Onofre unit until it has fully reviewed public safety through a prudent, transparent, and precautionary process, has allowed independent experts and the public ample opportunity to comment, and has confirmed that Southern California Edison has completed any resulting mandated repairs, replacements, or other actions necessary to guarantee both short- and long-term safe operation of San Onofre. Furthermore, the City encourages the NRC to take the time needed to independently determine whether or not the information, analysis and actions provided by Southern California Edison constitute a solid technical basis for the adequate protection of the public and resumption of operations.

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