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SPECIAL 1

RESOLUTION

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 government 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, the Keystone XL Pipeline (Keystone XL) seeks to transport petroleum products from Canada and the northern United States to refineries in the Gulf Coast of Texas; and

WHEREAS, if the Keystone XL is constructed, it will carry one of the world's dirtiest fuels, tar sands oil, and could devastate ecosystems and pollute water sources along its route, including lands inhabited by Indigenous Peoples; and

WHEREAS, Keystone XL will contribute dramatically to climate change given that tar sands fuel is up to 19% more greenhouse gas intensive than conventional fuel; and

WHEREAS, the tar sands industry admits that Keystone XL will lead to more tar sands production in world; and

WHEREAS, total carbon pollution impacts of Keystone XL are the equivalent of putting 9 million cars on the road; and

WHEREAS, contrary to claims made by supporters of Keystone XL, the pipeline could end as many jobs as it creates with toxic spills in farmland or water resources; and

WHEREAS, only 10% of the created jobs would be filled by local people living in communities along the pipeline's route; and

WHEREAS, the completion of the Keystone XL will only lead to an increase in the amount of harmful toxic pollutants in the Country and in the atmosphere, it is necessary that the Federal Government be urged to oppose the Keystone XL and any efforts to use and transport harmful tar sands oil; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. House of Representatives voted today to approve the Keystone XL and has sent the bill to the U.S. Senate;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that by adoption of this Resolution, with the concurrence of the Mayor, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2013-2014 Federal Legislative Program **OPPOSITION** to the completion of the Keystone XL Pipeline project and its transport of tar sands oil given its harmful impact on the ecosystem; that the U.S. Department of State be **URGED** to deny any permits granting the completion of the Keystone XL Pipeline; and that President Obama veto any such legislation that makes it to his desk.

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