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Public Comment - E&E Committee, May 7, 2014

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Position: FOR THE MOTION

Chairman Fuentes and honorable committee members,

I strongly support Councilmember Fuentes' motion reviewing the Solar Rights Act and recommending common sense changes that would protect the City's Zoning and Residential, Open Space, Agricultural and K-Overlay land from being developed as commercial "Solar Farms".

A Solar Farm is nothing more than a energy generating plant, and a commercial enterprise. It belongs in a commercial zone and on the roofs of properties that are already built, not slathered across every inch of unbuilt Residential, OS, Agricultural and K-overlay zoned properties where it creates visual and physical blight, drives down property values, reduces quality of life, and destroys vital K-overlay uses (equine and kennel.)

If left as-is, Los Angeles' interpretation of the Solar Rights Act creates a farm-sized hole through the entire zoning code. Los Angeles is a Charter City, and as such has the right to self-govern, including how it manages and interprets its Zoning code. Please place common sense restrictions on these so-called "Farms", and fix the gaping wound in the Zoning code. Solar Farms on undeveloped R, A, OS, and K-overlay are fundamentally wrong - they are COMMERCIAL and must be regulated as such.

Thank you,

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