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In SUPPORT of Motion CF 14-0331

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To: the Los Angeles City Council via Legislative Analyst Adam Lid:

I support motion CF 14-0331 Solar Rights Act/Discretion to Review Solar Projects/Recommend Amendments because there needs to be measures to review, regulate and restrict the placement of commercial industrial solar panel fields in Los Angeles.

In essence, commercial industrial solar panel field placement is best suited for presently M zoned land; of which there is plenty. M zoned land is usually located far from residential communities so as not to jeopardize residents' health, safety and quality of life.

The people's health, safety and quality of life should take precedence over all other considerations and when commercial industry threatens to intrude on the aforementioned, a strict scrutinization of the commercial industry must take place.

Other California municipalities, like San Bernardino, have instituted ordinances that protect their people and environs. As stated in San Bernardino Development Code, Chapter 84.29 "Renewable Energy Generation Facilities", Section 84.29.035(b)(1) "Required Findings for Approval of a Commercial Solar Energy Facility" the planning commission shall consider, "the characteristic of the commercial solar energy facility development site and its physical and environmental setting, as well as the physical layout and design of the proposed development in relation to nearby communities, neighborhoods, and rural residential uses."

It would behoove the city of Los Angeles to make similar considerations in order to protect the health, safety and welfare of its residents. Moreover, Los Angeles needs to preserve, as in this case, the equestrian continuity of the Lake View Terrace community. It is horrendously incongruous to place an industrial commercial solar panel field amongst bucolic ranches and majestic foothills. Only a compelling state interest, lacking any and all alternatives, should override the integrity of the community's husbandry and scenery.

Respectfully,

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