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ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT

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On November 25th, 2014, the City Council adopted an action relative to the Property Assessed Clean Energy Program (Program) being developed by the County of Los Angeles (CF# 14-0812; Blumenfield - Fuentes). The PACE Program would allow property-owners to install energy efficiency, renewable energy and water-saving improvements to their properties without putting any money down. The property owners would work with County-approved firms to finance the improvements, and repay through an assessment on their property tax bill.

Specifically, the City Council requested the County to implement the PACE program expeditiously and that it include key components; such as strong consumer protection provisions and coordination with the Department of Water and Power (DWP) to effectively manage incentives. It also requested the County to allow multiple PACE providers to encourage competition.

Since that time, the County has initiated the LA PACE Program which allows property owners to work with one of two County-approved firms for financing improvements - California First and HERO - in single family homes and apartment buildings of four units or less. The County also operates a separate program for commercial and multifamily buildings.

The County is now in the process of determining if it should open the Program to additional firms, add new program components and harmonize consumer protection standards.

These are positive developments which seek to strengthen the Program, however, it would be appropriate for the City to assess the County's Program, its standards and consumer protection provisions to ensure they maximize participation of residential and commercial customers.

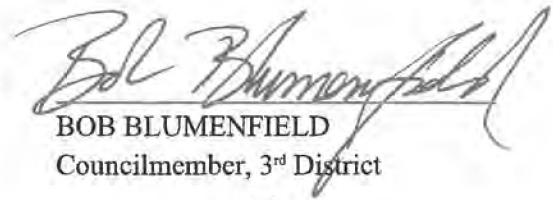
In addition, the City should explore the viability of developing uniform consumer protection standards with the County in order to ensure local objectives are met and sufficient consumer protections are provided.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Council instruct the City Administrative Officer (CAO), in conjunction with the Bureau of Contract Administration (BCA), to review the County's LA PACE Program, its program components and standards; and determine if they maximize residential and commercial sector participation.

I FURTHER MOVE that the CAO and the BCA report on the LA PACE Program's consumer protection standards, and recommend enhanced consumer standards that are at least as protective as the County's and PACE Nation for adoption by the City Council.

I MOVE FURTHER that the CAO and the BCA report on data collection related to the seismic LA PACE program.

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