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Brief Summary: Honorable Mayor, members of the Los Angeles City Council, and Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, on the 45th Anniversary of Earth Day, the Van Nuys Neighborhood Council voted to amend council bylaws to create a standing Sustainability Committee.

Additional Information: The Van Nuys Neighborhood Council unanimously support Councilman Paul Koretz's motion to implement a Citywide greenhouse gas emission reduction target of 80 percent below 1990 levels by 2050, and a Department of Water

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Re: **SUPPORT:** *Citywide Greenhouse Gas Reduction Target 80% Reduction to 1990 Levels By 2050, LADWP By 2030; Council File #14-0907.*

Honorable Mayor, members of the Los Angeles City Council, and Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, on the 45th Anniversary of Earth Day, the Van Nuys Neighborhood Council voted to amend council bylaws to create a standing Sustainability Committee focused on neighborhood-centric enforcement of Senate Bill 375 *Sustainable Communities and Climate Protection Act of 2008*, which supports California's climate action goals to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions through coordinated transportation and land-use planning for sustainable communities that include safe multimodal transportation options that reduce vehicle miles traveled, affordable housing in mixed income development to meet demand, livable wages and job creation that promote prosperity, healthy ecosystems that preserve wildlife habitat to form resiliency, and business practices that facilitate stability.

As our newly appointed chair of Van Nuys Neighborhood Council's Sustainability Committee is a Smart Growth advocate, serving on policy committees of diverse advocacy groups from transit to habitat conservation; advising a senior attorney who's won legal precedent for GHG emission reduction in regional land-use through ground-breaking litigation to enforce SB375; and a community leader who has volunteered hundreds of hours at regional planning meetings to comment on-record on behalf of neighborhoods to governing bodies throughout Southern California, this council's appointment of a strong voice for meaningful GHG emission targets demonstrates Van Nuys' dedication to climate resiliency. Our council, representing a community of more than 170,000 Angelenos, wants California's climate laws enforced and strict GHG emission reduction goals met.

The Van Nuys Neighborhood Council unanimously support Councilman Paul Koretz's motion to implement a Citywide greenhouse gas emission reduction target of 80 percent below 1990 levels by 2050, and a Department of Water & Power greenhouse gas emissions reduction target of 80 percent below 1990 levels by 2030.

Let's get it done!

Sincerely,
George Christopher Thomas
Honorary Mayor of Van Nuys
President, Van Nuys Neighborhood Council

Motion that the Van Nuys Neighborhood Council join the Rim of the Valley Study Coalition, and to authorize Matti Asgarian to represent and vote on its behalf of the council at Rim of the Valley Study Coalition Meetings. **APPROVED Unanimous**

Motion that the Van Nuys Neighborhood Council support Councilmember Paul Koretz's motion to implement a Citywide greenhouse gas emission reduction target of 80 percent below 1990 levels by 2050, and a Department of Water & Power greenhouse gas emissions reduction target of 80 percent below 1990 levels by 2030. **APPROVED Unanimous**