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Brief Summary: On August 7, 2014, a Brown Act compliant general meeting of the Historic Highland Park Neighborhood Council, the Board voted unanimously in support of Council Member Koretz' motion to implement DWP gas emissions reduction targets.

Additional Information:

COMMUNITY IMPACT STATEMENT
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On August 7, 2014, a Brown Act compliant general meeting of the Historic Highland Park Neighborhood Council, the Board voted unanimously in support of Council Member Koretz' motion to implement DWP gas emissions reduction targets with the following language:

The Historic Highland Park Neighborhood Council represents over 60,000 Los Angeles stakeholders who reside, own property, or conduct business in our neighborhood. We are, like many Angelinos, concerned about the quality of the air we breathe every day and about the dangers of global warming of which our city has had more than a taste this year.

The Los Angeles Basin used to be known as an epicenter of smog pollution with many days of unhealthy air where children, seniors and people with respiratory issues were advised to stay indoors. Since the 1980s, we have reduced ozone pollution and particulate matter emissions by a combination of state and local regulations driven by increased pressure from a more knowledgeable electorate. But we still have a long way to go.

Councilman Koretz' motion to implement DWP gas emissions reduction target at a level 80% below 1990 levels by 2030, and a citywide greenhouse gas emissions reduction target at a level 80% below 1990 levels by 2050 would be an excellent start. Provided that steps are taken to ensure that consumer bills do not increase in connection therewith.

Our city needs to accelerate renewable energy alternatives that wean us off dangerous extreme fossil fuel extraction, transportation, storage, and refining projects in the City of Los Angeles. Doing this now will help bend the curve of global warming, reducing risk to the health and safety of our neighborhood and others around the city, improve the sustainability of our ecosystems including restoring the health and beauty of the LA River system, and move to stabilize our global climate to reduce extreme weather conditions here and around the world.

It is time for the City of Los Angeles to join San Francisco, Boston, New York, Toronto, and Chicago in making this commitment to protect the health and safety of communities, local and regional ecosystems, and the long-term stability of the global climate. In addition to significant health and safety benefits, this move will push our region toward the transition to a clean energy economy based on efficiency, conservation, and renewable energy sources, with tens of thousands of associated employment opportunities.