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Office of Councilmember Paul Koretz  
Los Angeles City Council, District 5  
200 North Spring Street, Room 440  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Re: Motion 14-0907

Dear Councilmember Koretz:

The Silver Lake Neighborhood Council supports your motion to investigate ways in which the City of Los Angeles can reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 80% below 1990 levels by 2050, with more aggressive targets for the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power.

With the failure on the international front to effectively reduce greenhouse emissions quickly enough to prevent large-scale disasters precipitated by climate change, it is incumbent on local leaders to do everything they can to reduce global warming. Therefore, not only does the Silver Lake Neighborhood Council support your motion, but we demand that the city implement everything necessary to achieve even more ambitious goals.

The City of Los Angeles has the potential to demonstrate leadership on this issue and wield its global influence for real and necessary impact. The City should not only join San Francisco, Boston, New York, Toronto, and Chicago in making this commitment to protect communities from the ravages of global warming, but aim for zero net emissions from fossil fuels as soon as possible.

This is the critical issue of our era, as we are on a collision course with nature. In its Fifth Assessment Report (2014), the United Nations' Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) concluded that although "it remains technically possible to keep planetary warming to a tolerable level, only an intensive push over the next 15 years to bring those emissions under control can achieve the goal," according to the New York Times.

Now is the time to act.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T. Sitz', written in a cursive style.

Teresa Sitz, Secretary

On behalf of the

Silver Lake Neighborhood Council

Cc: Councilmember Mitch O'Farrell

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