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Honorable Paul Koretz
200 North Spring Street, Suite 440
Los Angeles, CA 90012

RE: CF #14-0907 (80% Reduction of Greenhouse Gas Emissions by 2050) – Support

Dear Councilmember Koretz:

Environment California strongly supports your motion #14-0907, a critical measure to establish a goal for Los Angeles to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions 80 percent by 2050.

Global warming is the most critical issue of our time and Environment California, a citizen-funded environmental advocacy organization, is working to build the public support needed to establish and implement strong climate goals. California has made great strides in meeting its existing GHG reduction targets. However, California must continue to set and meet aggressive GHG reduction targets in order to achieve a healthier climate, improved public health, and the creation of new jobs in the state's growing clean energy economy.

Environment California talks to hundreds of thousands of Californians in neighborhoods and communities across the state every year, and we know that Angelenos are ready for L.A. to lead the way on GHG reductions.

Angelenos are ready for an equitable solution to GHG emissions. Air pollution, climate change, and their accompanying health effects disproportionately impact low-income communities and communities of color. Reducing emissions through this motion will help alleviate the inequitable distribution of environmental costs. Furthermore, this motion makes every neighborhood council a stakeholder in the solutions to climate change, driving broad and diverse community engagement.

Angelenos are ready to work for GHG emissions reduction, and many of them already do. There are already over 54,000 Californians working in the solar industry—bringing \$1.6 billion in annual benefits to California. Clean energy and transportation provide sustained local employment for Californians and Angelenos:

Angelenos are ready to lead the way on global climate solutions. The world is meeting in Paris in the coming weeks to discuss the climate crisis, and the assembled countries will look for a leader to pioneer the path to a clean climate future. This moment is an opportunity for California and Los Angeles to reaffirm their status as global leaders.

Thank you for your leadership on climate change solutions. We urge the full City Council to support this motion; by doing so the City of Los Angeles can lead the way to a cleaner, healthier world.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Garrick Monaghan". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Garrick Monaghan
Campaign Organizer