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Dear Mayor Garcetti and City Council President Wesson,

On behalf of the Moms Clean Air Force, representing over 45,000 moms, parents and supporters in CA, please accept this letter in strong support of Councilmember Paul Koretz's motion to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power to 80% below 1990 levels by the year 2030, and an 80% citywide reduction by 2050.

Moms Clean Air Force believes we have a moral obligation to act to protect our children and to leave them a planet that's not damaged by carbon pollution.

Alarming scientific findings from the [National Climate Assessment](#) show that climate change is already impacting all parts of the U.S., and L.A. can expect more intense heat waves and dryer conditions in the coming decades. Children are particularly vulnerable to the health impacts of climate change by making asthma triggers worse; extreme heat is hard on little bodies and the soot and smog pollution that climate change exacerbates damages developing lungs and increases respiratory infections. Slashing the city's carbon emissions will help fight climate change while also reducing other harmful pollutants, keeping our kids safer and promoting a better city for future generations.

Positioning the city now to meet a long-term greenhouse gas emissions reduction target will result in better air for our children, fewer hospital visits and more jobs in the green economy. Notably, a recent [study](#) by UCLA Luskin Center for Innovation and EDF shows that L.A. County is currently leaving around 98 percent of its solar capacity untapped. Achieving just 10 percent of its rooftop solar potential could create 47,000 jobs and slash nearly 2.5 million tons of carbon dioxide emissions annually — the equivalent of taking about half a million cars off the road and reducing carbon pollution that threatens our children's health.

By leading the way on climate change action, Los Angeles can not only mitigate the real risks it faces now and in the coming decades but also inspire other cities to follow suit. As such, we firmly support this motion and respectfully urge the City of Los Angeles to pass it. Thank you for your consideration. If you have any questions or concerns, please call me at (415) 293-6140 or email me at lrussell@momsleanairforce.org.

Sincerely,

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