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Honorable Los Angeles City Council  
Los Angeles City Hall  
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Los Angeles, CA 90012

**RE: Los Angeles Council File 16-0243: Research Partnership / 100 Percent Energy Portfolio / Department of Water and Power**

In 2017, the City of Los Angeles initiated a 100% Renewable Energy Study with the aim of determining a viable pathway for the city to achieve complete renewable energy integration. However, the study does not currently include any proposals for achieving 100% clean renewable energy by 2030 and allows for the continued combustion of biomass and biogas, as well as the continued operation of L.A.'s four gas power plants.

The pollution created by biomass and biogas burning facilities would perpetuate the release of greenhouse gas emissions such as carbon dioxide and methane into the atmosphere, while prolonging LADWP's dependency on fossil fuel infrastructure.

The presence of such facilities threatens the health and safety of their surrounding communities, through the release of particulate matter, airborne chemicals, and other volatile organic compounds; along with the risk of toxic chemical spills, methane leaks, and water contamination.

A 2018 study by Synapse Energy Economics has shown that viable pathways exist for LADWP to transition to a fully decarbonized electric sector by 2030 through investment in energy efficiency, increased storage, and smart management of the energy grid, without the need for biogas, biofuels, nuclear generation, or unbundled renewable energy credits.

The Synapse Energy study has shown that such a transition to 100% clean, renewable energy by 2030 could be achieved while maintaining power reliability, while costing LADWP less than if they continue to rely on pollution-emitting and dangerous fuels like biogas, biomass, methane and nuclear energy.

A transition to 100% clean, renewable energy by 2030 will create good, green jobs in Los Angeles, as Los Angeles already leads the country in total clean energy jobs. Any transition towards a renewable energy system should be a fair and just transition for workers including retraining, retaining pensions, wages and safety standards.

As the country's largest public utility, LADWP's leadership in transitioning Los Angeles to 100% clean renewable energy would set a powerful example for cities around the world.

Therefore, any proposals created through the city's 100% Renewable Energy Study should include robust participation and dialogue with the public, so that community input can help guide the city's transition to a decarbonized future.

The Empowerment Congress West Area Neighborhood Development Council calls on Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti, the Los Angeles City Council, and the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) to study a 100% real, clean energy by 2030 scenario that excludes methane, biomass, biogas, nuclear energy, and unbundled renewable energy credits.

Respectfully

Empowerment Congress West Area NDC