

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, any official position of the City of Los Angeles with respect to legislation, rules, regulations or policies proposed to or pending before a local, state, or federal governmental body or agency must have first been adopted in the form of a Resolution by the City Council with the concurrence of the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, the nations of the world made a historic commitment in December 2015 in Paris to protect our climate, pledging efforts to limit global temperature increase to 1.5° C above pre-industrial levels in order to stave off the worst impact of climate change; and

WHEREAS, in order to achieve that goal, the United States must transition to 100% renewable energy before mid-century; and

WHEREAS, Donald Trump has withdrawn the United States from the Paris Accord; and

WHEREAS, the City of Los Angeles, through a motion by Councilmember Mike Bonin and under Mayor Eric Garcetti's leadership, has pledged to align with the nations who adopted the Paris climate accord and increase investment in renewable energy; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Garcetti, through the Climate Mayors group, has led over 338 other U.S. cities in adopting the Paris Accord and 100% renewable energy goals; and

WHEREAS, procuring renewable electricity resources is essential to meeting the state's climate change goals by displacing fossil fuel consumption and reducing emissions of greenhouse gases associated with electrical generation; and

WHEREAS, procuring renewable electricity resources provides critical public health benefits in terms of reducing air pollution, particularly criteria pollutant emissions and toxic air contaminants; and

WHEREAS, procuring renewable electricity resources can promote stable retail rates for electrical service, meet the state's need for a diversified and balanced energy generation portfolio, assist with meeting the state's resource adequacy requirements, and contribute to the safe the reliable operation of the electrical grid; and

WHEREAS, clean energy jobs are growing at a much higher rate than the state's overall economy—six times the rate in 2015; and

WHEREAS, California's existing Renewables Portfolio Standard requires California's electrical utilities to procure a minimum of 33% of its electrical products from eligible renewable energy resources by December 31, 2020 and 50% by December 31, 2030; and

WHEREAS, a state bill has been introduced by Senate Pro Tem Kevin De León, SB-100, which would accelerate the timeline for achieving 50% renewable electricity, from 2030 to 2026; and

WHEREAS, SB-100 would establish that California will achieve 60% renewable electricity by 2030 and 100% renewable electricity by 2045; and


WHEREAS, SB-100 will accomplish these targets by requiring: (1) The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) to establish an updated Renewables Portfolio Standard for investor-owned utilities in accordance with these targets. (2) Publicly-owned utilities to adopt and implement renewable energy resources procurement plans in accordance with these targets. (3) The CPUC, California Energy Commission, and the State Air Resources Board to incorporate these targets into the planning for all energy and climate programs under their jurisdiction; and







WHEREAS, achievements exceeding the Paris Climate goals must be enacted as soon as possible in order to stave off the most extreme climate chaos;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles includes in its 2017-2018 State Legislative Program SUPPORT for SB-100 (De León), which seeks to achieve 100% renewable electricity by 2045, creating healthier communities now and a more livable future for children growing up today.

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