

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 government 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, on January 18, 2017, the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee considered President-elect Donald J. Trump's selection of Scott Pruitt, Oklahoma's Attorney General, to lead the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and has a pending vote on the confirmation; and

WHEREAS, as Attorney General, Mr. Pruitt spent much of his time opposing the Obama administration over EPA's actions to regulate air, water pollution and to curb greenhouse gas emissions; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Pruitt sued the EPA to block the implementation of the Clean Water Rule, which protects drinking water sources used by one in three Americans; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Pruitt also sought to overturn rules that project clean air in national parks and wildlife refuges, and limit mercury and other toxic pollutants emitted by power plants; and

WHEREAS, as Attorney General, Mr. Pruitt challenged the Clean Power Plan, President Obama's landmark climate change legislation; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Pruitt is on the record stating that he believes the science of climate change is "far from settled;" and



WHEREAS, during his Senate confirmation hearing, Mr. Pruitt said that he cannot commit to keeping in place the current version of the decades-old federal waiver that allows California to set emissions standards stricter than elsewhere in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the head of the EPA should be guided by science when crafting and implementing policy and should put the health and welfare of the American people and the environment ahead of industry interests; and

WHEREAS, the City of Los Angeles has committed to aggressive climate emissions reductions for the health of the City and its residents, the economic health of its businesses, and the future of its children;

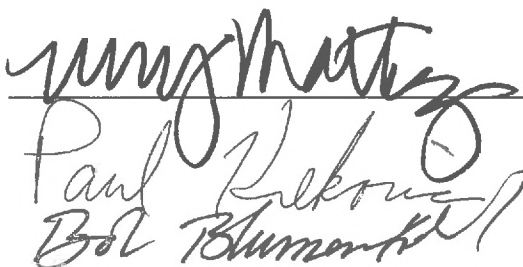
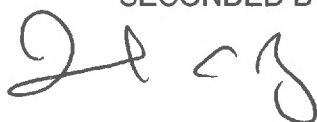
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2017-2018 Federal Legislative Program OPPOSITION to President-elect Donald J. Trump's nomination of Scott Pruitt to head the Environmental Protection Agency since this appointment would impact the health and welfare of the American people and the environment.

PRESENTED BY:



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Councilmember, 5th District

SECONDED BY:



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