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The United States Environmental Protection Agency defines Environmental Justice as “the fair treatment and meaningful involvement of all people regardless of race, color, culture, national origin, income, and educational levels with respect to the development, implementation, and enforcement of protective environmental laws, regulations, and policies.”

Here in Los Angeles, the City has taken various steps forward to address Environmental Justice in local communities, including the establishment of the Sun Valley Environmental Justice Improvement Area in 2003, and most recently, adoption of the Clean Up Green Up ordinances and strategies for the communities of Sun Valley, Pacoima, Boyle Heights, and Wilmington.

Additional opportunities to further the principles and objectives of Environmental Justice may exist with the City’s water, power, and trash related infrastructure and operations. As such, it is important for the Council to understand how the Bureau of Sanitation and Department of Water and Power approach Environmental Justice.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Bureau of Sanitation and the Department of Water and Power report on how their infrastructure and operations incorporate Environmental Justice, as well as any opportunities to further support environmental justice in burdened communities.

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