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In November and December of 2015, the 21st Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC COP21) took place in Paris. The UN Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) has warned of the consequences of failing to limit global temperature rises to at least 2 degrees Celsius (above pre-industrial times), highlighting that the impacts would pose a threat to humanity and could lead to irreversible climate change.

At the UNFCCC COP21, an agreement was reached by all 195 participating State Parties that is one of the most significant pieces of international diplomacy in human history.

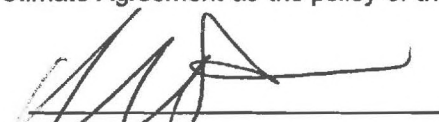
Signatories of the Paris Climate Agreement agreed to a series of steps to address climate change, including:

- A long-term goal of keeping the increase in global average temperature to well below 2°C above pre-industrial levels;
- To aim to limit the increase to 1.5°C, since this would significantly reduce risks and the impacts of climate change;
- The need for global emissions to peak as soon as possible, recognizing that this will take longer for developing countries;
- Undertaking rapid reductions thereafter in accordance with the best available science;
- Coming together every five years to set more ambitious targets as required by science;
- Reporting to each other and the public on how well they are doing to implement their targets;
- Tracking progress towards the long-term goal through a robust transparency and accountability system;
- Strengthening society's' ability to deal with the impacts of climate change;
- Providing continued and enhanced international support for adaptation to developing countries;
- Recognizing the importance of averting, minimising and addressing loss and damage associated with the adverse effects of climate change;
- Acknowledging the need to cooperate and enhance the understanding, action and support in different areas such as early warning systems, emergency preparedness and risk insurance; and

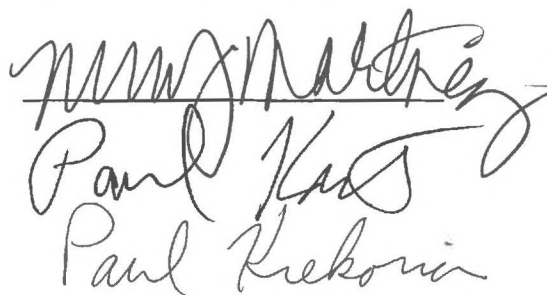
On May 31, President Donald Trump has indicated that he intends to withdraw the United States from the Paris Climate Agreement, which would do severe damage to the international community's ability to address a grave threat to human existence on the planet Earth.

I THEREFORE MOVE, that the City Council instruct the Department of Water and Power and all relevant City Departments to adopt the stipulations of the Paris Climate Agreement as the policy of the City of Los Angeles.

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