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Council Meeting Date: April 27, 2018

Agenda Item No.: 7

Agenda Description: ENERGY, CLIMATE CHANGE, AND ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the establishment of a Climate Emergency Mobilization Department.

Council Action: ENERGY, CLIMATE CHANGE, AND ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE REPORT - ADOPTED

Council Vote:

YES	BOB BLUMENFIELD
YES	MIKE BONIN
ABSENT	JOE BUSCAINO
YES	GILBERT A. CEDILLO
ABSENT	MITCHELL ENGLANDER
YES	MARQUEECE HARRIS-DAWSON
YES	JOSE HUIZAR
YES	PAUL KORETZ
YES	PAUL KREKORIAN
YES	NURY MARTINEZ
YES	MITCH O'FARRELL
YES	CURREN D. PRICE
YES	MONICA RODRIGUEZ
YES	DAVID RYU
YES	HERB WESSON

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ENERGY, CLIMATE CHANGE, AND ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE
REPORT relative to the establishment of a Climate Emergency Mobilization Department.

Recommendations for Council action, initiated by Motion (Koretz - Blumenfield - Huizar - Bonin):

1. DIRECT the Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA), working with the City Administrative Officer (CAO), to report within 30 days on the establishment of a Climate Emergency Mobilization Department with all powers to plan and coordinate all of the City's climate and resilience responses with said report to include:
 - a. Emergency climate mitigation
 - b. Resilience and adaptation programs to include emergency public education and an outreach stakeholder process that includes the:
 - i. Mayor's Sustainability and Resilience Offices
 - ii. Scientists, social and environmental justice advocates
 - iii. Local labor unions and union federation
 - iv. Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance
 - v. Local Non-Governmental Organizations
 - vi. Neighborhood councils
 - vii. Homeowners' associations
 - viii. Business groups.
 - c. Consideration of the proposed Climate Emergency Mobilization Department would have authority over other City Departments.
 - d. The fiscal impacts of creating a Climate Emergency Mobilization Department.
2. DIRECT the CLA, working with the CAO, to report within 30 days in regard to:
 - a. The feasibility of creating a stakeholder commission that would oversee the Climate Emergency Mobilization Department to include requiring seats for environmental justice groups, labor groups, business, and others.
 - b. A discussion of the current status of the governance of climate issues within the City and progress the City has made in recent years in addressing these issues.

Fiscal Impact Statement: Neither the CAO nor the CLA has completed a financial analysis of

this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

Summary:

On April 17, 2018 your Committee considered a Motion (Koretz - Blumenfield - Huizar - Bonin) relative to the establishment of a Climate Emergency Mobilization Department. According to the Motion, as unprecedented winter wildfires and ensuing mudslides destroyed parts of our City and region, a climate emergency mobilization of our City has never been more fiercely urgent. Such an effort must end to the maximum extent technically feasible city-wide greenhouse gas emissions in every sector by 2025 and begin a large-scale effort to safely and justly remove carbon from the atmosphere. Without an immediate and drastic change from the status quo, humans will cause irreversible and ever-worsening damage to the Earth's climate. To act too late, or to be too cautious in our vision and do too little, carries the risk of condemning the City and its residents to an increasingly uninhabitable climate and potentially catastrophic economic losses caused by worsening disasters.

While the wildfires and mudslides demonstrate that the climate emergency threatens everyone, the disasters wrought by an abruptly destabilizing climate have so far most devastatingly impacted lower-income communities of color first and worst. Drought, famine, and instability have devastated countries in the Global South. Millions of climate refugees have already left their homes in search of a safe place to live. In the United States, we have seen after Hurricanes Katrina, Sandy, Harvey, Irma and Maria how the environmentally and economically vulnerable have been generally left to fend for themselves.

The City must therefore aggressively move to reduce and remove greenhouse gas emissions and adapt and restore ecosystems by rapidly adopting legislation to mandate such efforts Citywide and by doing so in such a way that lower-income and frontline communities of color benefit first from mitigation and adaptation funds. The City can thereby create a model for other cities to follow and use its global climate leadership standing to lead the way. By doing so, Angelenos can trigger a global mobilization to restore a safe climate, thereby creating the conditions for a future, not of chaos and misery, but of community and dignity.

After consideration and having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to recommend approval of the Motion, as amended. This matter is now submitted to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

ENERGY, CLIMATE CHANGE, AND ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
MARTINEZ:	YES
KORETZ:	YES
KREKORIAN:	YES

CEDILLO: ABSENT
O'FARRELL: YES

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