



March 18, 2019

Re: Support for Climate Emergency Mobilization Department creation

The Honorable Members of the Los Angeles City Council
200 North Spring Street
Los Angeles, CA 90014

Dear Los Angeles City Council President Herb J. Wesson; Councilmember Paul Koretz; Energy, Climate Change, and Environmental Justice Chair Nury Martinez; and Los Angeles City Councilmembers,

We thank you for your work and leadership and are writing today in strong support of the creation of a Climate Emergency Mobilization Department (CEMD).

Founded by Naomi Klein and Avi Lewis in Canada, The Leap confronts the intersecting crises of climate change, racism and inequality through storytelling, media production and convening social justice actors across movements. We are dedicated to building momentum towards a post-carbon society, based on care for the earth and one another. Leap L.A. is modeled on the coalition and visioning that inspired Canada's Leap Manifesto in 2015.

We cannot overstate how vital this department's creation is in the work of marshaling resources to create critical policy in partnership with the City's departments and stakeholders. We strongly support the Climate Emergency Mobilization Department's mission "to protect all residents, especially the most vulnerable, from the health and economic impacts of the climate crisis by ensuring a rapid and equitable just transition. The City of Los Angeles will enact leadership through organizing and implementing a global emergency effort to restore a safe climate and healthy environments, providing maximum protection for all people, the ecosystems we inhabit, and the right to a healthy, egalitarian quality of life for future generations."

This is a critical opportunity and the potential is enormous. What happens in Los Angeles will be a model for the country and cities around the world for a truly ambitious transition. We can't wait to tell the world about L.A.'s Climate Emergency Mobilization Department. If you decide to proceed, and create a department that is grounded in justice and accountability to your most vulnerable communities, this groundbreaking initiative will confirm your city's place at the very forefront of global climate leadership.

Sincerely,



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Honorable Herb Wesson, City Council President
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City of Los Angeles
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Los Angeles, CA 90012

Re: Climate Emergency Mobilization Department – SUPPORT

Dear President Wesson and Chair Martinez,

Thank you for your continued leadership on climate justice and equity. I represent the Center for Biological Diversity – a national, nonprofit conservation organization with more than 1.4 million members and online activists dedicated to the protection of endangered species and wild places.

We write in strong support of the Climate Emergency Mobilization Department. We support the mission of the CEMD “to protect all residents, especially the most vulnerable, from the health and economic impacts of the climate crisis by ensuring a rapid and equitable just transition. The City of Los Angeles will enact leadership through organizing and implementing a global emergency effort to restore a safe climate and healthy environments, providing maximum protection for all people, the ecosystems we inhabit, and the right to a healthy, egalitarian quality of life for future generations.”

We support the following elements of the framework and the infrastructure of the department:

1. Hire a General Manager using the currently-open Chief Resilience Officer position;
2. Move the existing Departmental Chief Sustainability and Resilience Officers to the CEMD four days a week;
3. Move relevant grant writers to CEMD to secure significant resources for the department.

We support the first initiatives of the CEMD to put the department in motion:

1. Develop and execute a series of “Community Assemblies” planned in key frontline communities throughout LA City to hear, engage, and cultivate

community involvement and to meaningfully integrate community knowledge into a city-wide mobilization effort;

2. Develop and execute a Climate Emergency Mobilization Action Plan (CEMAP) with a specific release date, including a plan to phase out all oil and gas drilling beginning with a 2500-foot setback between oil and gas operations and sensitive land uses in Los Angeles;
3. Develop metrics to measure and track the City's historical and ongoing GHG emissions as well as criteria pollutants – including emissions from producing oil and gas in the City and combusting fossil fuels produced in Los Angeles, regardless of where that combustion occurs;
4. Develop a city-wide Climate Emissions Budget governance tool (taking into account emissions from fossil fuels produced in Los Angeles, regardless of where that combustion occurs) similar to the Climate Budget implemented in Oslo, Norway that is integrated into the annual City fiscal budget and ensures inter-departmental implementation of the the CEMAP strategy.

In creating the world's first Climate Emergency Mobilization Department, Los Angeles has an opportunity to set an example for cities across the globe. The CEMD will marshal the resources and vision to craft world-leading policies in partnership with City departments and stakeholders.

Sincerely,



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Establishing Climate Emergency Mobilization Dept.

Sounds cool. What would be the mission ? Because, lol, not to be rude or anything, but once Climate Change has already occurred, it's kind of already too late to do anything. Correct ?

But this could be maybe for natural disasters that occur due to climate change ? Like having an extra crew waiting in the wings to go handle these kinds of emergencies. I could be into that.

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