



Re: Support for Motion for the Establishment of a Los Angeles Climate Emergency Mobilization Department (Council File # 18-0054)

Dear Council President Wesson and Los Angeles City Council:

We are writing as members of the Clean Seas Coalition, an alliance of organizations working to protect our marine ecosystems and local communities from pollution through grassroots organizing, legislative action, and policy change. On behalf of the undersigned members, we are writing to express our strong support for an ordinance to establish our country's first Climate Emergency Mobilization Department in Los Angeles ("CEMD"), to plan, coordinate, and track the reduction of climate emissions across city departments, and to develop investments and adaptation strategies that are distributed equitably across our diverse city.

The CEMD would direct the City of Los Angeles's various sectors to report back on current and future opportunities to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, foster regenerative practices that drawdown excess carbon, and promote a "just transition" for Los Angeles, prioritizing community health and wellness. The motion outlines the importance of engaging leadership from, and equitable distribution of the benefits from climate mobilization to frontline communities - as these communities suffer disproportionately from our current extractive, fossil fuel-based economy.

The undersigned members of the Clean Seas Coalition have worked for many years to promote legislation that protects our state from the dangers of pollution – particularly those that are tied to fossil fuels. And as Californians, we are highly attuned to the threats of climate change on our environment, our economy, and particularly to our most vulnerable communities. We feel strongly that the establishment of a dedicated department and a funding mechanism to address climate mobilization is critical in this city budget cycle, and can serve as a replicable model for other cities around the country.

We urge the City Council to vote swiftly to establish and fund the Climate Emergency Mobilization Department immediately.

Respectfully,

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