



April 5, 2018

To: Los Angeles Mayor Garcetti,
Council President Herb Wesson,
ECCEJ Committee Chair, Nury Martinez
Los Angeles City Council

Re: Council File 18-0054

Dear Mayor Garcetti, Council President Wesson, ECCEJ Chair Martinez, and City Council,

As leaders on climate action, we the undersigned write in support of creating a Climate Emergency Mobilization Department to plan, coordinate, and track the reduction of climate emissions across city departments, and develop equitable climate mitigation and resilience investments, and adaptation strategies throughout the city.

With the ongoing threat of climate change seen in persistent drought, growing wildfires, and longer heat waves, we need urgent action. We must prioritize efforts to identify the maximum emergency reductions in greenhouse gas emissions from all city operations feasible by the end of 2025, that prioritizes an equitable and just transition in all sectors. In addition, find opportunities for radical reductions in emissions and carbon drawdown and removal opportunities through the City's General Plan and Community Plan, utilizing metrics which prioritize climate-adaptive land use planning.

As climate disasters require an emergency response, we encourage the city to look for opportunities and funding to address climate emergencies and mitigation through existing hazard mitigation programs. In order to increase transparency and public awareness of these efforts and actions, we support the city including greenhouse gas impact statements, and any removal or reduction of greenhouse gases, in all relevant Council motions, much as it currently includes fiscal impact statements. We request that this proposed department get approved and included in this budget cycle.

Sincerely,

Walker Wells,
Global Green

Steve Wicke,
Sierra Club

Veronica Padilla,
Pacoima Beautiful

Michael Kadish,
GRID Alternatives