

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, any official position of the City of Los Angeles with respect to legislation, rules, regulations or policies proposed to or pending before a local, state or federal governmental body or agency must first have been adopted in the form of a Resolution by the City Council with the concurrence of the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, according to the New York Times, the Amazon's rainforest is now burning at record rates, with an 80% increase of forest fires since 2018, straining the Earth's ability to store carbon and produce oxygen; and

WHEREAS, members of the European Union have condemned the destruction of the Amazon rainforest by cattle farmers and called for an urgent review of the possibility of banning Brazilian beef imports for their connection to environmental damage; and

WHEREAS, in 2017, the Global Environment Change Journal described the rising global demand for soybean production as an underlying driver of global deforestation, as pressure mounted for farmers across South America to partake in large-scale forest-clearing to establish more cropland for soy cultivation; and

WHEREAS, on January 28, 2020, the State Legislature introduced AB 2002 (Kalra), *The Deforestation-Free Procurement Act*, which seeks to reduce the State's purchase of products derived from rainforests; and

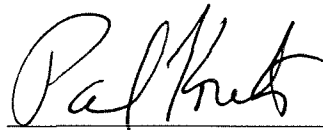
WHEREAS, in order to achieve the commitments made by the City and State to drastically reduce greenhouse gasses and carbon emissions in all sectors of the economy, it is imperative for public and private sectors to divest from agricultural industries that contribute to the climate emergency;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby urges corporate and government entities operating in the City to divest from agricultural industries that benefit from deforestation, threaten Indigenous People who inhabit the rainforests, and serve to accelerate global warming; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2019-2020 State and Federal Legislative Programs SUPPORT and/or SPONSORSHIP of legislation that would require clear labeling of any product sourced from the Amazon Rainforest, or any other rainforest, in order to mitigate the effects of deforestation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2019 – 2020 State Legislative Program SUPPORT for AB 2002 (Kalra), *The Deforestation-Free Procurement Act*, which seeks to reduce the State's purchase of products derived from rainforests.


PRESENTED BY:



PAUL KORETZ  
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SECONDED BY:



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