

RESOLUTION

RULES, ELECTIONS, INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

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 have first been adopted in the form of a Resolution by the City Council with the concurrence of the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, on November 23, 2018 the federal government issued a devastatingly frightening climate study that makes clear urgent action is needed by Congress; and

WHEREAS, to address the Nation's urgent climate change needs and impacts it has been proposed for Congress to create a **House Select Committee on a Green New Deal** which would be charged with "developing a detailed national, industrial, economic mobilization plan for the transition of the United States economy to become carbon neutral and to significantly draw down and capture greenhouse gases from the atmosphere and oceans and to promote economic and environmental justice and equality;" and

WHEREAS, the proposal to create this committee has many key provisions but two are central: that the committee be given a mandate to develop a Green New Deal that would decarbonize the US economy, and that no members be appointed who accept donations from the fossil fuel industry; and

WHEREAS, the Green New Deal would be a sweeping overhaul of the economy away from fossil fuel towards 100% clean energy that centers equity in its solutions and has the following goals:

- (1) 100% of national power generation from renewable sources;
- (2) Building a national, energy-efficient, "smart" grid;
- (3) Upgrading every residential and industrial building for state-of-the-art energy efficiency, comfort and safety;
- (4) Decarbonizing the manufacturing, agricultural and other industries;
- (5) Decarbonizing, repairing and improving transportation and other infrastructure;
- (6) Funding massive investment in the drawdown and capture of greenhouse gases;
- (7) Making "green" technology, industry, expertise, products and services a major export of the United States, with the aim of becoming the undisputed international leader in helping other countries transition to completely carbon neutral economies and bringing about a global Green New Deal; and

WHEREAS, the full plan for a Green New Deal would be completed no later than January 1, 2020, with a final draft of legislation no later than March 1, 2020; and each goal is to be met no later than 10 years after the start of the execution of the Green New Deal; and

WHEREAS, the time for action is now; we have 12 years to transform our economy and society to stop climate change and we must put forward a plan to protect our planet, our communities, and our economy; the science is undisputed, we have the technology, and the public is overwhelmingly on the side of bold action on climate action; and

WHEREAS, the proposed House Select Committee on a Green New Deal would be tasked specifically to write policy on creating jobs and moving our country off fossil fuels over the next 12 years to protect the lives of all working people -- black, brown, and white -- from the ravages of disaster and pollution; and

WHEREAS, the select committee would be composed of 15 members appointed by the Speaker, of whom 6 may be appointed on the recommendation of the Minority Leader and the Speaker would designate one member of the select committee as its chair;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2019 and 2020 Federal Legislative Program support for any legislation which would establish a **House Select Committee For A Green New Deal** to respond to the climate change crisis, as further described in the text of this Resolution.

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