

There has been discussion at the Federal level about the pursuit of new policies and resource objectives for the country. One of these new approaches includes H. Res. 109 - *The Green New Deal* (GND). The GND seeks to pursue the conversion of the existing economy into a new, green economy that is environmentally sustainable, racially just and economically secure. Its key objective is to transition key energy-oriented sectors of the economy and achieve net-zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2030 in order to mitigate climate change. It partners this objective with the plan of securing employment and economic well-being for all.

Efforts by City of Los Angeles

Ambitious in nature, there are correlations to the leadership Los Angeles has historically shown. *The Green New Deal* proposes many of the policy objectives and plans initiated by the City of Los Angeles during the last two decades. The City has been on the forefront of implementing zero waste objectives, green building design and construction, protection of biodiversity, transportation sector de-carbonization and transformation of its energy sector.

In the early 2000's the City pursued and implemented environmental sustainability objectives such as the Renewable Portfolio Standard for its energy sector. This was a revolutionary effort, and by 2010, the City obtained 20% renewable power integration. It is currently on schedule to obtain 40% by 2020. The City partnered this effort with the pursuit of "green collar jobs" and support for industries that foster these kinds of jobs (solar/energy efficiency).

On April 8, 2015, Mayor Eric Garcetti released Los Angeles' first-ever *Sustainable City pLAn*, establishing a path for a cleaner environment and a stronger economy, while recognizing and committing to equity as its foundation.

In 2017, the City re-doubled its efforts and embarked on the *100% Renewable Energy Study* with the objective of determining what investments should be made to achieve complete renewable energy integration (Krekorian – Bonin – Wesson; CF# 16-0243). This effort puts the City on pace to achieve 100% clean energy integration by 2045.

In recognition of the United Nation's Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change's 1.5°C report on greenhouse gas emissions and their immediate impact on communities, the City is assessing the feasibility of establishing a Climate Emergency Mobilization Department (Koretz – Blumenfield – Huizar – Bonin; CF# 18-0054). This effort seeks to focus critical resources in order to plan and coordinate the City's accelerated climate and resilience responses via a strong environmental justice focus, a just transition for displaced or impacted workers, and a regional mobilization.

In November 2018, the City Council introduced a Resolution (Bonin – Koretz; CF 19-0002-S8) which recognizes the importance of the GND's principles and requests Congress to establish a House Select Committee for a Green New Deal to immediately respond to climate change and its impacts.

Principles of Justice and Equity

One major premise of the Green New Deal is to pursue sustainability objectives while promoting justice and equity by eliminating oppression of Indigenous peoples, communities of color, migrant communities, the poor, low-income workers, women, the elderly, youth and others. The measure identifies these communities as "frontline and vulnerable communities."

This approach also follows the City's efforts to prioritize Environmental Justice principles and assist neighborhoods in the City that have been impacted by harmful environmental conditions (Martinez – Huizar; CF# 17-0360). City departments have been tasked with ensuring Restorative Justice to these communities by improving air quality, reducing greenhouse gas emissions and making other improvements. The fight against climate change and the path to a clean energy future must begin and end in frontline communities, whose children suffer from environmental health burdens such as asthma, and communities whose young women and men are being left out of the green economy. Frontline communities must be where environmental solutions come from, where solutions are implemented, and where residents will have immediate benefit from. As environmental improvements take place in these neighborhoods, the benefits will spread outward encompassing the entire City.

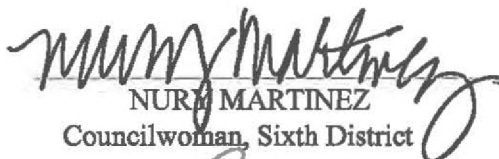
A Green New Deal for Los Angeles

While there are tremendous synergies between the GND and the City's diverse environmental sustainability initiatives, Los Angeles cannot rest on its laurels and assume ongoing efforts are sufficient. The realities of Climate Change, Environmental Racism, and the opportunities that solutions to those issues can present warrant the establishment of a Green New Deal for Los Angeles. Recognizing the broader goals and principles proposed in H. Resolution 109, the City of Los Angeles should conduct an assessment of the GND's principles and framework with the City's initiatives to determine viable integration and strengthening of these efforts, including the development of new initiatives and policies beyond current efforts so that the City can improve the lives of all residents in an equitable and socially just manner.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Department of Water and Power, the Bureau of Sanitation, Department of Transportation, Department of City Planning, City Administrative Officer and the Chief Legislative Analyst be requested/instructed to jointly provide a report for the development of a plan for a "Green New Deal for Los Angeles," including:

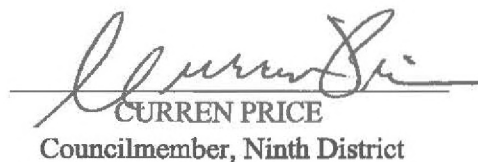
- An assessment of the *Green New Deal* (GND), including a recommended framework for a "Green New Deal for Los Angeles" which can be adopted by the Council, and which mirrors the principals and priorities of the GND in order to recalibrate and strengthen and create new environmental sustainability initiatives; and
- Establishment of clear core principles on environmental sustainability which incorporate strident Environmental and Restorative Justice Directives in a manner that specifically guides policy and operations for the realities of and fight against Climate Change in frontline communities, disadvantaged communities, communities of color, and the region as a whole.
- A review of local environmental burdens and cumulative impacts using tools such as the CalEnviroScreen, combined with proposals to ensure grassroots community engagement to prioritize and develop neighborhood specific climate change and environmental justice strategies defined by and targeted towards communities and residents that have historically borne the environmental burden of the City's growth but have not shared in the City's economic and environmental progress.

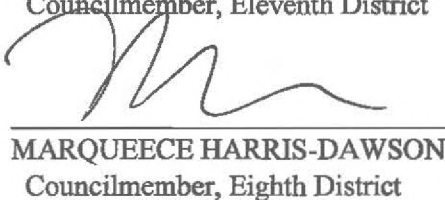
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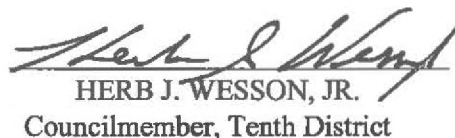

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