

RESOLUTION

SPECIAL 1

WHEREAS, any official position of the City of Los Angeles with respect to legislation, rules, regulations or policies proposed 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, SB 100, which won broad support in 2018, set a target of 100 percent carbon-free electricity in California by 2045; and

WHEREAS, SB 100 has been heralded as ground-breaking and world-leading legislation in the fight against climate change and is supported by a wide-ranging coalition that includes environmentalists, clean tech companies, faith groups, business groups and the Indivisible Coalition; and

WHEREAS, the climate emergency is worsening considerably threatening the entire State, as witnessed by record-breaking, climate-exacerbated wildfires, including the Camp Fire (86 dead), Tubbs Fire (22 dead, 5643 structures lost), Mendocino Complex Fire (459,000 acres burned), and our devastating local fires, Thomas Fire (271,000 acres burned), Woolsey Fire (destroyed areas of Malibu, Agoura Hills and Oak Park), the Creek Fire (123 structures lost) and the Skirball Fire (6 structures lost); and

WHEREAS, despite numerous efforts to weaken or otherwise compromise SB 100, Senator De Leon refused amendments, kept the language simple, and worked around attempts to tie the bill to others which were potentially anti-environment, such as SB 901 and AB 813; and

WHEREAS, SB 100 has become a model for climate action in other states, with similar laws being recently approved in New Mexico and Washington; and

WHEREAS, Senator Anna Caballero has introduced SB 386, a bill which would allow power companies to undermine the State's clean energy goals by counting as "renewable" hydropower from dams; and

WHEREAS, SB 100 already provides regulatory relief from the renewables standard to utilities like the irrigation districts if compliance would add a significant burden to ratepayers; and

WHEREAS, SB 386 is therefore completely unnecessary and would weaken a law that is being held up around the world as a gold standard in the climate fight; and

WHEREAS, that exemption for irrigation districts would reduce power companies' need to purchase truly renewable power, including solar and wind, and, through scale, save money for ratepayers Statewide; and

WHEREAS, any attempts to undermine SB 100 would be, according to its author, "a huge, huge stain on California's environmental legacy;" and

WHEREAS, with the climate emergency growing faster than expected, the State needs to implement even stronger and more aggressive, not less aggressive, climate change regulations;

BE IT HEREBY 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 STRONG OPPOSITION to SB 386, which would undermine California's landmark clean energy legislation.


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PRESENTED BY



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