

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: I understand there is a need to make budget cuts because of increased costs and decreased revenue. I ask that those cuts be made with consideration of long-term repercussions. It is imperative that climate change mitigation efforts continue. To pause for even for a year can have tremendous effects. We are at a critical stage where the actions taken now will determine the severity of climate conditions experienced for the rest of the century. I strongly urge the City Council to prioritize funding for all efforts to reduce greenhouse gasses and toxic emissions such as renewable energy projects, electrification of buildings and transportation, reducing plastic pollution, planting trees, protecting wildlife habitat and connectivity, reducing food and other wastes, and expanding clean mobility alternatives. I also urge the City Council to minimize funding reductions for the Emergency Management Department. Emergency conditions from drought, wildfires, mudslides, etc. are expected to increase. We need the Department not just to deal with these emergencies, but also to help the public create community plans so they can be self-sufficient. This will allow more emergency personnel to focus on the crisis as well as greatly increase the resilience of the City. Having resilient communities will allow Los Angeles to recover more completely and rapidly. Now is the time to re-evaluate business as usual practices and implement policies and programs that will facilitate achieving the equitable, sustainable and livable future we need. Ann Dorsey Northridge, CA 91325