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Summary: Porter Ranch Neighborhood Council is a leader in the movement towards a more sustainable community through meaningful changes in our practices and actions. We offer a vegan option for the food we provide at all PRNC Board Meetings. We no longer purchase bottled water for our meetings and instead make available an Igloo container with filtered water and reusable PRNC tumblers. In addition, both elementary schools within our borders, Porter Ranch Community School and Castlebay Lane Elementary School, provide a vegan option every day at lunch for their students. The food items we provide for our community have an impact on climate change. Dr. Marco Springmann, Senior Researcher on Environmental Sustainability and Public Health at the University of Oxford explains that “food system is responsible for about a quarter of all greenhouse gas emissions, and the majority of those emissions (roughly three quarters) are due to animal products. Dietary changes towards more plant-based diets can therefore make a huge difference in our carbon footprints, and they might indeed be necessary in order to avoid dangerous levels of climate change and stay below a global warming of below 2 degrees Celsius.” For these reasons, and because it is consistent with Porter Ranch Neighborhood Council sustainability practices, we emphatically support CF 11-1678-S3, calling for a report back in 45 days from Department of Recreation & Parks, The LA Zoo, Department on Aging (for Meals on Wheels), and LAX on the potential to offer vegan protein entrée options at City Concessionaire locations and a report back on ways to ensure these options are available on an ongoing basis.