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RESOLUTIONS, ELECTIONS & INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS
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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, Southern California Edison's (Edison) four replacement steam generators manufactured by Mitsubishi for the two nuclear reactors at San Onofre Nuclear Power Plant (San Onofre) were shut down after one of the tubes released radiation in January 2012; and

WHEREAS, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) determined that the crippled steam generators present a serious safety risk; and

WHEREAS, Edison recently submitted a plan to the NRC to restart San Onofre Unit 2 at 70% power for 150 days as an interim compensatory action while the utility considers a long-term plan for repairing the steam generators; and

WHEREAS, in 2011, the NRC recommended a fifty mile evacuation zone for Americans near Japan's Fukushima Daiichi plant after its earthquake, tsunami and resulting nuclear disaster; and

WHEREAS, portions of Los Angeles are within fifty miles of San Onofre and therefore within the danger zone of any radiation leak or worse disaster; and

WHEREAS, it is vitally important to ensure the health and well-being of the general public, the power plant workers, the potentially-affected residents of Los Angeles, and the environment; and

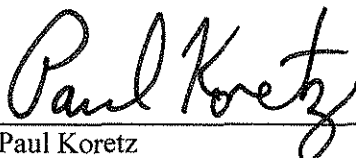
WHEREAS, federal regulations provide that a formal license amendment with an adjudicatory hearing is the appropriate and transparent process by which the NRC can evaluate the safety of the major design changes made at San Onofre, as this process ensures public participation in a formal evidentiary, regulatory process; and

WHEREAS, any other process than a license amendment with an evidentiary hearing is insufficient for public safety; in fact, NRC allowed an alternative, less transparent, more perfunctory review process during the application of the very steam generators which FAILED at San Onofre, and the problems with these generators may well have been discovered through the more appropriate, thorough license amendment process; and

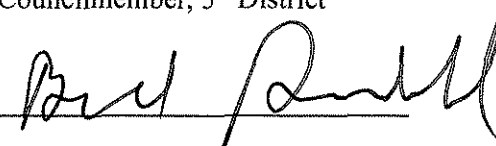
WHEREAS, environmental and community groups, as well as other cities in the region, including Santa Monica, Del Mar and Laguna Beach, are concerned that Edison appears to be trying to circumvent the formal amendment license process and are calling on the NRC to require that Edison seek San Onofre restart approval ONLY through that formal license amendment process;

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 2011-2012 Federal Legislative Program SUPPORT for action by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to make no decision about restarting either San Onofre Unit until Edison has completed a thorough, public, transparent license amendment with an adjudicatory hearing on whether it is safe to restart either reactor and a determination of what repairs, replacements, or other actions by Edison are necessary to guarantee both short- and long-term public safety.

PRESENTED BY:


Paul Koretz
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SECONDED BY:




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