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MOTION

California is facing drought and climate disruptions that will require significant alterations to the water habits established over the past century. Increasing water conservation, efficiency, and reuse are key to improving the City's sustainability and resilience to dry conditions and statewide and regional water shortages.

The City continues to encourage water conservation and promote water efficiency through incentives and rebate programs. However, increased use of graywater could provide additional conservation opportunities. Graywater reuse for irrigation is a water conservation and reuse strategy that is being actively promoted by a few California water agencies. One recent study by the City of Santa Rosa, found that of 66 households that installed graywater systems, there was an average water savings of 17 gallons per person per day.

Graywater systems in residential buildings in the City are permitted by the Los Angeles Department of Building and Safety (LADBS), subject to approval by the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health. The Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) does not currently provide financial incentives to promote graywater systems.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Council request the Department of Water and Power to prepare a report within 60 days on existing graywater studies, existing graywater incentive programs being implemented by water agencies, and recommendations for programs and incentives to promote graywater use in the City.

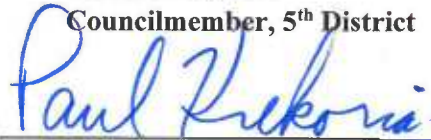
I FURTHER MOVE that the Council instruct the Department of Building and Safety, with the assistance of the Planning Department, and the Bureau of Sanitation, to evaluate amending the Low Impact Development Ordinance (Ordinance No. 181899) to require new single-family and low-density multi-family buildings to include graywater stub outs.

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