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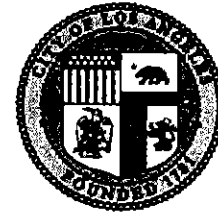
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Summary: The PICO NC supports the City of Los Angeles' current study and plan to reduce the green house gases. Further, the PICO does not intend by this CIS to slow or delay that urgent process. Thus, the PICO NC requests that the City conduct a separate or supplemental study to address other issues, including but not limited to: (i) The City's 100% Renewable Energy Study does not currently include any proposals for achieving 100% clean renewable energy by 2030 and allows for the continued combustion of biomass and biogas, as well as the continued operation of L.A.'s four gas power plants. (ii) The pollution created by biomass and biogas burning facilities would perpetuate the release of greenhouse gas emissions such as carbon dioxide and methane into the atmosphere, while prolonging LADWP's dependency on fossil fuel infrastructure. (iii) The presence of such facilities threatens the health and safety of their surrounding communities, through the release of particulate matter, airborne chemicals, and other volatile organic compounds; along with the risk of toxic chemical spills, methane leaks, and water contamination. (iv) A 2018 study by Synapse Energy Economics has shown that viable pathways exist for LADWP to transition to a fully decarbonized electric sector by 2030 through investment in energy efficiency, increased storage, and smart management of the energy grid, without the need for biogas, biofuels, nuclear generation, or unbundled renewable energy credits.



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Date: Wednesday, October 9, 2019

To: Los Angeles City Council
Board of Neighborhood Commissioners

Re: Community Impact Statement in support of a 100% clean, renewable energy transition for the City of Los Angeles by 2030
Council File 16-0243

Dear Members of the Los Angeles City Council and Board of Neighborhood Commissioners,

At its regular meeting on October 9, 2019, the Board of the P.I.C.O. Neighborhood Council voted 12 to 0 with 2 abstentions in support this Community Impact Statement in support of a 100% clean, renewable energy transition for the City of Los Angeles by 2030.

The PICO NC supports the City of Los Angeles' current study and plan to reduce the green house gases. Further, the PICO does not intend by this CIS to slow or delay that urgent process. Thus, the PICO NC requests that the City conduct a separate or supplemental study to address the following issues:

- (i) The City's 100% Renewable Energy Study does not currently include any proposals for achieving 100% clean renewable energy by 2030 and allows for the continued combustion of biomass and biogas, as well as the continued operation of L.A.'s four gas power plants.
- (ii) The pollution created by biomass and biogas burning facilities would perpetuate the release of greenhouse gas emissions such as carbon dioxide and methane into the atmosphere, while prolonging LADWP's dependency on fossil fuel infrastructure.
- (iii) The presence of such facilities threatens the health and safety of their surrounding communities, through the release of particulate matter, airborne chemicals, and other volatile organic compounds; along with the risk of toxic chemical spills, methane leaks, and water contamination.
- (iv) A 2018 study by Synapse Energy Economics has shown that viable pathways exist for LADWP to transition to a fully decarbonized electric sector by 2030 through investment in energy efficiency, increased storage, and smart management of the energy grid, without the need for biogas, biofuels, nuclear generation, or unbundled renewable energy credits.
- (v) The Synapse Energy study has shown that such a transition to 100% clean, renewable energy by 2030 could be achieved while maintaining power reliability, while costing

LADWP less than if they continue to rely on pollution-emitting and dangerous fuels like biogas, biomass, methane and nuclear energy.

- (vi) A transition to 100% clean, renewable energy by 2030 will create good, green jobs in Los Angeles, as Los Angeles already leads the country in total clean energy jobs. Any transition towards a renewable energy system should be a fair and just transition for workers including retraining, retaining pensions, wages and safety standards.
- (vii) As the country's largest public utility, LADWP's leadership in transitioning Los Angeles to 100% clean renewable energy would set a powerful example for cities around the world.

Sincerely,



Brad S. Kane

President

PICO Neighborhood Council