

RESOLUTION

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 first have been adopted in the form of a Resolution by the City Council with the concurrence of the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) once again declared the past year (2016) to be the hottest in recorded history; and

WHEREAS, climate change is already jeopardizing the health, the environment and the economy of California and of Los Angeles; and

WHEREAS, climate change disproportionately impacts low-income communities and vulnerable populations; and

WHEREAS, ExxonMobil is a leading producer and marketer of fossil fuels; and

WHEREAS, public reports have raised questions about whether ExxonMobil has accurately informed the public, policymakers or its shareholders about the serious risks associated with the company, its products and investments related to climate change, as well as questions about whether the company's public statements with respect to these risks were consistent with its own internal documents; and

WHEREAS, these potentially deceptive practices may have been carried out not only through the company's own statements, but through its funding of organizations that have distorted the facts about climate change; and

WHEREAS, the City of Los Angeles is being impacted by climate change;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2017-2018 State Legislative Program SUPPORT for any administrative action by the California Attorney General to initiate an investigation into whether, and to what extent, ExxonMobil may have violated the law by contributing to and deceiving the public about the risks associated with climate change.

PRESENTED BY:



PAUL KORETZ
Councilmember, 5th District

SECONDED BY:



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