



July 27, 2017

Councilmember Paul Koretz
and Members of the Los Angeles City Council

RE: Support for Resolution [#17-0002-S97](#) in support of Senate Bill 100 (DeLeon)

Dear Councilmember Koretz and Los Angeles City Councilmembers,

We would like to express our strong support for Resolution #17-0002-S97 in support of Senate Bill 100 introduced by Senator De León which focuses on utilizing renewable energy resources in California.

Liberty Hill Foundation has worked at the forefront of environmental justice issues in the Los Angeles area for over 40 years, providing grants and technical assistance to grassroots organizations working to improve their communities' health, quality of life and access to opportunity. We stand in unison with the strong support expressed by many community-based organizations for Senate Bill 100 which seeks to achieve 100% renewable electricity in California by 2045. We firmly encourage continuation of efforts to promote clean air, equity and climate protections for the health of our communities and our planet.

Senate Bill 100 mentions the necessity to improve California's air quality and public health, particularly in disadvantaged communities, and to ensure electricity rates are just and reasonable. Low-income communities of color are disproportionately impacted by fossil fuels and therefore desperately need the health advantages provided by renewable energy resources. And, it is extremely important that we invest in the equitable distribution of the health, environmental and economic benefits provided by clean and renewable energy systems.

Burning oil, gas and coal is not only polluting our air, water and land, and damaging our health—it is changing our climate even faster than scientists predicted. The good news is that we can have strong local economies and healthier communities now, and a livable future for the entire planet, if we take action now to move rapidly to a 100% renewable energy future.

The City of Los Angeles has an opportunity to demonstrate support for the State of California to make the transition to 100% renewable electricity, setting a strong example for the rest of the nation and the world that getting to 100% renewables is 100% possible.

We strongly support Resolution #17-0002-S97. Thank you for championing for a cleaner, healthier and more equitable environment for all.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michele Prichard" with a stylized flourish at the end.

Michele Prichard, Director, Common Agenda
Liberty Hill Foundation