



October 25, 2017

The Honorable Mike Bonin  
Chair of the Transportation Committee  
City of Los Angeles  
200 N. Spring St.  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Date: 10/25/17  
Submitted in TRAN Committee  
Council File No: 17-0739  
Item No.: 6  
Deputy: Adam R. Lid

**RE: CF 17-0739 – Support of 100% Zero-Emission Los Angeles Department of Transportation Bus Fleet by 2030**

Dear Councilman Bonin and Transportation Committee Members:

BYD commends the Los Angeles City Council for its leadership and commitment to sustainable transit options for the City of Los Angeles. Adopting a zero-emission goal for the Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) by 2030 and committing to developing an implementation plan helps ensure cleaner air for the city's most vulnerable communities, and will serve as a global example for sustainable transportation. BYD is deeply supportive of this effort as a local Los Angeles County manufacturer of 100% battery-electric buses and as a global advocate for clean and renewable technology. We have been proud to partner with LADOT on their first electric bus pilot efforts, and with other City departments on electric drayage truck, equipment, and refuse truck projects.

Zero-emission bus technology is road-proven in revenue service throughout the world. BYD alone has delivered over 27,000 buses globally, including 140 North American buses, with another 300 on order and 300 additional options. This maturing technology has increasingly enabled U.S. transit agencies to move from the early demonstrations into the full commercial adoption of electric buses: California has over 250 electric buses on the road; several 100% electric bus manufacturers have expanded or opened manufacturing facilities in Southern California to meet growing demand; and conventional bus manufacturers are rushing to catch up and provide the electric options their customers demand.

In addition to supporting critical emission reduction goals, commitments to electric buses help expand California's economy. Many electric transportation companies are choosing to make their home in a City and State that prioritize innovation and sustainability. Leadership in transit also directly supports electrification across the entire heavy-duty sector, as large-scale bus adoption helps spur technology transfer, innovation, infrastructure, and cost-reduction benefits across the trucking and equipment sectors. BYD's North American headquarters are located in downtown Los



Angeles, and our buses are built by local workers in our recently expanded manufacturing facility in the City of Lancaster, Los Angeles County. On behalf of BYD's nearly 800 Los Angeles County employees, we urge you to support this transition to zero emissions for LADOT.

BYD is proud to partner with the City of Los Angeles and LADOT in the pursuit of innovative solutions for clean, safe, and reliable transportation. Thank you again for your clean air and climate leadership, and we urge the City to commit to a 2030 transit electrification goal for the environmental and economic health of our community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rebecca Schenker", written in a cursive style.

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