

ENERGY, CLIMATE CHANGE, AND ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the establishment of a Climate Emergency Mobilization Department (CEMD).

Recommendations for Council action:

1. ESTABLISH a Climate Emergency Commission with appointees as follows:
 - a. One Indigenous appointee from historic local tribe (Gabrielino-Tongva or Fernandeno Tataviam).
 - b. Five appointees from CalEnviroScreen communities in Los Angeles.
 - c. One Labor appointee.
 - d. One City Council President appointee.
 - e. One Chair of Energy, Climate Change and Environmental Justice Committee appointee.
 - f. Three policy experts on climate science/air quality, toxics, workforce.
 - g. Non-voting Assistant General Manager level representation from Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, Bureau of Sanitation, Department of City Planning, Los Angeles Department of Transportation, and Petroleum Administrator.
 - h. One Small business representative.
2. CREATE the Office of the Climate Emergency Mobilization Director and INITIATE the process to hire the Director with existing Unappropriated Balance (UB) funds.
3. INITIATE Community Assemblies under direction of the Director and the Climate Emergency Commission using existing UB funds.
4. INSTRUCT the Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA) to draft an official resolution to formalize the City's climate emergency declaration, including that climate change is the most important issue facing the City of Los Angeles. When the Council approved the CEMD motion on May 1, 2018, the Council acknowledged the climate emergency the City and region are in and the need to pursue immediate action. This will formalize the City's declaration, as 436 other municipalities representing 39 million people, have already done.
5. RECEIVE and FILE the City Administrative Officer (CAO) and CLA report, dated April 12, 2019.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The CAO and the CLA report that there is no fiscal impact at this time.

Community Impact Statement: Yes

For:

Los Feliz Neighborhood Council
Central Hollywood Neighborhood Council
Encino Neighborhood Council

SUMMARY

At its regular meeting held on April 16, 2019, the Energy, Climate Change, and Environmental Justice Committee considered a joint CAO and CLA report dated April 12, 2019 relative to the establishment of the CEMD.

Previously on March 19, 2019, the Committee continued the matter, but instructed the CAO and the CLA to meet with representatives from the Leap LA Coalition and CEMD advocates to gain further insight and clarity on their objectives and priorities and subsequently report to the Committee.

During the discussion of the item, the CAO and CLA staff provided an update on the meeting with the LA Leap Coalition and CEMD advocates. Staff stated that the meeting was fruitful providing City staff the opportunity to discuss City processes and structure, and possible administrative and bureaucratic hurdles that may need to be addressed.

Staff reported that after meeting with the LA Leap Coalition and other CEMD advocates, some of the concerns expressed dealt with current sustainability initiatives being implemented which seemed too broad-based and not targeted specifically to frontline communities. They added that the quality of public health in their communities was in need of attention and required some intervention at the local level. In addition, the current form for input and engagement for frontline communities needed to be improved. Staff identified next steps which were outlined in the report and added that the LA Leap Coalition submitted a response outlining next steps regarding the CEMD as well.

The Committee engaged in a robust discussion on the matter of the CEMD and agreed that more discussions would be necessary moving forward. Leading the effort on this issue, Councilmember Koretz provided additional instructions on the floor which were supported by other Committee members. Committee Chair Nury Martinez said that more conversations around this issue should be expected, but the Committee was acting on a commitment to move forward on this matter.

After providing an opportunity for public comment, the Committee received and filed the CAO and CLA reports, and adopted additional instructions to establish a CEMD Commission and relevant staffing utilizing UB funds, as detailed above. This matter is now transmitted to the Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

ENERGY, CLIMATE CHANGE, AND ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE



<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
MARTINEZ:	YES
KORETZ:	YES
KREKORIAN:	YES
CEDILLO:	YES
O'FARRELL:	YES

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