

ENERGY, CLIMATE CHANGE, AND ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE
REPORT relative to the development of a plan for a *Green New Deal for Los Angeles*.

Recommendation for Council action, pursuant to Motion (Bonin - Harris-Dawson - Koretz - Martinez - Price - Rodriguez - Wesson):

INSTRUCT the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, the Bureau of Sanitation, the Los Angeles Department of Transportation, the Department of City Planning, the City Administrative Officer (CAO) and the Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA) to jointly provide a report for the development of a plan for a *Green New Deal for Los Angeles* including:

- a. An assessment of the Green New Deal (GND), including a recommended framework for a *Green New Deal for Los Angeles* which can be adopted by the Council, and which mirrors the principles and priorities of the GND in order to recalibrate and strengthen and create new environmental sustainability initiatives.
- b. Establishment of clear core principles on environmental sustainability which incorporate strident Environmental and Restorative Justice Directives in a manner that specifically guides policy and operations for the realities of and fight against Climate Change in frontline communities, disadvantaged communities, communities of color, and the region as a whole.
- c. A review of local environmental burdens and cumulative impacts using tools such as the CalEnviroScreen, combined with proposals to ensure grassroots community engagement to prioritize and develop neighborhood specific Climate Change and environmental justice strategies defined by and targeted towards communities and residents that have historically borne the environmental burden of the City's growth but have not shared in the City's economic and environmental progress.

Fiscal Impact Statement: Neither the CAO nor the CLA has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

SUMMARY

At its regular meeting held on March 19, 2019, the Energy, Climate Change, and Environmental Justice Committee considered Motion (Bonin - Harris-Dawson - Koretz - Martinez - Price Jr. - Rodriguez - Wesson Jr.) relative to various City Departments reporting on a Green New Deal for Los Angeles.

As stated in the Motion, there has been discussion at the Federal level about the pursuit of new policies and resource objectives for the country. One of these new approaches includes H. Res. 109 - The GND. The GND seeks to pursue the conversion of the existing economy into a new, green economy that is environmentally sustainable, racially just and economically secure. Its key objective is to transition key energy-oriented sectors of the economy and achieve net-zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2030 in order to mitigate climate change. The GND partners this

objective with the plan of securing employment and economic well-being for all. Ambitious in nature, there are correlations to the leadership Los Angeles has historically shown. The GND proposes many of the policy objectives and plans initiated by the City during the last two decades. The City has been on the forefront of implementing zero waste objectives, green building design and construction, protection of biodiversity, transportation sector de-carbonization and transformation of its energy sector.

During discussion of the item, a significant number of members of the public expressed their opinion and overwhelming support for a Green New Deal for Los Angeles. After providing an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to approve the recommendation contained in the Motion, 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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