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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(7) Nay(1) Abstain(6) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

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Council File Number: 20-0482

Agenda Date:

Item Number:

Summary: 'The Del Rey NC supports the NCSA letter regarding the City budget.' This motion supports CF 20-0482 and opposes 20-0600 in regards to funding for the City's climate change and environmental priorities.



June 23, 2020

Los Angeles City Council

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Dear Council Members,

The Del Rey Neighborhood Council (DRNC), at its meeting on June 11, 2020, considered the topic of whether to support the Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance (NCSA) position that efforts to reduce greenhouse gas and toxic emissions should be classified as essential emergency services.

This is an incredible time in history. We have a number of major fights on our hands, and each one deserves everything we have. The environmental urgency we face remains dire, however, and that fight must not be cast aside for any reason.

Hearing no community opposition, the DRNC therefore agreed with the NCSA letter dated May 7, 2020, which expressed objection to Council File 20-0600 and support for Council File 20-0482, by a vote of 7-1 with 6 abstentions:

‘The Del Rey NC supports the NCSA letter regarding the City budget.’

Should you have any questions, please contact me either via email at doug.barish@delreync.org or by telephone at (310) 270-3484.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Doug Barish", written over a light blue grid background.

Doug Barish
Land Use Officer

Electronic copies to:

Los Angeles City Council, Mike Bonin, Councilman, District 11;
Nick Sundback, Field Deputy, CD11; Matt Wersinger, DRNC
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Mayor Eric Garcetti
200 N. Spring Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

May 7, 2020

Re: Council Files 20-0482 (climate as essential services) and 20-0600 (proposed budget)

Dear Mayor Garcetti and the City Council:

If there is any lesson many of us in the Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance have learned over the course of the coronavirus pandemic, it is that we have to be forward-thinking and prepare for what we know will come; we ignore predicted crises at our peril. In that vein, we object to the proposed budget as described in Council File 20-0600, and we support Council File 20-0482, to classify as essential emergency services any efforts to reduce greenhouse gas and toxic emissions.

Unfortunately, the climate crisis will not wait on hold while we address the impacts of the coronavirus pandemic, and although we expect to see some cuts to climate mitigation programs in order to close the budget gap caused by the projected drop in revenue and unexpected costs due to the pandemic, those programs should not be eliminated; we do not want you to repeat the mistake made by the Trump administration in disbanding the Office of Global Health Security and Biodefense prior to the pandemic.

Specifically, our concerns include:

- the elimination of the Office of Climate Emergency Mobilization, the Climate Emergency Commission, and Community Assemblies (all of which were just about to launch, and which would have engaged low-income communities, who are particularly vulnerable to the climate crisis as well as this pandemic, in a just transition to a sustainable economy)
- the elimination of the Wildlife Pilot Study, which protects habitat connectivity
- reductions in funding for protection and maintenance of existing mature trees throughout the city—now more than ever, we need to protect the lungs of Los Angeles

We have known about and felt the effects of the escalating climate crisis for many years—each year breaking new records with more extreme weather and wildfires. Although the speed at which we are experiencing the impacts of these two crises is different, make no mistake that the climate crisis is causing increasing numbers of human deaths. To continue to react to short-term threats while postponing, or outright ignoring, whole-system issues is near-sighted and dangerous. Far better would be to treat the immediate crisis as a part of our overall strategy for dealing with the larger one that we know will be a multi-generational, global endeavor.

This is a painful time, but we do not want to return to the way things were; we want to do better. And this budget is, at the end of the day, a statement of our values.

Sincerely,

Steering Board Members of the Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance

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