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Summary: CIS in Support of Telecommuting: City Council Files 20-0584 and 20-0498 which would create incentives for employees of businesses and for government officials and employees to work from home. While remote work is not an ultimate solution for the climate crisis, making the practice more widespread and available in Los Angeles will markedly help to reduce commuter traffic. This in turn would have many benefits including the reduction vehicle air pollution and greenhouse gas emissions. While the pandemic-mandated shift to remote work has thus far reduced US carbon dioxide emissions by 7.5%, teleworking is just one of many tools in our toolbox that we must utilize to fight the climate crisis and create sustainable air quality improvements in our region. By improving air quality we also create healthier Angelenos. Air pollution is linked to a host of health problems and makes people more vulnerable to COVID-19 among other respiratory illnesses. A recent UCLA study found that approximately 14,000 premature deaths could be avoided annually if California decreases greenhouse gas emissions to net-zero by 2050. Underserved communities who suffer the most from air pollution would see disproportionately higher levels of benefits from cleaner air, the study also found. More directly, San Pedro has long been a bedroom community with few sources of local employment. Three out of four workers living in San Pedro must commute 15 miles or more to their places of work. If a significant percentage of those commuters transitioned to working from home as a consequence they would spend more time frequenting local businesses and thus stimulate the San Pedro economy. The Northwest San Pedro NC supports the City studying these issues further and exploring its implementation in the City of Los Angeles.