

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, any official position of the City of Los Angeles with respect to legislation, rules, regulations or policies proposed to or pending before a local, state, or federal government body or agency must have first been adopted in the form of a Resolution by the City Council with the concurrence of the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, extreme heat amplified by climate change is a major public health crisis that kills more people directly than any other climate-related hazard and is impacting human health in Los Angeles, and this threat will continue to increase until the end of the century regardless of efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions; and

WHEREAS, according to the California Department of Public Health, exposure to high temperatures can cause heat-related illnesses such as heatstroke, heat exhaustion, heat cramps, heat rashes, and even death, and, has been associated with increased risk of acute renal failure, stroke, diabetes, and suicide; and

WHEREAS, high heat during pregnancy increases risks of congenital heart disease, preterm delivery, and stillbirth; and

WHEREAS, 599 deaths were reported as being caused by extreme heat in California from 2010 to 2019, but a Los Angeles Times analysis of excess deaths during heat waves estimated that the actual number of heat-related deaths may have been as high as 3,900; and

WHEREAS, according to the California Department of Public Health, "As severe heat worsens over coming decades due to climate change, it is projected to result in up to 4,300 excess deaths per year in the state in 2025, increasing to up to 11,300 excess deaths per year by 2050"; and

WHEREAS, outdoor workers and indoor workers not in climate-controlled environments are at higher risk from exertional heat stroke; and

WHEREAS, low-income communities often suffer most from extreme heat waves, and approximately 30% of Los Angeles households with an income of less than \$50,000 a year do not have air conditioning; and

WHEREAS, recognizing these threats, the City Council passed CF 21-1277 (Krekorian) which (i) will create a Chief Heat Officer charged with developing a Heat Action Plan, and (ii) requires the Department of Buildings and Safety to study the feasibility of updating codes to require all new and existing buildings to provide cooling or be cooling-ready.

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WHEREAS, AB 2076 (Rivas) directs the Governor’s Office of Planning and Research to establish and manage a new Extreme Heat and Community Resilience Program, establishing a Chief Heat Officer to convene an interagency heat taskforce to foster coordination, an advisory council to foster transparency, to oversee a grant program that creates incentives for community-driven comprehensive heat action plans and projects, and mandates a biennial report and plan for accountability and ensure public funds are spent effectively; and

WHEREAS, AB 2597 (Bloom) would require the California Building Standards Commission, commencing with the next triennial edition of the California Building Standards Code adopted after January 1, 2023, to adopt, approve, codify, and publish mandatory building standards for the purpose of implementing the addition of lack of cooling as a substandard condition for human habitation; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2021-2022 State Legislative Program SUPPORT for AB 2076 (Rivas) and AB 2597 (Bloom).

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