Recommendation for Council action, pursuant to Motion (Raman - O’Farrell – Martinez, Harris-Dawson – Koretz – Blumenfield):

INSTRUCT the Los Angeles Department of Building and Safety (LADBS), with assistance from the City Attorney, the Climate Emergency Mobilization Office (CEMO), and all relevant departments, to report back within 180 days with a plan for the implementation of an ordinance and/or regulatory framework, effective or before January 1, 2023, that will require all new residential and commercial buildings in Los Angeles to be built so that they will achieve zero-carbon emissions. The plan should integrate and be informed by the findings of the CEMO’s Climate Equity LA Series on building decarbonization, as well as by the LADBS’ engagement with technical experts and key stakeholders per Council file No. 21-1463 and additional engagement with building owner/operators, and should include the following:

a. A recommended timeline for the implementation of the ordinance and/or regulatory framework, by building type.

b. Recommended regulatory language to ensure that the Ordinance and/or regulatory framework does not place the economic burden of transitioning to decarbonized construction on low-income tenants or contribute to housing destabilization or community displacement pressures.

c. An analysis of any negative impacts to construction costs and timelines for publicly-funded residential buildings and recommendations for mitigating measures.

d. Strategies to mitigate and offset any potential impacts to construction jobs through programs and/or policies, developed in consultation with workers and labor union representatives for workers in the building trades impacted by the decarbonization of buildings, that would lead to the creation of new, quality jobs for workers working in impacted industries and that could bolster the City’s ongoing Targeted Local Hire and Bridge to Jobs programs.

Fiscal Impact Statement: Neither the City Administrative Officer nor the Chief Legislative Analyst has completed a financial analysis on this report.

Community Impact Statement: Yes

For: Westside Neighborhood Council
       Hollywood United Neighborhood Council
       Del Rey Neighborhood Council

Summary: At a regular meeting held on April 5, 2022, the PLUM Committee considered Motion (Raman - O’Farrell – Martinez, Harris-Dawson – Koretz – Blumenfield) relative to a plan for the implementation of an ordinance and/or regulatory framework that will require all new residential and commercial buildings in Los Angeles to be built so that they will achieve zero-carbon emissions. After providing opportunities for public comment, the Committee recommended to approve the recommendation contained in the Motion, as detailed above. On May 5, 2022, the Energy, Climate Change, Environmental Justice, and River Committee considered the Motion and concurred with the action taken by the PLUM Committee. This matter is now submitted to the Council for consideration.
Respectfully Submitted,

PLANNING AND LAND USE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

MEMBER VOTE
HARRIS-DAWSON: YES
CEDILLO: YES
BLUMENFIELD: YES
LEE: ABSENT
RODRIGUEZ: YES

ENERGY, CLIMATE CHANGE, ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE, AND RIVER COMMITTEE

MEMBER VOTE
O’FARRELL: YES
KORETZ: YES
CEDILLO: YES
DE LEON: ABSENT
KREKORIAN: ABSENT

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