

Motion

The City of Los Angeles will be the first major city in the United States, and by extension the world, to fully be off fossil fuel energy by 2035. LA100 and subsequent policies are in place to ensure that the city of tomorrow is being built today. While several motions and directions have been adopted, one particular initiative requires an additional direction for an accompanying ordinance to ensure that the policy is executed firmly.

On July 15th 2022, Council adopted a direction to the CAO (CF: 22-0532) and all departments requiring that they eliminate the purchase or procurement of fossil fuel based vehicles and equipment. That direction will result in a plan that must be overseen by the CAO, but will require each department to ensure a full grasp of equipment and inventory needs. This initiative builds upon other related files, such as the LA City decarbonization workbook (CF: 21-1039), the LA City EV Master Plan (CF: 21-0890) and others, such as the newly introduced motion to create a climate focus within the office of the CAO and city budgets (CF: 22-1402).

The City of Los Angeles leads the nation in climate resilience work, including the most aggressive plans to eliminate carbon emissions and ensure clean renewable energy. While reports are pending, the Council should require that CF: 22-0532 includes a request to the City Attorney for a new ordinance that will ensure City compliance with the policy to eliminate fossil fuel procurement across all equipment and vehicles.

The ordinance should require a reporting timeframe for the CAO and all departments listed within CF: 22-0532 adopted by Council, and will require full elimination of fossil fuel purchases, with limited exemptions, by 2025.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Attorney be requested to draft an ordinance which will require that the City eliminate the ability to purchase fossil fuel equipment no later than January 1, 2025, except under limited exemptions to be detailed by the CAO, city agencies and departments.

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Attorney include within this draft ordinance, components that will require that the City Administrative Officer, and all departments, to issue their methodology and plan to Council in order to begin effectuating elements found within CF : 22-0532 no later than October 31, 2023, and to include an update to that plan every 6 months to Council until fully implemented.

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