

**Los Angeles City Council, Journal/Council Proceeding**

**Wednesday, February 8, 2023**

JOHN FERRARO COUNCIL CHAMBER ROOM 340, CITY HALL 200 NORTH SPRING STREET, LOS ANGELES, CA 90012 - 10:00 AM

(For further details see Official Council Files)

**(For communications referred by the President see Referral Memorandum)**

**Roll Call**

**Members Present: Blumenfield, Hernandez, Hutt, Krekorian, Lee, McOsker, Park, Raman, Soto-Martínez, Yaroslavsky (10); Absent: de León, Harris-Dawson, Price Jr., Rodriguez (4)**

**Approval of the Minutes**

**Commendatory Resolutions, Introductions and Presentations - SEE ATTACHED**

**Multiple Agenda Item Comment**

**Public Testimony of Non-agenda Items Within Jurisdiction of Council**

**Items Noticed for Public Hearing - PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED**

(1) **23-0107**  
**CD 15**

MOTION (MCOSKER - RAMAN) and RESOLUTION relative to issuing Multifamily Housing Revenue Bonds, in an amount not to exceed \$30,000,000 to finance the acquisition and rehabilitation of the 81-unit multifamily housing project known as Western Landing (Project) located at 25820-25896 South Western Avenue, Los Angeles, California 90710.

Recommendations for Council action, SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR:

1. CONSIDER the attached results of the Tax Equity and Fiscal Responsibility Act of 1982 (TEFRA) public hearing held on September 29, 2022 for Western Landing.

2. ADOPT the accompanying TEFRA RESOLUTION approving the issuance of bonds in an amount not to exceed \$30,000,000 for the acquisition and rehabilitation of the 81-unit multifamily housing project located at 25820-25896 South Western Avenue, Los Angeles, California 90710 in Council District 15.

**Adopted Item**

**Ayes: Blumenfield, de León, Harris-Dawson, Hernandez, Hutt, Krekorian, Lee, McOsker, Park, Raman, Soto-Martínez, Yaroslavsky (12); Nays: (0); Absent: Price Jr., Rodriguez (2)**

(2) **23-0088**  
**CD 9**

CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION, COMMUNICATION FROM THE CITY ENGINEER and ORDINANCE FIRST CONSIDERATION relative to the dedication of City-owned real property as public street lying west of Figueroa Street and north of 52nd Place - Right of Way No 36000-10225.

Recommendations for Council action, SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR:

1. FIND that this dedication of City-owned land as a public sidewalk is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970, under Article III, Class 5(4) of the City's Environmental Guidelines.
2. DEDICATE, ACCEPT and ESTABLISH the City-owned real property lying west of Figueroa Street and north of 52nd Place, as shown on the Exhibit Map of the January 11, 2023 City Engineer report, attached to the Council file, as part of Figueroa Street and 52nd Place, a public street of said City.
3. PRESENT and ADOPT the accompanying ORDINANCE dated January 11, 2023, authorizing the dedication, acceptance and establishment of certain real property owned by the City as part of the westerly line of Figueroa Street and the northerly line of 52nd Place, all public streets of said City.

4. FIND that this dedication, acceptance, and establishment, of City-owned real property as public sidewalk is in substantial conformance with the purpose, intent, and provisions of the General Plan, pursuant to Section 556 of the City Charter.

Fiscal Impact Statement: None submitted by the City Engineer. Neither the City Administrative Officer nor the Chief Legislative Analyst has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted

**Adopted Item**

**Ayes: Blumenfield, de León, Harris-Dawson, Hernandez, Hutt, Krekorian, Lee, McOsker, Park, Raman, Soto-Martínez, Yaroslavsky (12); Nays: (0); Absent: Price Jr., Rodriguez (2)**

**Items for which Public Hearings Have Been Held**

(3) **22-0932**

CONTINUED CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE SECOND CONSIDERATION relative to the agreement pursuant to a competitive sealed proposal method permitting negotiations relating to the design, engineering, procurement, and construction, testing and commissioning of the Scattergood Generating Station (SGS) Units 1 and 2 Green Hydrogen-Ready Modernization Project.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted

**(Energy, Climate Change, Environmental Justice, and River Committee Report adopted at Council meeting of December 6, 2022; Ordinance Second Consideration continued from the Council meeting of January 11, 2023)**

**Adopted Item**

**Ayes: Blumenfield, de León, Harris-Dawson, Hernandez, Hutt, Krekorian, Lee, McOsker, Park, Raman, Soto-Martínez, Yaroslavsky (12); Nays: (0); Absent: Price Jr.,**

Rodriguez (2)

(4) 23-0039

CONSIDERATION OF MOTION (YAROSLAVSKY – PARK – RAMAN) relative to an overview of the Scattergood Generating Station Green Hydrogen project; potential alternatives to the project; public health and safety impacts; public engagement process for the project; role of green hydrogen at large in the City’s transition to 100% renewable energy; and related matters.

**(Energy and Environment Committee report to be submitted in Council. If public hearing is not held in Committee, an opportunity for public comment will be provided.)**

**(Click on [www.lacouncilfile.com](http://www.lacouncilfile.com) for background documents.)**

Community Impact Statement: None submitted

**Adopted Energy and Environment Committee report - SEE ATTACHED  
Ayes: Blumenfield, Harris-Dawson, Hernandez, Hutt, Krekorian, Lee, McOsker, Park, Raman, Soto-Martinez, Yaroslavsky (11); Nays: (0); Absent: de León, Price Jr., Rodriguez (3)**

(5) 15-1552  
CD 1

CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION, TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT, and RESOLUTION relative to an amendment of the parking restriction in Temporary Preferential Parking District (TPPD) No. 197 in the Lincoln Heights area.

Recommendations for Council action:

1. FIND that:

- a. Employees of the Forever 21 factory, which operates 24 hours a day, continue to cause adverse parking impacts on the adjacent residential blocks, from which residents deserve immediate relief.
- b. The amendment of the posted restriction in TPPD No. 197, pursuant to Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) Section 80.58.d, is exempt from the California Environmental Quality

Act (CEQA) as a Class 1 Categorical Exemption under Article III.1.a.3 of the 2002 Los Angeles City CEQA Guidelines.

2. ADOPT the accompanying RESOLUTION to amend the posted restriction within the existing TPPD No. 197 boundaries, pursuant to the City Council's March 16, 2016 "Rules and Procedures for Preferential Parking Districts", which currently includes the following blocks:
  - a. Prince Street between Manitou Avenue and North Broadway (both sides)
  - b. Duke Street between Mission Road and Prince Street (both sides)
  - c. North Broadway between Mission Road and Prince Street (south side)
3. AUTHORIZE the following parking restrictions for use on the residential portions of all streets in TPPD No. 197:
  - a. 2 HOUR PARKING 6 AM TO 6 PM; VEHICLES WITH DISTRICT NO. 197 PERMITS EXEMPT
  - b. 2 HOUR PARKING 8 AM TO 6 PM; VEHICLES WITH DISTRICT NO. 197 PERMITS EXEMPT
  - c. NO PARKING 6 PM TO 8 AM, 2 HOUR PARKING 8 AM TO 6 PM; VEHICLES WITH DISTRICT NO. 197 PERMITS EXEMPT
  - d. NO PARKING 8 AM TO 6 PM; VEHICLES WITH DISTRICT NO. 197 PERMITS EXEMPT
  - e. NO PARKING 6 PM TO 8 AM; VEHICLES WITH DISTRICT NO. 197 PERMITS EXEMPT

4. INSTRUCT the Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) to initiate the necessary procedures for the preparation and sale of parking permits to residents within TPPD No. 197, as specified in LAMC Section 80.58.
  
5. DIRECT the LADOT to:
  - a. Post or remove the authorized parking restrictions in the residential area enumerated in Recommendation No. 2, except for areas where parking is currently prohibited in the interest of traffic flow or public safety.
  
  - b. Post or remove the authorized parking restrictions upon receipt and validation of petitions containing signatures from at least 75 percent of the dwelling units covering more than 50 percent of the developed frontage on the street segments requesting installation or removal of the parking restrictions set forth in Recommendation No. 3.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The Board of Transportation Commissioners reports that revenue from the sale of permits will cover the cost of implementing, administering, and enforcing TPPD No. 197. Violations of the posted parking restrictions may result in citation fines deposited into the General Fund.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

**Adopted Item**

**Ayes: Blumenfield, Harris-Dawson, Hernandez, Hutt, Krekorian, Lee, McOsker, Park, Raman, Soto-Martínez, Yaroslavsky (11); Nays: (0); Absent: de León, Price Jr., Rodriguez (3)**

(6) **18-0244-S3**

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT relative to a bus driver shortage in connection with City public transportation services.

Recommendation for Council action, pursuant to Motion (Krekorian – Hutt):

DIRECT the Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT), in coordination with the City Administrative Officer (CAO), to report on the bus driver shortage and its effect on the City's contract transit services, to include:

- a. The number of bus operator vacancies per contract.
- b. Any ongoing reduction in service that the public is experiencing.
- c. The estimated cost of any recommended contract driver wage increases.
- d. The fiscal impact on Council-approved initiatives, as well as other efforts the LADOT is taking to address the national bus driver shortage situation.

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

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

**Adopted Item**

**Ayes: Blumenfield, Harris-Dawson, Hernandez, Hutt, Krekorian, Lee, McOsker, Park, Raman, Soto-Martínez, Yaroslavsky (11); Nays: (0); Absent: de León, Price Jr., Rodriguez (3)**

(7) **22-0733-S1**

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the Supplemental Police Account (SPA) Second Quarterly Report - April through June 2022.

Recommendation for Council action:

APPROVE the SPA Second Quarterly Report, attached to the Board of Police Commissioners (BPC) report dated October 26, 2022, attached to Council file No. 22-0733-S1.

Fiscal Impact Statement: None submitted by the BPC. Neither the City Administrative Officer nor the Chief Legislative Analyst has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted

**Adopted Item**

**Ayes: Blumenfield, Harris-Dawson, Hernandez, Hutt, Krekorian, Lee, McOsker, Park, Raman, Soto-Martínez, Yaroslavsky (11); Nays: (0); Absent: de León, Price Jr., Rodriguez (3)**

(8) **22-1451**

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT relative to a donation of holiday party expenses, valued at \$40,966.26, for the Los Angeles Police Department's (LAPD) Mission Area, from the Mission Community Police Council.

Recommendation for Council action:

ACCEPT the \$40,966.26 monetary donation from the Mission Community Police Council to cover the cost of holiday party expenses for the LAPD's Mission Area; and, THANK the donor for their generous donation.

Fiscal Impact Statement: None submitted by the Board of Police Commissioners. Neither the City Administrative Officer nor the Chief Legislative Analyst has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted

**Adopted Item**

**Ayes: Blumenfield, Harris-Dawson, Hernandez, Hutt, Krekorian, Lee, McOsker, Park, Raman, Soto-Martínez, Yaroslavsky (11); Nays: (0); Absent: de León, Price Jr., Rodriguez (3)**

(9) **19-1194**

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the Phase II eCivis Grants Management Program; and accepting the Fiscal Year 2022-23 County of Los Angeles (County) Department of Consumer and Business Affairs (DCBA) grant award; and approving the Standard Agreement



between the County DCBA for the City's Dispute Resolution Program; and related matters.

Recommendations for Council action, SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR:

1. AUTHORIZE the City Attorney, or designee, to approve the Standard Agreement contained in the City Administrative Officer (CAO) report dated December 16, 2022, attached to Council file No. 19-1194, with the County DCBA for the period of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023, subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form.
2. ACCEPT funding in the amount of \$118,851 from the County DCBA to maintain operations.
3. APPROVE the City cash and in-kind match in the amount of \$29,713 for the period of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023.
4. AUTHORIZE the Controller to:
  - a. Establish a receivable within Fund No. 368 in the amount of \$118,851 from the County.
  - b. Establish a new appropriation account within Fund No. 368 as follows:

Account No. 12W702 - Dispute Resolution Program  
Restorative Justice Grant - \$118,851
  - c. Transfer \$115,417 from Fund No. 368, Account No. 12W702, to Fund No. 100/12, Account No. 001010, Salaries, General.
5. AUTHORIZE the City Attorney, or designee, to prepare Controller instructions for any necessary technical adjustments, subject to the approval of the CAO; and, AUTHORIZE the Controller to implement the instructions.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The CAO reports that no additional Grant Fund appropriation is requested at this time. The balance of funds not supported by the grant are included in the City Attorney's 2022-23 Adopted Budget.

Financial Policies Statement: The CAO reports that the recommendations in this report are in compliance with the City's Financial Policies in that budgeted appropriations will be balanced against grant receipts.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted

**Adopted Item**

**Ayes: Blumenfield, Harris-Dawson, Hernandez, Hutt, Krekorian, Lee, McOsker, Park, Raman, Soto-Martínez, Yaroslavsky (11); Nays: (0); Absent: de León, Price Jr., Rodriguez (3)**

(10) **15-0719-S27**  
**CD 3**

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORT relative to potentially including pedestrian bridges and tunnels over and under the 101 Freeway in the Third Council District to form part of the Neighborhood Enhanced Network.

Recommendation for Council action, pursuant to Motion (Blumenfield - Bonin):

INSTRUCT the Bureau of Engineering, in cooperation with the Los Angeles Department of Transportation, other relevant departments and the State of California, Department of Transportation, to report within 90 days with:

- a. A list of pedestrian bridges and tunnels in the Third Council District.
- b. The entity that owns or has primary responsibility for maintaining the bridge or tunnel.
- c. Resources necessary to assess each bridge and tunnel for ADA compliance, lighting and safety issues, curb cuts and other deficiencies that must be corrected to make them safe, inviting and usable by the public.

- d. Resources necessary to implement these improvements.
- e. Potential sources for funding improvements.

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

Community Impact Statement: None submitted

**Adopted Item**

**Ayes: Blumenfield, Harris-Dawson, Hernandez, Hutt, Krekorian, Lee, McOsker, Park, Raman, Soto-Martínez, Yaroslavsky (11); Nays: (0); Absent: de León, Price Jr., Rodriguez (3)**

(11) **22-0948-S1**

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORT relative to including the 2022 Inauguration Ceremonies of Mayor-elect Karen Bass, incoming City Council Members and the City Attorney in the Citywide List of Special Events.

Recommendation for Council action, pursuant to Motion (Harris-Dawson – Krekorian):

INSTRUCT the Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA) to include the 2022 Inauguration Ceremonies of Mayor-elect Karen Bass, incoming Council Members and the City Attorney in the Citywide List of Special Events, as provided under the Special Events Ordinance (No.80881) to the list of Citywide Special Events, with any required subsidies to be covered from the Mayor's portion of the 'Heritage Month Celebration and Special Events' line item in the General City Purposes portion of the Budget.

Fiscal Impact Statement: Neither the City Administrative Officer nor the CLA has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted

**Adopted Item**

**Ayes: Blumenfield, Harris-Dawson, Hernandez, Hutt, Krekorian, Lee, McOsker, Park, Raman, Soto-Martínez, Yaroslavsky (11); Nays: (0); Absent: de León, Price Jr., Rodriguez (3)**

(12) **22-1567  
CD 7**

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORT relative to an exception to the City's one-year, street cut moratorium on Foothill Boulevard to allow the Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) to install Northeast Valley Traffic and Mobility Improvement project elements at various locations along this street segment.

Recommendation for Council action, pursuant to Motion (Rodriguez – McOsker):

APPROVE an exception to the City's one-year, street cut moratorium on Foothill Boulevard to allow the LADOT to install Northeast Valley Traffic and Mobility Improvement project elements at various locations along this street segment.

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

Community Impact Statement: None submitted

**Adopted Item**

**Ayes: Blumenfield, Harris-Dawson, Hernandez, Hutt, Krekorian, Lee, McOsker, Park, Raman, Soto-Martínez, Yaroslavsky (11); Nays: (0); Absent: de León, Price Jr., Rodriguez (3)**

(13) **21-0859-S1  
CD 9**

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORT relative to working cooperatively with the Applicant and its representatives through the B-permit process regarding the Chick Hearn Court Vacation; and, issuing a Revocable Permit prior to the completion of the street vacation.

Recommendations for Council action, pursuant to Motion (Price - Hutt):

1. DIRECT the Bureau of Engineering (BOE) and any other appropriate City department, bureau, or agency to work

cooperatively with the Applicant and its representatives through the B-permit process regarding the Chick Hearn Court Vacation identified in Revocable Permit Application No. 2022000118.

2. DIRECT the BOE, and any other appropriate City department, bureau, or agency, to issue a Revocable Permit prior to the completion of the street vacation on the condition that the Applicant satisfies the conditions of such Revocable Permit and appropriately guarantees, and posts a bond in sufficient amounts to be determined by the City Engineer, to return and reconstruct the right-of-way back to its present condition in the event the Applicant does not effectuate the vacation.

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

Community Impact Statement: None submitted

**Adopted Item**

**Ayes: Blumenfield, Harris-Dawson, Hernandez, Hutt, Krekorian, Lee, McOsker, Park, Raman, Soto-Martínez, Yaroslavsky (11); Nays: (0); Absent: de León, Price Jr., Rodriguez (3)**

(14) **22-0156-S1**

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the enforcement strategies that are underway and/or in consideration in support of the City's efforts to fortify the street lighting network; and, an overview of prosecution efforts related to crimes committed against the City's street lighting network.

Recommendations for Council action, pursuant to Motion (Lee – Blumenfield):

1. DIRECT the Los Angeles Police Department and the Bureau of Street Lighting to report to the Council on the enforcement strategies that are underway and/or in consideration in support of the City's efforts to fortify the street lighting network.

2. REQUEST the City Attorney to report to the Council with an overview of prosecution efforts related to crimes committed against the City's street lighting network.

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

Community Impact Statement: None submitted

**Adopted Item**

**Ayes: Blumenfield, de León, Harris-Dawson, Hernandez, Hutt, Krekorian, Lee, McOsker, Park, Raman, Soto-Martínez, Yaroslavsky (12); Nays: (0); Absent: Price Jr., Rodriguez (2)**

(15) **22-1141**

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the construction and maintenance of alternative surfaces for pedestrian walkways in the public right of way and at City-owned or operated facilities.

Recommendation for Council action, pursuant to Motion (Blumenfield - Buscaino):

DIRECT the Bureau of Engineering, Bureau of Street Services, and Department of Recreation and Parks to report in 90 days with a process and timeline for the development and adoption of policies and/or standards for the construction and maintenance of alternative surfaces for pedestrian walkways in the public right of way and at City owned or operated facilities, as well as criteria for when the use of these alternative surfaces is appropriate.

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

Community Impact Statement: None submitted

**Adopted Item**

**Ayes: Blumenfield, Harris-Dawson, Hernandez, Hutt, Krekorian, Lee, McOsker, Park, Raman, Soto-Martínez, Yaroslavsky (11); Nays: (0); Absent: de León, Price Jr.,**

**Rodriguez (3)**

(16) **21-0561**  
**CD 14**

CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION, PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORT and ORDINANCE FIRST CONSIDERATION relative to the sale of parcels to the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LACMTA) for the Regional Connector Bunker Hill Station Project located on Flower Street between Hope Street and Second Street (Parcel A), and the other property bound by General Thaddeus Kosciuszko Way, Flower Street, Hope Street, and Third Street (Parcel B).

Recommendations for Council action, SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR:

1. PRESENT and ADOPT the accompanying ORDINANCE, dated January 20, 2023, relative to authorizing the "as-is and with all faults" sale of the City-owned real properties located on Flower Street between Hope Street and Second Street (Parcel A), and the other property bound by General Thaddeus Kosciuszko Way, Flower Street, Hope Street, and Third Street (Parcel B), (which are also described in Exhibit B and Exhibit C and depicted in Exhibit D and Exhibit E of the BOE report dated November 23, 2022, attached to the Council file), including all stated exceptions and reservations, without notice of sale or advertised bids, to the LACMTA, for the negotiated sale price of \$236,000.
2. AUTHORIZE the Department of Public Works, Bureau of Engineering (BOE) to execute the Purchase and Sale Agreement and Joint Escrow Instructions (Exhibit F of said BOE report) based on the terms specified in the Sale Ordinance (Exhibit A of said BOE report) for the sale of City-owned real property located on Flower Street between Hope Street and Second Street (Parcel A), and the other property bound by General Thaddeus Kosciuszko Way, Flower Street, Hope Street, and Third Street (Parcel B).
3. INSTRUCT the Office of Accounting of the Board of Public Works, to complete the transactions outlined in the Sale Ordinance, process the necessary documentation to execute the sale and deposit the sale proceeds, less yet to be determined closing costs, into the Engineering Services Trust Fund No. 682-50 and appropriate a like

amount therein to a new account entitled DTLA Streetscape Maintenance and Improvements Fund.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The City Engineer reports that the sale of the Properties, located in Council District 14, to LACMTA for the negotiated sale price of \$236,000, less closing costs and administrative fees, will have no impact to the General Fund. Upon close of escrow, the net proceeds of the sale shall be deposited into the Engineering Services Trust Fund No. 682/50 and appropriate a like amount therein to a new account entitled, DTLA Streetscape Maintenance and Improvements Fund.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted

**Adopted Item; Ordinance held over to February 15, 2023.**

**Ayes: Blumenfield, Harris-Dawson, Hernandez, Hutt, Krekorian, Lee, McOsker, Park, Raman, Soto-Martínez, Yaroslavsky (11); Nays: (0); Absent: de León, Price Jr., Rodriguez (3)**

**Adopted to Reconsider Item**

**Ayes: Blumenfield, de León, Harris-Dawson, Hernandez, Hutt, Krekorian, Lee, McOsker, Park, Raman, Soto-Martínez, Yaroslavsky (12); Nays: (0); Absent: Price Jr., Rodriguez (2)**

**Adopted Item**

**Ayes: Blumenfield, de León, Harris-Dawson, Hernandez, Hutt, Krekorian, Lee, McOsker, Park, Raman, Soto-Martínez, Yaroslavsky (12); Nays: (0); Absent: Price Jr., Rodriguez (2)**

(17) **23-0040**

DETERMINATION and COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE BOARD OF AIRPORT COMMISSIONERS (BOARD) relative to approving a Lease with Lulu's Place, for potential development of open space and recreational facilities in a portion of the Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) Northside Campus Areas 1 and 2A.

**(Trade, Travel and Tourism Committee report to be submitted in Council. If public hearing in not held in Committee, an opportunity for public comment will be provided.)**



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Community Impact Statement: None submitted

**TIME LIMIT FILE - MARCH 1, 2023**

**(LAST DAY FOR COUNCIL ACTION - MARCH 1, 2023)**

**Adopted Trade, Travel and Tourism Committee report as Amended by Motion (Park – Blumenfield) - SEE ATTACHED**  
**Ayes: Blumenfield, de León, Harris-Dawson, Hernandez, Hutt, Krekorian, Lee, McOsker, Park, Raman, Soto-Martínez, Yaroslavsky (12); Nays: (0); Absent: Price Jr., Rodriguez (2)**

(18) **20-1395-S1**

ADMINISTRATIVE AND CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION and COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE BOARD OF AIRPORT COMMISSIONERS (BOARD) relative to approving the First Amendment to Contract DA-5466 with ABM Aviation, Inc., to increase the contract authority and allowable capital expenditures for the work associated with Smart Parking infrastructure system and garage improvements at Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) Central Terminal Area parking facilities and Economy Parking facility.

**(Trade, Travel and Tourism Committee report to be submitted in Council. If public hearing in not held in Committee, an opportunity for public comment will be provided.)**

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Community Impact Statement: None submitted

**TIME LIMIT FILE - MARCH 13, 2023**

**(LAST DAY FOR COUNCIL ACTION - MARCH 10, 2023)**

**Adopted Item to Continue to February 22, 2023**

**Ayes: Blumenfield, Hernandez, Hutt, Krekorian, Lee, McOsker, Park, Raman, Soto-Martínez, Yaroslavsky (10); Nays: (0); Absent: de León, Harris-Dawson, Price Jr., Rodriguez (4)**

(19) **23-0041  
CD 11**

ADMINISTRATIVE EXEMPTION and COMMUNICATION FROM THE BOARD OF AIRPORT COMMISSIONERS (BOARD) relative to approving a one-year Sole Source Agreement with SAP Public Services, Inc., covering software license agreement for systems, applications, and products for Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA).

**(Trade, Travel and Tourism Committee report to be submitted in Council. If public hearing is not held in Committee, an opportunity for public comment will be provided.)**

**(Click on [www.lacouncilfile.com](http://www.lacouncilfile.com) for background documents.)**

Community Impact Statement: None submitted

**TIME LIMIT FILE - MARCH 13, 2023**

**(LAST DAY FOR COUNCIL ACTION - MARCH 10, 2023)**

**Adopted Trade, Travel and Tourism Committee report - SEE ATTACHED  
Ayes: Blumenfield, Harris-Dawson, Hernandez, Hutt, Krekorian, Lee, McOsker, Park, Raman, Soto-Martínez, Yaroslavsky (11); Nays: (0); Absent: de León, Price Jr., Rodriguez (3)**

(20) **23-0062**

COMMUNICATION FROM THE BOARD OF WATER AND POWER COMMISSIONERS relative to lease No. 1133 with the California Institute of Technology, for the Owens Valley Radio Observatory.

**(Energy and Environment Committee report to be submitted in Council. If public hearing is not held in Committee, an opportunity for public comment will be provided.)**

**(Click on [www.lacouncilfile.com](http://www.lacouncilfile.com) for background documents.)**

Community Impact Statement: None submitted

**TIME LIMIT FILE - FEBRUARY 13, 2023**

**(LAST DAY FOR COUNCIL ACTION - FEBRUARY 10, 2023)**

**Adopted Energy and Environment Committee report - SEE ATTACHED**  
**Ayes: Blumenfield, Harris-Dawson, Hernandez, Hutt, Krekorian, Lee, McOsker, Park, Raman, Soto-Martínez, Yaroslavsky (11); Nays: (0); Absent: de León, Price Jr., Rodriguez (3)**

**Items for which Public Hearings Have Not Been Held - (10 Votes Required for Consideration)**

(21) **21-1200-S39**

COMMUNICATION FROM THE MAYOR relative to the reappointment of Ms. Nancy Sutley to the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California.

Recommendation for Council action:

RESOLVE that the Mayor's reappointment of Ms. Nancy Sutley to the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California for the term ending December 31, 2026, is APPROVED and CONFIRMED. Ms. Sutley resides in Council District 1. (Current composition: M=2; F=3).

Financial Disclosure Statement: Pending.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted

**(Energy and Environment Committee waived consideration of the above matter)**

**Adopted Item**

**Ayes: Blumenfield, de León, Harris-Dawson, Hernandez, Hutt, Krekorian, Lee, McOsker, Park, Raman, Soto-Martínez, Yaroslavsky (12); Nays: (0); Absent: Price Jr., Rodriguez (2)**

**Items Called Special**

**Motions for Posting and Referral - SEE ATTACHED**

**Council Members' Requests for Excuse from Attendance at Council Meetings**

**Adjourning Motions - SEE ATTACHED**

**Council Adjournment**

**ENDING ROLL CALL**

Blumenfield, de León, Harris-Dawson, Hernandez, Hutt, Krekorian, Lee, McOsker, Park, Raman, Soto-Martínez, Yaroslavsky (12); Absent: Price Jr., Rodriguez (2)

**Whereupon the Council did adjourn.**

ATTEST: Holly L. Wolcott, CITY CLERK

By

Council Clerk

PRESIDENT OF THE CITY COUNCIL

## COMMENDATORY RESOLUTIONS

<b>MOVED BY</b>	<b>SECONDED BY</b>	<b>NAME</b>
Lee	Blumenfield	Jose "Pepe" Garcia

**ADJOURNING MOTIONS**

<b>MOVED BY</b>	<b>SECONDED BY</b>	<b>NAME</b>
De Leon	All Members	Madeleine Shannon
Krekorian	All Members	Alexander Nazarian

# ITEM NO. 4

Council file No. 23-0039

ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE REPORT relative to an overview of the Scattergood Generating Station Green Hydrogen project; potential alternatives to the project; public health and safety impacts; public engagement process for the project; role of green hydrogen at large in the City's transition to 100% renewable energy; and related matters.

Recommendations for Council action, as initiated by Motion (Yaroslavsky – Park – Raman):

1. DIRECT the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) to report to the City Council with details of the project on a semi-annual or more frequent basis as requested, including immediately prior to:
  - a. Releasing a Request for Proposal or other similar solicitation for the design and construction of the Scattergood Units 1 and 2 Green Hydrogen Ready Modernization Project.
  - b. Any contracts to the Board of Water and Power Commissioners for this project. Such reports shall include at a minimum how the project will operate consistent with the Council direction in Council File (CF) No. 21-0352, CF No. 22-0255, and the following:
    - i. Result in no increase of any criteria pollutant emissions (nitrogen oxides, carbon monoxide, etc.) over any time period (i.e., 1-hour, 8-hour etc.) relative to the emission limits established by Best Available Control Technology for a similar natural gas fired combustion turbine with the goal of minimizing or eliminating these emissions to the maximum extent feasible.
    - ii. Not create new significant public health and safety risks resulting from catastrophic failures of systems to produce, store, transport, and use green hydrogen in this project.
    - iii. Incorporate hydrogen leak prevention, mitigation, and monitoring throughout the production, transportation, storage, and combustion system and estimate the hydrogen leakage rates of the project from the point of fuel production through delivery and combustion and the local air pollution and greenhouse gas impacts of that leakage.
    - iv. Solely utilize hydrogen that is produced using new, dedicated renewable energy resources or excess renewable energy resources.

- v. Not rely on local potable water supplies and not impair LADWP’s goal of eliminating all water imports.
2. DIRECT LADWP to conduct a new or updated assessment of non-combustion alternatives to the project, including the use of green-hydrogen powered fuel cells, high levels of energy storage, large-scale multi-day demand response programs, new and upgraded transmission lines to import higher levels of renewable energy, and others that considers the public health benefits, safety risks, and costs and benefits, and REPORT to the Council on the results of this analysis within six months.
  3. DIRECT LADWP to directly engage, using equitable engagement principles, communities, Neighborhood Councils, and Community-Based Organizations along any hydrogen pipeline or transportation routes and adjacent to in-basin gas-fired power plants on the impacts of hydrogen production, storage, transport, and combustion, including but not limited to air quality, climate change, and public health and safety.

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

Community Impact Statement: None submitted

Summary:

On February 3, 2023, your Committee considered Motion (Yaroslavsky – Park – Raman) relative to an overview of the Scattergood Generating Station Green Hydrogen project; potential alternatives to the project; public health and safety impacts; public engagement process for the project; role of green hydrogen at large in the City’s transition to 100% renewable energy; and related matters. The Motion attached to the Council file includes some background on the matter.

After providing an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to approve the recommendations reflected above, as amended. This matter is now forwarded to the Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
YAROSLAVSKY:	YES
MCOSKER:	YES
RAMAN:	YES
BLUMENFIELD:	ABSENT
HERNANDEZ:	ABSENT

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DETERMINATION and TRADE, TRAVEL, AND TOURISM COMMITTEE REPORT relative to approving the Lease with Lulu's Place, Inc., for term of up to 50 years, for potential development of open space and recreational facilities in a portion of the Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) Northside Campus Areas 1 and 2A.

Recommendations for Council action:

1. ADOPT the determination by the Board of Airport Commissioners (Board) that, pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21166 and California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guideline 15162, approval of the Lease does not provide for any changes to the LAX Northside Plan Update or the circumstances under which it is being undertaken that would require further review under CEQA beyond the Environmental Impact Report said Board has certified for the LAX Northside Plan Update (Board Resolution no. 25654 State Clearinghouse 2012041003) on March 12, 2015, and no further CEQA documentation is needed at this time.
2. APPROVE the Lease with Lulu's Place, Inc., a California nonprofit public benefit corporation, for term of up to 50 years, for potential development of open space and recreational facilities in a portion of the LAX Northside Campus Areas 1 and 2A.
3. CONCUR with said Board's action on December 1, 2022, by Board Resolution No. 27638, authorizing the Chief Executive Officer (CEO), or designee, Los Angeles World Airports, to execute said Lease with Lulu's Place, Inc., a California nonprofit public benefit corporation.
4. REQUEST Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA) to:
  - a. Report to the Trade, Travel, and Tourism Committee within 30 days of the lease's effective date regarding the feasibility of creating a Lulu's Place Advisory Committee, which would include residents of the local neighborhood and Homeowners Associations abutting the site, in addition to other community stakeholders.
  - b. Report back to the Trade, Travel and Tourism Committee within 30 days of the lease's effective date with a community outreach plan that would encompass Lulu's design, compliance, and construction phases.
  - c. Prior to any project approvals by the Board of Airport Commissioners, to present before the Neighborhood Council of Westchester/Playa's General Board, Planning, Land Use Committee and Airport Relations Committee for input, revision and feedback.
  - d. For any actions requiring approval or consent of LAWA's CEO or designee, to consult with the local Council Office, to present to the Neighborhood Council of Westchester/Playa's General Board, Planning and Land Use Committee, and Airport Relations Committee, for input, revision, and feedback, including and not limited to: draft Operating Agreement, any material changes to the Operating Agreement, schedule of community program fees and sub-leases.
  - e. Provide quarterly updates about Lulu's Place to the Trade, Travel, and Tourism Committee, including but not limited to community outreach, compliance with the LAX specific Plan, status of Operational Agreement and necessitation of any additional environmental clearance that may be required.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The Board reports that there is no impact to the General Fund.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted

**TIME LIMIT FILE – MARCH 1, 2023  
(LAST DAY FOR COUNCIL ACTION – MARCH 1, 2023)**

**SUMMARY**

At its regular meeting held on February 7, 2023, the Trade, Travel, and Tourism Committee considered a Board report relative to approving the Lease with Lulu's Place, Inc., for term of up to 50 years, for potential development of open space and recreational facilities in a portion of the LAX Northside Campus Areas 1 and 2A.

Representatives from the department provided an overview of the report and answered questions from the Committee members. After an opportunity for public comment was held, the Committee moved to approve Board recommendations, as amended, to include report backs and instructions for LAWA, as detailed above in recommendations 4a-e. This matter is now forwarded to the Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

**TRADE, TRAVEL, AND TOURISM COMMITTEE**

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
PARK	YES
MCOSKER	YES
SOTO-MARTINEZ	YES

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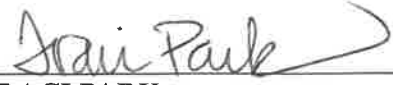
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I MOVE that the matter of the Trade, Travel, and Tourism Committee report relative to approving a Lease with Lulu's Place, Inc., for a term of up to 50 years, for potential development of open space and recreational facilities in a portion of the Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) Northside Campus Areas 1 and 2A, Item No. 17 on today's Council Agenda (C.F. 23-0040), BE AMENDED to adopt the following revised Recommendation 4 in lieu of Recommendation 4 of the Committee Report:

4. REQUEST Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA) to:

- a) Report to the Trade, Travel, and Tourism Committee within 30 days of the lease's effective date regarding the feasibility of creating a Lulu's Place Advisory Committee composed of community stakeholders.
- b) Report back to the Trade, Travel and Tourism Committee within 30 days of the lease's effective date with a community outreach plan focused on the project's design, compliance with the Northside Plan environmental clearance and Specific Plan, and details regarding the construction phases.
- c) Brief the Neighborhood Council Board, including any committees referred to by the Neighborhood Council Board, on LAWA staff's findings related to Lulu's Place compliance with environmental clearances for the Northside Plan, the Northside Plan guidelines, and the Specific Plan prior to the vote by the Board of Airport Commissioners.
- d) Prior to the commencement of construction, seek community input, including input from the Neighborhood Council Board and any committees referred to by the Neighborhood Council Board, and adjacent property owners and adjacent homeowners association, on the proposed operational details and provide information on the proposed Lulu's Place operational details for the facility, including hours of operation, program fees, community priorities, and any major subleases not already identified in the lease.
- e) Provide quarterly updates to the Trade, Travel and Tourism Committee about Lulu's Place including community outreach, compliance with the specific plan, the status of the proposed operations of the site, and any environmental clearances that may be required for the project to proceed prior to the commencement of construction.

PRESENTED BY:

  
TRACI PARK  
Councilwoman, 11th District

SECONDED BY:



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ADMINISTRATIVE EXEMPTION and TRADE, TRAVEL, AND TOURISM COMMITTEE REPORT relative to approving a one year Sole Source Agreement with SAP Public Services, Inc., with two one-year renewal options, covering software license agreement for systems, applications, and products in an amount not to exceed \$1,950,000 for the Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA).

Recommendations for Council action:

1. ADOPT the determination by the Board of Airport Commissioners that this action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article II, Section 2(f) of the Los Angeles City CEQA Guidelines.
2. APPROVE the one year Sole Source Agreement with SAP Public Services Inc., with two one-year renewal options, covering software license agreement for systems, applications, and products for LAWA, for cost not to exceed \$1,950,000.
3. CONCUR with said Board’s action on December 15, 2022, by Board Resolution No. 27653, authorizing the Chief Executive Officer, or designee, LAWA, to execute said Sole Source Agreement with SAP Public Services Inc.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The Board reports that there is no impact to the General Fund.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted

**TIME LIMIT FILE – MARCH 13, 2023  
(LAST DAY FOR COUNCIL ACTION – MARCH 10, 2023)**

SUMMARY

At its regular meeting held on February 7, 2023, the Trade, Travel, and Tourism Committee considered a Board report relative to approving a one year Sole Source Agreement with SAP Public Services, Inc., with two one-year renewal options, covering software license agreement for systems, applications, and products in an amount not to exceed \$1,950,000 for LAWA.

After an opportunity for public comment was held, the Committee moved to approve Board recommendations, as detailed above. This matter is now forwarded to the Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

TRADE, TRAVEL, AND TOURISM COMMITTEE

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
PARK	YES
MCOSKER	YES
SOTO-MARTINEZ	YES

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# ITEM NO. 20

Council file No. 23-0062

ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE REPORT relative to Board Resolution No. 023 119, which approves Lease No. 1133 with California Institute of Technology, for the Owens Valley Radio Observatory.

Recommendation for Council action:

CONCUR with the Board of Water and Power Commissioners (Board) action on January 10, 2023, approving Board Resolution 023-116, which approves Lease No. 1133 with the California Institute of Technology, for the Owens Valley Radio Observatory.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The City Administrative Officer (CAO) reports that approval of the proposed Resolution authorizes additional expenditures up to \$9.6 million over the next six years, as appropriate for ongoing and new energy transaction scheduling services and upgrades as necessary and impacts the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) Power Revenue Fund.

Fiscal Policies Statement: The CAO reports that the action complies with LADWP's Financial Policies, in that funding is available to support the purpose.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted

**TIME LIMIT FILE - FEBRUARY 13, 2023  
(LAST DAY FOR COUNCIL ACTION - FEBRUARY 10, 2023)**

Summary:

On February 3, 2023, your Committee considered the January 12, 2023 Board report relative to Board Resolution No. 023 119, which approves Lease No. 1133 with California Institute of Technology, for the Owens Valley Radio Observatory. The report attached to the Council file includes some background on the matter. After providing an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to approve the recommendation reflected above. This matter is now forwarded to the Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
YAROSLAVSKY:	YES
MCOSKER:	YES
RAMAN:	YES
BLUMENFIELD:	ABSENT
HERNANDEZ:	ABSENT

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**MOTION**

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The City of Los Angeles prides itself on being home to Griffith Park, one of the largest urban parks in the nation. Griffith Park, which the Department of Recreation and Parks characterizes as an “urban wilderness,” is home to some of the City’s most popular and iconic landmarks, museums, and recreational opportunities. Recognizing the value that Griffith Park’s recreational and environmental opportunities provide to the City of Los Angeles, the City Council has undertaken efforts to reduce pollution and greenhouse gasses (GHGs) in the park, including the deployment of zero-emission battery-powered DASH buses within the park and the closure of parts of the park to vehicle traffic.

Much of the maintenance work and groundskeeping of Griffith Park, however, is currently performed with heavily-polluting, gasoline-powered equipment. This equipment exposes users and park visitors to harmful emissions and disruptive noise pollution.

Zero-emission lawn, gardening, groundskeeping and maintenance equipment has become commercially available. In neighboring cities, such as South Pasadena, these clean alternatives to polluting, gasoline-powered equipment have been shown to be effective and viable in reducing noise and emissions with minimal impact on park maintenance operations. In addition, the South Coast Air Quality Management District has programs and partnerships available to help public agencies purchase this equipment at reduced cost.

Maintaining the City’s green spaces without the use of polluting gasoline engines is feasible now. Doing so in Griffith Park—a regional hub for outdoor recreation, wildlife, and families from all over the City—will significantly reduce the City’s carbon footprint, while simultaneously improving Angelenos’ collective enjoyment of this precious, shared natural resource. It is time for the City to create a zero-emissions Griffith Park, which can serve as a symbol of our City’s values and a model for decarbonizing the rest of the City’s parks and outdoor spaces.

**I THEREFORE MOVE** that the City Council instruct the Department of Recreation and Parks, with the assistance of the City Administrative Officer, the General Services Department, and any other relevant City departments, to report back within 60 days with a plan to transition City maintenance and transportation operations in Griffith Park to zero-emissions. The report should identify a path to electrify, phase out, or otherwise decarbonize the following:

- City-owned equipment powered by gasoline engines, including lawn, garden and maintenance equipment;
- Non-emergency City-owned vehicles that operate within Griffith Park, including on- and off-road vehicles;
- Diesel- or gasoline-powered generators used for auxiliary power; and
- Any other equipment powered by a diesel or gasoline engine.

PRESENTED BY:

  
NITHYA RAMAN

SECONDED BY:



**FEB 08 2023** Councilmember, 4th District

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## MOTION

Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) 62.06 relates to the establishment of the Street Damage Restoration Fee (SDRF) which requires any entity that is required to obtain a permit to excavate in a public street or alley must pay an SDRF. LAMC 62.06(E) states that any entity making an excavation in a street within one year following the resurfacing of the street, must repave the entire street block from curb face to curb face. This street cut moratorium is a temporary ban on cutting into City streets for the installation or repair of underground utilities like gas, water, and electricity. The moratorium aims to reduce the number of street cuts, which can cause traffic disruptions, damage to city infrastructure, and safety hazards for drivers and pedestrians. The moratorium period is intended to allow the City to assess and improve its processes for managing street cuts, and to come up with a more comprehensive and coordinated approach to managing the excavation of City streets.

The street cut moratorium has faced several challenges and criticisms since its inception, including:

- Business disruptions; the moratorium has caused disruptions for businesses that require underground utility work and have been unable to proceed with their projects. This has resulted in delays, increased costs, and reduced efficiency for these businesses.
- Environmental and fiscal concerns; In many cases, cutting into a newly repaved street does not impact the majority of the street, but would require a complete repaving of a street resulting in removing perfectly good asphalt and increasing waste, both environmentally and fiscally.
- Safety concerns; Critics of the City's street cut moratorium have argued that the moratorium may actually compromise public safety by delaying essential utility repairs and upgrades that are needed to ensure the reliability and safety of utility services.
- Property owners' concerns; some have argued that the moratorium prevents property owners from being able to make necessary improvements to their buildings and properties. This can delay the occupancy of much needed housing and/or other development projects.
- Lack of clarity; the moratorium has faced criticism for lacking clear guidelines and processes for obtaining exceptions or permits for essential utility work, making it difficult for business and property owners to navigate and comply with the ban.


These challenges highlight the need for a balanced approach that addresses the need for infrastructure improvements and the need to minimize disruptions, reduce waste, as well as reducing safety hazards in the City.

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I THEREFORE MOVE that the Bureau of Street Services in consultation with the Bureau of Engineering, be requested to report back to the Public Works Committee with options for consideration to amend LAMC 62.06 in an effort to modify the need to repave an entire block when repaving within the first year after a street cut and replace it with a requirement that will address the concerns stated above; ultimately resulting in a more environmentally friendly, fiscally responsible, safer requirement that would still provide for a sound street repair that will not materially shorten the life of the overall street.

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JOHN S. LEE  
Councilmember, 12<sup>th</sup> District

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## MOTION PLANNING & LAND USE MANAGEMENT

In 2016, the City Council initiated the LA100 Study, a partnership with the National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL), and the Department of Energy. The LA100 Study (LA100) demonstrated that there were certain paths to a 100% carbon-free and renewable future, all including the widespread adoption of solar energy generating systems. At the conclusion of the study in 2021, the City Council instructed the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power to begin the Strategic Long Term Resource Plan process (CF: 21-0352, STLRP), formally effectuating the LA100 study in order to ensure a 100% carbon free renewable energy future. The City is leading the nation by effectuating the LA100 clean energy roadmap, while adopting many other urgently needed climate policies: the City Council has recently moved to decarbonize all future buildings by requiring electrification (CF: 22-0151), while beginning the process to full electrify and decarbonize all 1000+ city buildings and over 440 city public parks (21-1039) by 2035, and has adopted of the EV master plan (CF: 21-0890) which commits the City to over 100,000 new Electric Vehicle (EV) chargers by 2030. At the same time, the City Council has directed all City Departments to end the widespread purchase and use of natural gas, diesel and other fossil fuel equipment (CF: 22-0532-S1) by 2025, and fossil fuel vehicles by 2030.

City leadership has moved quickly to address climate change by adopting necessary policies that have been identified under the LA100 study. One important conclusion of the study is the increased electrical load required for the City as it encourages EV vehicles, and building electrification. This increased load must be offset by the generous rollout of rooftop solar, ground mounted solar, and other solar installations. According to the LA100 study, the City has over 13,000 Megawatts (MW) of solar potential, roughly half commercial and half residential, or roughly 6,500 MW to each sector. Of that potential renewable energy generation capacity, approximately 2,200 MW are expected to come from ground-mount solar city-wide. Further, in addition to Council directions maximizing in-basin solar generation, the LADWP has been directed to explore the feasibility of generating between 60-100 MW of solar energy by covering 60+ miles of the Los Angeles Aqueduct with solar panels (CF: 22-1186), a project which is also projected to save over 1,100 Acre Feet (AF) of water a year from evaporation.

The City currently allows for the administrative review of certain solar installations via the LADWP Feed-in Tariff (FiT) program, an innovative method by which the Department of Water and Power can work with private sector companies and private property owners to ensure solar photovoltaic (pv) installations citywide. However, the Citywide Zoning Code requires that certain renewable power generating installations such as ground-mounted solar FiT installations be required to obtain an individual conditional use permit (CUP), potentially increasing the time of approval for the installation by requiring public hearings, with the possibility of an appeal, simply for the generation of clean, carbon free energy. This requirement was formalized in September of 2014 when the City's Chief Zoning Administrator determined that a solar photovoltaic (pv) power source is similar to a thermal power source and, therefore, any solar panel energy generating facilities are considered electric power generating sites, plants, or stations, and are subject to conditional use permits per 12.24.U.7. The Planning Department's determination has greatly limited the use of ground-mounted solar in Los Angeles; to date, there is only one ground-mounted solar approved installation in the Wilmington area. This policy limits the widespread use of ground-mounted solar, and is in conflict with recent Council adopted policies, including LA100, that have focused the City on a carbon free, renewable energy future.

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The City should streamline the permitting of ground-mounted solar by evaluating the conditional use permit process found in the Los Angeles Municipal Code section 12.24.U.7 (*Conditional Use Permits*), in order to help the City reach its energy and decarbonization goals as outlined in the LA100 Strategic Long Term Resource Plan (STLRP). And while the City Council wants to encourage the installation of ground-mounted solar, the Planning Department must ensure the protection of existing trees and native plants, vital open space, wildlife corridors and sensitive hillside communities. Furthermore, the Planning Department must also ensure that nothing within this policy direction will reduce or disincentivize housing, especially affordable or low income housing. The City can accomplish this goal by creating an administrative clearance process for certain structures solely supporting solar energy systems, and establishing standards to protect local biodiversity and other sensitive uses such as hillsides and open space.

**I THEREFORE MOVE** that the Council DIRECT the Planning Department and the Department of Building and Safety, in consultation with the Department of Water and Power, and the City Attorney, to prepare a report with an evaluation of recommendations to streamline and improve the ground mounted solar permitting and approval process found under LAMC 12.24.U.7 (*Conditional Use Permits*), in consideration of the Council Directed LA100 decarbonization and renewable energy objectives, and that this report include recommendations for an administrative process usable for the majority of structures solely supporting solar energy systems not otherwise permitted, and where appropriate require the conditional use permit process in order to protect all housing development, especially affordable and low income housing, trees and native plants, limit reductions in open space, while protecting wildlife corridors and hillside communities.

**I FURTHER MOVE** that the Council DIRECT the Planning Department, and the Department of Building and Safety, with the assistance of the Department of Water and Power, to include within the reports, an analysis of the California Solar Rights Act and subsequent legislation that has improved it.

PRESENTED BY:

  
**BOB BLUMENFIELD**  
Councilmember, 3rd District

CO-PRESENTED BY:

  
**PAUL KREKORIAN**  
Councilmember, 2nd District

CO-PRESENTED BY:

  
**TRACI PARK**  
Councilmember, 11th District

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## MOTION

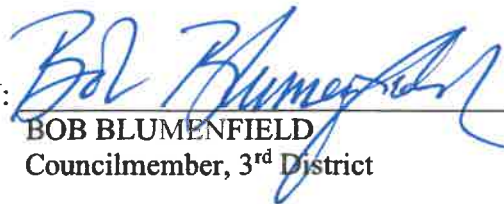
This winter, the State experienced a series of atmospheric river storms which saw historic rainfalls and severe flooding, including within the City. While the City recovers from the flooding and rain damage caused by these storms, it is important that the City assess its storm drain infrastructure, how it performed in the January storms, where repairs are needed, and where improvements would more effectively mitigate future significant precipitation. Failed storm drains can compound flooding hazards and the City should act swiftly as climate change is likely to accelerate the frequency at which the City experiences extreme weather events.

The Bureau of Sanitation is responsible for the maintenance and management of the City's stormwater systems and the Bureau of Engineering compiles and maintains databases of the City's infrastructure, including data on storm drain infrastructure and status. These Bureaus should be instructed to report on the status of the City's storm drain system and to report with recommendations where repairs and improvements will be needed, using the system's performance in the January 2023 storms as a guide for where to prioritize work.

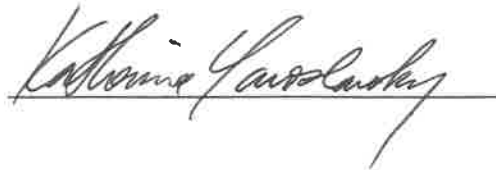
In order to ensure that damage to the City's storm drains from the January 2023 storms are repaired and to safeguard the City's storm drain system's functionality in future storms as the City experiences the impacts of climate change, it is important to fully assess the status of the system and identify necessary repairs.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Bureau of Engineering and the Bureau of Sanitation be instructed to report on the condition and status of the City's storm drain system and to include recommendations and cost estimates to conduct necessary repairs to any damaged storm drain infrastructure throughout the City and prioritize repairs based on storm drain performance in the recent storms in January 2023.

PRESENTED BY:

  
BOB BLUMENFIELD  
Councilmember, 3<sup>rd</sup> District

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