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ROSENDAHL CALLS FOR LOCAL ACTION ON GLOBAL WARMING

11th District Councilman Says LA Should Be Environmental Leader

LOS ANGELES -- Councilmember Bill Rosendahl today called for the City of Los Angeles to “think globally and act locally” in order to curb global warming.

Rosendahl, joined by six of his council colleagues, submitted a council motion today calling for the City of Los Angeles to demonstrate leadership in reducing greenhouse gas emissions which threaten the environment and the human race.

“This is a crisis of global proportions,” Rosendahl said. “The planet is quite literally at risk. As the second largest city in the most polluting nation in the world, we can and must do more to stop this rush to self-destruction.”

Rosendahl’s motion directs the council’s Chief Legislative Analyst to coordinate with a range of local departments and agencies and prepare a package of recommendations for how the City of Los Angeles can independently meet or exceed the standards of the Kyoto Protocol, a global plan to reduce global warming.

Rosendahl’s motion was co-signed by Councilmembers Tony Cardenas, Eric Garcetti, Janice Hahn, Jose Huizar, Jan Perry, and Grieg Smith. It is being referred to the council’s committees on Energy & the Environment, and Trade, Commerce and Tourism.

Specifically, the Rosendahl motion calls for:

- Updates on various city programs already in place to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, including, the Climate Action Plan, the Green Power program, and the Green Roofs program.

- A package of legislative recommendations on how to eliminate gaps or shortcomings in the City's programs to reduce greenhouse gases and recommend how the City can seize opportunities to achieve or beat the Kyoto Protocol.
- An examination of what programs and policies other cities, such as Seattle and Portland, have implemented to reduce greenhouse gases.
- Creation of a baseline measure of greenhouse emissions produced by the government of the City of Los Angeles, and recommendations on what efforts can be undertaken to promote the reduction of greenhouse gases produced by City government.

Rosendahl said he was encouraged by reports of progress made at the local level by other cities. "If our national government refuses to act, it only increases our responsibility to act on the local level," Rosendahl said. "We all play a part in creating global warming, and we can all play a part in ending it. Los Angeles is an environmentally aware city and we should be playing a leading role on this issue."

The full text of the Rosendahl motion can be found [here](#).

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