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RULES & GOVERNMENT

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, Proposition 7, the Solar and Clean Energy Act of 2008, seeks to require that all utilities, including municipally-owned utilities, provide 50% of their electricity from renewable energy sources by 2025; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 7 would require the California Energy Commission to identify solar and clean energy zones, primarily in the desert, to jump-start clean power plants; and

WHEREAS, the Initiative would fast track renewable plant construction permits for approval by the California Energy Commission; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 7 seeks to reduce penalties levied on utilities for acts of non-compliance and requires them to enter into 20 year contracts with providers of renewable resources; and

WHEREAS, a number of environmental advocacy organizations, such as the Natural Resources Defense Council, Center for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Technologies and Vote Solar and the Union of Concerned Scientists, have expressed great concern about this measure and its impact on the environment; and

WHEREAS, advocates state that the Initiative will make unnecessary and harmful changes in the State's siting process, severely limiting environmental reviews, for power plants and transmission lines; and

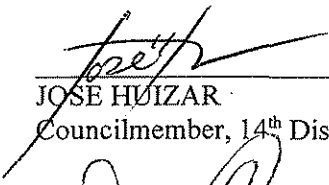
WHEREAS, the measure's lax penalties for utilities provides no real incentives for them to comply with renewable objectives; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 7 would likely exclude smaller renewable providers from participating in the market; and

WHEREAS, the measure's opponents maintain that the Initiative is so poorly drafted that it would disrupt renewable energy development and jeopardize the achievement of hard-fought near term requirement of 20% renewable energy use;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles, hereby includes in its 2007/2008 State Legislative Program OPPOSITION for Proposition 7, the Solar and Clean Energy Act of 2008, which seeks to augment utilities' renewable energy use in a manner that would ultimately harm the environment.

PRESENTED BY:


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