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Councilmember José Huizar Leads Fight Against Prop 7

Huizar urges Councilmembers to support his resolution against the Proposition, widely opposed by business, labor and environmental groups

LOS ANGELES (Sept. 23, 2008) – The City of Los Angeles voted to support Councilmember José Huizar’s resolution to oppose California Proposition 7, the Solar and Clean Energy Act of 2008, which would require that all utilities, including municipally-owned ones, provide 50 percent of their electricity from renewable energy sources by 2025.

The City of Los Angeles and the Department of Water and Power have already committed to reaching 20 percent renewable energy use by 2010, which is the same as Prop 7. The “one-size-fits-all” solution offered by Proposition 7 actually limits Los Angeles, already on record as one of the most progressive Cities in the nation when it comes to clean energy policies.

“Proposition 7 is a good idea but the wrong approach to increasing the percentage of renewable energy used by private and public utility agencies,” said Councilmember José Huizar, following the Council’s unanimous vote in favor of his resolution. “Addressing the challenge of global warming is a priority of the City and for DWP, but this initiative takes away any flexibility for us to accomplish our shared goals.”

Officials from the Department of Water and Power and Southern California Edison, as well as a spokesperson for the “No on Proposition 7” campaign spoke in favor of Huizar’s resolution.

The wide opposition to the proposition includes a number of environmental groups, such as the League of Conservation Voters and the Natural Resources Defense Council.

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