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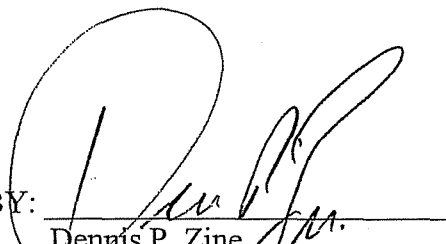
The ever-intensifying water crisis in Southern California demands serious attention and creative solutions to conserve our valuable water resources. Among the many technologies that meet this need are artificial turf surfaces for playing fields. Schools and recreational facilities that utilize artificial turf conserve water and decrease utility costs. However, the initial cost of installation can deter our cash-strapped schools from making this important long-term investment.

The Department of Water and Power (DWP) offers a wide range of rebate and other incentive programs that promote water conservation. These programs assist many ratepayers in reducing their water usage, but are not specifically tailored for schools. DWP should collaborate with local schools to implement water-saving technologies in the classroom, on the playground, and on the playing field.

The Board of Public Works Office of Community Beautification administers an annual competitive matching grant program, the Community Beautification Grant program. This program funds neighborhood beautification projects up to \$10,000. Over the span of the program, these partnerships have led to the completion of over 850 projects that have improved the quality of life of our neighborhoods. Similarly, DWP should make competitive grant funds available to area schools in order to increase water conservation and decrease water costs.

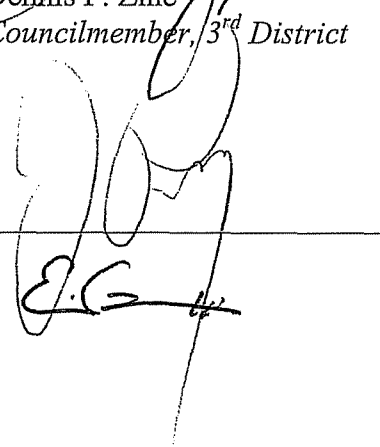
I THEREFORE MOVE that the Department of Water and Power report to the Energy and Environment Committee and the Education and Neighborhoods Committee with recommendations to establish a competitive grants program similar to the Community Beautification Grant program for the installation of water-saving technologies, including but not limited to artificial turf playing fields, for schools within the City of Los Angeles and the Los Angeles Unified School District.

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