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COUNCILMEMBER ALARCÓN INTRODUCES MOTION TO CREATE “LUXURY TAX” ON EXTRAVAGANT ENERGY USE

Los Angeles, CA – Today, as part of a special City Council meeting on revenue generation, Los Angeles City Councilmember Richard Alarcón introduced a motion directing the CLA, CAO and LADWP to report back on the establishment of a Luxury Tax on Energy consumption. The Luxury Tax would be for residential homes over 5,000 square feet with revenue going to the city’s general fund. Additionally, Councilmember Alarcón asked that the departments report back with a list of potential exemptions such as exemptions for energy efficiency.

“People who choose to use extravagant amounts of energy should have to pay for this luxury,” said Councilmember Alarcón. “Right now we’re looking for opportunities to create additional revenue as well as ways to promote environmentally friendly living, and my motion will do both. Just as other currently in place luxury taxes are focused on purchases beyond what is required for a reasonable quality of life, this tax is not targeted at families who use a normal amount of energy, but on those who consume extraordinary amounts of energy to sustain a lavish lifestyle.”

Councilmember Alarcón’s motion directs the CLA, CAO and LADWP to report back to the Council with their findings and recommendations within 30 days.

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