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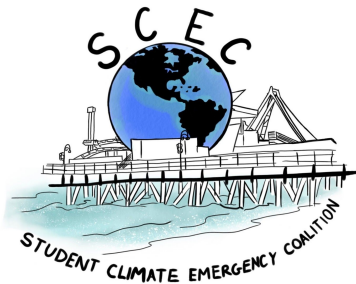
Dear Councilmember Koretz,

We, in the Student Climate Emergency Coalition (SCEC), are writing in support of Council File: 19-0604, the motion banning vehicles from idling when parked for over one minute.

SCEC comprises juniors and seniors attending high schools across Los Angeles. Our mission is to educate the LA community about the local impacts of climate change and to offer tangible solutions to combating the ever-growing crisis. Given the alarming rise of world temperatures and the local issues of extreme heat, mudslides, and wildfires, we urge the Los Angeles City Council to approve any measure that would reduce carbon emissions in LA and ensure a healthier living environment for fellow Angelenos.

We thank you and your staff for your leadership on this issue that is so crucial to our generation and for all you do to look after our city.

Very Truly Yours,
The Members of The Student Climate Emergency Coalition



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Climate Reality Leader

Michael Zelniker

Co-Chair Los Angeles Chapter

Councilmember Koretz:

On behalf of the Los Angeles chapter of the Climate Reality Project and the more than 600 chapter members, I am writing to voice our strong support for your motion, introduced on Wednesday, June 5, 2019, for legislation to stop vehicle idling in the City of Los Angeles.

How can we, or anyone who loves Los Angeles, sit idle while we endure year after year of the worst air quality in the nation? It is well documented that air pollution is not only harmful to our health, but a killer, especially among our frontline, least affluent communities and those that are most vulnerable among us – our children.

How can we sit idle while residents and businesses of California suffer the deleterious and avoidable economic impacts by unwittingly wasting 300 million gallons of fuel a year at a cost in excess of 1 billion dollars?

How can we sit idle while the climate crisis grows ever more urgent every day as our city and state collectively contribute more than 3 million tons of GHG emissions into the atmosphere annually. Other cities such as New York and 8 states already ban needless idling. Why isn't it banned here where we Angelenos live and work? Doesn't the City of Los Angeles count itself a leader in this existential fight?

We can't and we won't sit idle on this issue. We wholeheartedly support the bold action on climate which you have made a priority in your district and within the Los Angeles City Council. Banning unnecessary idling of vehicles is the least we can do as we confront this multi-tiered struggle for our precious, one and only planet.

Sincerely,

Michael Zelniker
Co-Chair
Los Angeles Chapter