

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: Dear Mayor, Garcetti, Los Angeles Council President Nury Martinez, and the City Council: SoCal 350 Climate Action appreciates the opportunity to comment on the Mayor's 2020-21 budget. We are a Los Angeles based group affiliated with the international climate change organization, 350.org, representing over 7,000 residents of Southern California. We understand the City of Los Angeles faces difficult choices every day that impact the well-being of Angelenos, including how to manage a budget deficit provoked by pandemic-induced economic shutdown. We want to stress that our "new normal," in addition to dealing with this fallout, must also include preparing our city for inevitable crises of the future – in particular, for the climate and biodiversity disasters still happening and not getting media coverage. We must make certain to build into our planning for resiliency, adaptation, and for a just and equitable transition to a clean energy-based economy. Droughts, heatwaves, and wildfires, as well as sea level rise will continue to become more commonplace, destroying communities and ecosystems, rendering our water supplies vulnerable, as well as continuing the extreme fossil fuel pollution associated with our port and Harbor areas with five major refineries. Sad to say, these ongoing disruptions will over time make the fallout from COVID-19 appear tame by comparison. It's precisely for this reason that we request that funding for the Climate Emergency Mobilization Office (CEMO - \$500,000), the Climate Emergency Commission (CEC - \$200,000), and Community Assemblies (\$300,000) be fully protected in the 2020-21 budget. We also call for reinstating funding for the four staffers working on Wildlife Connectivity project in the Planning Department. With a genuine crisis of leadership at the federal level, LA can continue leading on climate by offering a model of deep democracy and bold vision for the rest of the country and the world. We support Councilmember Koretz's motion (#20-0482) to classify as essential emergency services any efforts to reduce greenhouse gas and toxic emissions. Consistent with that, we look forward to working with the Mayor, the City Council President, and the Budget and Finance Committee to secure these funds. Thank you in advance for your time and consideration. Sincerely, Jack Eidt Co-Founder and Steering Committee SoCal 350 Climate Action



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RE: Support Council File #[20-0482](#) (Koretz, Essential Services) AND Comment on the Annual Budget Council File #[20-0600](#) (Krekorian, Budget Proposal)

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