

Protect funds for Climate Emergency Office, Commission, Assemblies

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Dear LA City Clerk,

I am writing in support of the recent letter signed by 43 organizations requesting that funding for the Climate Emergency Mobilization Office (CEMO), the Climate Emergency Commission (CEC), and Community Assemblies be fully protected in the 2020-21 budget.

We know you face 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 also appreciate your aspiration to be forward-thinking in your response, and your recognition that we will create a "new normal" when we finally get past this crisis rather than going back to the "old normal" we left behind six weeks ago. That "new normal" must include preparing our city for inevitable crises of the future -- both other pandemics predicted to be more common and the impacts of climate change, which in the long term could be more severe than COVID-19.

With a genuine crisis of leadership at the federal level, LA has the opportunity to 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.

Please see our attached letter for further details.

Thank you!

Sincerely,

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