

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: We are in a climate emergency. I support the accelerated target date of 2035 for 100% clean energy. 2045 is too late to avoid severe impacts of climate change. Even President Biden has called for a national target of 2035. LADWP should be a statewide and national leader with a more aggressive timeline than the minimum required by state law (SB100). Climate change disproportionately affects vulnerable communities and frontline communities. We need to ensure that emission reductions from our transition to clean energy are seen in EJ communities. They are the communities that suffer the most from impacts of extreme heat events and poor air quality resulting from generation of power from dirty fossil fuels. EJ communities should continue to be engaged in order to ensure that they are a part of and leading on this energy transition. 1. No one left behind: Vulnerable EJ communities should be prioritized for local energy conservation programs and distributed energy resources (solar, etc), so that they aren't unfairly impacted by increased demand for energy during extreme heat events. 2. Local job creation: Green new deal, local job creation, just transition to high road, career-building jobs. 3. Environmental Justice: Phase out gas plants impacting air quality in vulnerable communities need to be phased out. Ensure a Just Transition for workers and EJ Communities: I am surprised to see that this motion does not include any workforce language. We need to make sure that our clean energy transition prioritizes the creation of high-road careers by incorporating strong workforce standards, including prevailing wages and project labor agreements that bring in individuals from disadvantaged communities. Do not allow the burning of biofuels. Biofuels such as corn oil, wood pellets, and animal waste products may be technically classified as renewable, but biofuels still emit pollutants and the environmental costs of production in terms of land use and water are too high. We can't afford to replace our gas plants with hydrogen plants. Green hydrogen is not our silver bullet to climate change. 95% of hydrogen production in the US comes from natural gas, the very thing that we are fighting. We need a true transition to renewable energy, not a substitution from burning one fuel to another. Prioritize local programs such as demand response and energy efficiency investments that lower energy consumption, especially

for peak demand. The most expensive power is the power used occasionally to meet peak loads caused by high heat events or to supplement during periods when not enough solar and wind are available. Under demand response programs, homeowners and businesses agree to lower their usage during peak hours and high heat events and can even discharge their batteries to supply extra energy at critical times. Local programs to encourage energy-efficient buildings and appliances also reduce demand and reduce cost. Such local programs to reduce and manage demand are not only much more cost-effective than building new supply, but will also allow us to get to 100% clean energy much faster. Efficiency technologies can also help encourage conservation so that we are building energy expertise across the community, engaging folks to have a say in where their energy comes from.

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Comments for Public Posting: I strongly support the development of a Strategic Long-Term Resource Plan that will achieve 100% carbon-free energy by 2035. I'm grateful that the LA 100 project has already put years of effort into this work since 2016, but the events of the past couple years have been ample demonstration that we have no time to waste when it comes to stopping carbon emissions. This shift simply can't come soon enough. Going carbon-free makes economic sense, makes sense for the health of our population, makes sense for environmental justice across LA's disparate communities, makes sense for both our local and global community. It makes sense for our future. The technology is already here; all we need is the political will to do something about it. Let's make LA the place that shows it can be done!