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Chlorine, the chemical that kills bacteria and keeps water clean, is in short supply due to a fire at a chemical plant in Louisiana last August that was damaged by Hurricane Laura. Chlorine is used to prevent and kill algae. More importantly, it also helps protect swimmers from waterborne illnesses by preventing pools from becoming a hotbed for mosquitos.

As the summer pool season is poised to begin, pool owners should brace for a price jump of about 58% from June through August, compared with the same period a year earlier, according to IHS Markit data cited in a Goldman Sachs report on the chlorine shortage. Not only is a price jump concerning, but the potential lack of chlorine will hinder efforts to maintain water cleanliness as the summer season approaches.

The City must take steps to educate pool owners about the chlorine shortage, identify alternatives for pool owners to keep their pools sanitary, and other possible solutions to this health and safety issue.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Bureau of Sanitation be directed and the Department of Water and Power be requested to report on mitigating alternatives for water quality in light of the chlorine shortage to assist pool owners in the City of Los Angeles.

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