WHEREAS, any official position of the City of Los Angeles with respect to legislation, rules, regulations or policies proposed to or pending before a local, state or federal governmental body or agency must have first been adopted in the form of a Resolution by the City Council with the concurrence of the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, approximately 70% of the 230,000 delivery vehicles used by the United States Postal Service are between 25 and 32 years old; and

WHEREAS, in February, 2022, the Postal Service announced their plans to order 50,000 to 165,000 new vehicles over the next 10 years to replace its aging fleet, and nearly 90% of the new vehicles are expected to use traditional gasoline-powered engines; and

WHEREAS, transportation is the largest single source of greenhouse gas emissions in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Environmental Protection Agency projects that greenhouse gas emissions from the Postal Service's new gas-powered trucks would total nearly 20 million metric tons over the vehicles' projected 20-year life span, roughly matching the annual emissions from 4.3 million passenger vehicles; and

WHEREAS, climate change is a global issue that requires action at all levels of government, and the City of Los Angeles is taking aggressive measures to combat further climate impacts; and

WHEREAS, the City should oppose any administrative action from the Postal Service to replace their fleet of delivery vehicles with new vehicles that use gasoline-powered engines because such vehicles would operate in direct contrast with the City's and Federal Government's goals to reduce greenhouse gas emissions;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2021-2022 Federal Legislative Program OPPOSITION to any administrative action which would replace the existing United States Postal Service's fleet of delivery trucks with new vehicles that use traditional gasoline engines.

PRESENTED BY:

PAUL KORETZ

Councilmember, 5th District

SECONDED BY:

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