

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: My name is Rae Hamilton-Vargo , and I am a resident of the Silver Lake neighborhood of Los Angeles. I urge you, as a member of PLUM, to take active next steps to move forward on a Climate Action and Adaptation Plan (CAAP) for our city, which you'll be discussing on Tuesday as part of CF 22-1566. In particular, I ask you to support PLUM taking next steps toward a Climate Action and Adaptation Plan (CAAP), for which the report outlines a number of cost-estimates, and to prioritize a line item for its development in this year's budget. Climate threats are worsening, with 2023 having the hottest summer on record. The United Nations recently announced we only have two years to pass and start putting into effect the climate plans that we will need to ensure the planet remains habitable. Los Angeles is the only city of the top nine most populous cities in California that has not yet created or adopted a legally-enforceable Climate Action and Adaptation Plan. We need this plan so that we can move forward efficiently and with the urgency that is greatly needed to address the climate emergency. Moving forward on a CAAP now would also ensure that it aligns with other concurrent work the City is taking on to comply with various state mandates. Delaying work on a CAAP would mean laborious and costly future amendments to plans currently in development. Please take the actions necessary to make this climate plan a reality and help prepare our city for the climate emergency we face.