

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Alyssa Bell

**Date Submitted:** 04/15/2024 09:07 AM

**Council File No:** 22-1566

**Comments for Public Posting:** My name is Alyssa Bell, and I am a resident of Los Angeles. I m also a mother of young kids who deserve a safe and healthy future in LA. But climate change puts their future in peril and only you, as our leaders in this time of crisis, can help them, as us all. I therefore 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 recommend directing the CAO, in consultation with the Energy and Environmental Committee, to craft and finalize a plan a CAAP for the City of LA. Climate threats are worsening, with 2023 having the hottest summer on record. 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.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Rae Hamilton-Vargo

**Date Submitted:** 04/15/2024 03:38 PM

**Council File No:** 22-1566

**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.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Dan Silver

**Date Submitted:** 04/15/2024 10:30 AM

**Council File No:** 22-1566

**Comments for Public Posting:** I support moving forward on the CAAP.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Ben parnas

**Date Submitted:** 04/15/2024 11:17 AM

**Council File No:** 22-1566

**Comments for Public Posting:** My name is Ben , I reside in Culver City but live most of my life in 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 recommend directing the CAO, in consultation with the Energy and Environmental Committee, to agree to plan a CAAP for the City of LA. Climate threats are worsening, with 2023 having the hottest summer on record, and 2024 bringing intense winter rains. We need a plan so that we can move forward with the urgency that is needed to address the climate emergency. It's personally important to me that we act efficiently on this effort, since the goal is literally to be more efficient with our use of the environment. Moving forward on a CAAP now would 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.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Sydney OToole

**Date Submitted:** 04/15/2024 01:51 PM

**Council File No:** 22-1566

**Comments for Public Posting:** My name is Sydney O'Toole and I am a resident of Los Feliz (CD 4). 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, we 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. 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.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Sam Miyamoto

**Date Submitted:** 04/15/2024 11:03 PM

**Council File No:** 22-1566

**Comments for Public Posting:** My name is Sam Miyamoto, and I am a resident of Los Angeles County. 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 4/16 as part of CF 22-1566. In particular, we 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. 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 do more than merely "noting and filing" this report. Please take the actions necessary make this climate plan a reality and help prepare our city for the climate emergency Angelenos and their neighbors face.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Godfrey Plata

**Date Submitted:** 04/15/2024 09:50 PM

**Council File No:** 22-1566

**Comments for Public Posting:** We're grateful for having had thoughtful conversations with every council office represented on PLUM, and are submitting this public comment to underline our aim: we urge PLUM to move beyond the CAO's "note and file" recommendation on its study of CAAP cost-estimates and to support next steps toward a legally-binding and enforceable CAAP for the City of LA. We are the only city of the top 9 most populous cities in California to not have an legally-binding and enforceable CAAP. As a collective of community experts, advocates, and organizers, we've outlined the entirety of our recommendations in the attached letter. We hope this letter -- in addition to the conversations we've had with your office -- inform your engagement on Tuesday. Thank you again for your time and commitment. LA Forward; Urban Environmentalists; The River Project; SoCal 350 Climate Action; Sunrise Movement LA; Youth Climate Strike LA; and Los Angeles Climate Reality Project



April 15, 2024

Planning and Land Use Committee  
200 N. Spring Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Re: Recommendations for Next Steps for Council File 22-1566

Dear Planning and Land Use Committee,

In advance of your next PLUM meeting on Tuesday, April 16, we encourage the committee to do more than merely “note and file” the budget estimates included in its [March 2024 report back to PLUM](#). Instead, we 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.

[The Planning Department’s letter of April 2023](#) outlines multiple directions toward which PLUM can move a CAAP forward. CD5 has proposed an approach where the CAO selects and directs a consultant to work with the Energy & Environment Committee to move CAAP efforts forward.

Building on the Controller’s Office report from October 2023, “[This is Not Fine](#),” we call upon the City to advance a legally-binding, enforceable CAAP. We do not want this CAAP to necessitate a repeat of Measure HLA’s effort to enforce the City’s Mobility Plan. We want the City to be held accountable to its intended plan and conform with state mandates relevant to the CAAP. Additionally, we would want to ensure that the City maintains a strong “whole of government” approach that is stakeholder-inclusive and equitable. Community experts, advocates, and organizations are absolutely key in the crafting, passing, and implementation of a CAAP.

**Expediency in taking these steps is important** not only because of the urgency of our climate emergency; it’s also important because the City is *already* working to fulfill a number of State mandates that need to be in dialogue with our city’s yet-to-be-created CAAP.

- For example, the City is currently out of compliance with SB 379, which had a deadline of January 1, 2022 to institutionalize climate change preparedness. For the sake of both efficiency and effectiveness, the city’s work to fulfill this mandate should not be separate from its work to craft a CAAP.
- In another example, the City must also develop and adopt a rezoning program by February 2025 to meet its RHNA obligations. It is essential that the rezoning is fully aligned with the City’s climate strategy in order to meet both our housing and climate emergencies.
- Yet another example: The City also faces a January 1, 2026 deadline to update the Open Space Element of its General Plan (per SB 1425), which must include plans and an action program that addresses climate resilience and environmental justice (SB 1000).

- Lastly, the Planning Department's Climate Vulnerability Assessment and CEMO's Heat Action Plan are in development as we speak.

Expediting the City's work toward a CAAP would give Planning as many opportunities as possible to harmonize its efforts with a CAAP. It could even give Planning foresight to ensure the General Plan works effectively alongside a CAAP, even if a CAAP is not incorporated into the General Plan. Moreover, moving the CAAP forward sooner rather than later will increase the odds of the City qualifying for federal grant funding for its climate-related work under the Inflation Reduction Act.

**We're specifically advising PLUM to take a "whole of government" approach.** Much of the work we've mentioned above is owned by Planning and cannot be out-of-step with a CAAP; delaying a CAAP would mean laborious and costly amendments to these plans in the future. However, there are most certainly other implications of a CAAP for departments beyond Planning. A whole of government approach would involve all departments and proprietary agencies, and set them up to understand their unique roles in helping execute the City's CAAP in the future.

We also find it imperative that this process keeps community experts, advocates, and organizations at the table, at all parts of the creation and implementation of this CAAP.

**Crafting a CAAP need not happen from scratch.** Should the City have any concerns about the capacity needed to create a CAAP, our coalition of groups wants to uplift strong models in the CAAPs drafted for LA County and our neighboring city, Long Beach. Members of city council staff (namely staff in Council District 5) were part of the creation of LA County's CAAP and might have further insight into how to apply the county's thinking to a CAAP for LA City. This work should leverage CD-5's expertise to move the city's CAAP forward more quickly and effectively than if the City were starting the process from scratch. Moreover, the non-binding Sustainable City pLAn (aka "Green New Deal") was last updated in 2019, and includes 47 targets, 140 milestones, and hundreds of initiatives that can be used to jumpstart the development of a CAAP.

**The City has access to funds that can help craft its CAAP.** The CAO estimates the creation of a CAAP to cost at least \$1.8 million (non-CEQA-aligned) or \$2.5 million (CEQA-aligned). Although we recognize that Council is facing a budget deficit, we also want to remind councilmembers that money is available from the SoCal Gas franchise agreement (see CF 21-1267-S1). In the City Council committee discussions about renegotiating the SoCal Gas franchise agreement, the City Councilmembers said a number of times that this funding should be used to fund the City's environmental justice-based climate work. Funding a climate action plan is exactly the right use for this funding, should funding for the CAAP be tough to source from elsewhere. [These costs are unavoidable](#), and decades of data have shown that investing in action in advance of climate disasters will be 6 times cheaper than waiting to address climate disasters as they are happening.

Los Angeles is the only city of the top nine most populous cities in California that has not yet created or adopted a legally-binding, enforceable CAAP. We look forward to PLUM recommending that its colleagues in the larger LA City Council take the next steps outlined above. As PLUM's recommendation becomes agendaized for City Council, we hope we can partner to ensure that each council office is connected to the expertise it needs to pass a motion that will move this CAAP forward in a responsible and timely manner.

We know that addressing the climate emergency will not happen overnight, but we also want to ensure that in these difficult budget years, we at the very least maintain the capacity to finalize and adopt a Climate Action

and Adaptation Plan for the city to use in the coming years and decades. We hope the Council will do its important part at this juncture to move the CAAP process forward.

Thank you for your consideration,

Godfrey Plata  
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LA Forward

Dr. Loraine Lundquist  
Board Chair  
LA Forward

Chris Rhie  
Urban Environmentalists

Melanie Winter  
The River Project

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Youth Climate Strike LA

Charles Miller  
Los Angeles Climate Reality Project

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Bob Westal

**Date Submitted:** 04/15/2024 09:56 PM

**Council File No:** 22-1566

**Comments for Public Posting:** Hello, I'm Bob Westal, a North Hollywood resident and a native/lifelong Angeleno. PLUM musttake 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. We need to take immediate steps toward CAAP. "Noting and filing" is completely unacceptable. We have all waited far too long already. The world is on fire and it's time to stop letting minutia and corporate influence get in the world of saving ourselves. We call see what's happening. Let's act now! Please make the climate real and a top priority.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Jacob Ruiz

**Date Submitted:** 04/15/2024 07:02 PM

**Council File No:** 22-1566

**Comments for Public Posting:** My name is Jacob Ruiz , and I am a resident of Hollywood. 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, we 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. 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.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Celia Cody-Carrese

**Date Submitted:** 04/15/2024 08:08 PM

**Council File No:** 22-1566

**Comments for Public Posting:** My name is Celia Cody-Carrese , and I am a resident of Los Angeles. I am a young professional working in Los Angeles, and a member of the local chapter of the Sunrise Movement, a nationwide movement of young people fighting for the solutions we need to adequately address the climate crisis. 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, we 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. 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. I've lived in this city for the past decade, and in that time have seen the impacts of climate change growing more and more serious and dangerous—wildfires threatening our homes and lives and creating unbreathable air, rising temperatures resulting in heat stroke and death, record-breaking storms causing flooding and landslides, to name a few impacts. Our built infrastructure is not ready for the impending damage the climate crisis will cause to our city, and neither are our institutions—the climate crisis will worsen every problem and inequity our city is already facing, from housing and homelessness to our strained healthcare system to our transit. 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. My generation and those younger than me are terrified for what's to come, and desperate for action. But we also have so much hope for the future, because we believe that this city can be a beacon for climate action that improves the lives of all residents. You have the power to make those dreams and

hopes a reality. Be a part of positive change - it's what you were elected to do!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Benjamin Krause

**Date Submitted:** 04/15/2024 09:05 PM

**Council File No:** 22-1566

**Comments for Public Posting:** My name is Benjamin Krause, I am a resident of Glendale, CA. 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, we 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. 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.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Aditi

**Date Submitted:** 04/15/2024 04:57 PM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** My name is Aditi , and I am a resident 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, we 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. 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.