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The City of Los Angeles prides itself on being home to Griffith Park, one of the largest urban parks in the nation. Griffith Park, which the Department of Recreation and Parks characterizes as an “urban wilderness,” is home to some of the City’s most popular and iconic landmarks, museums, and recreational opportunities. Recognizing the value that Griffith Park’s recreational and environmental opportunities provide to the City of Los Angeles, the City Council has undertaken efforts to reduce pollution and greenhouse gasses (GHGs) in the park, including the deployment of zero-emission battery-powered DASH buses within the park and the closure of parts of the park to vehicle traffic.

Much of the maintenance work and groundskeeping of Griffith Park, however, is currently performed with heavily-polluting, gasoline-powered equipment. This equipment exposes users and park visitors to harmful emissions and disruptive noise pollution.

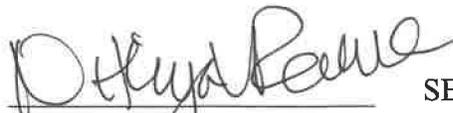
Zero-emission lawn, gardening, groundskeeping and maintenance equipment has become commercially available. In neighboring cities, such as South Pasadena, these clean alternatives to polluting, gasoline-powered equipment have been shown to be effective and viable in reducing noise and emissions with minimal impact on park maintenance operations. In addition, the South Coast Air Quality Management District has programs and partnerships available to help public agencies purchase this equipment at reduced cost.

Maintaining the City’s green spaces without the use of polluting gasoline engines is feasible now. Doing so in Griffith Park—a regional hub for outdoor recreation, wildlife, and families from all over the City—will significantly reduce the City’s carbon footprint, while simultaneously improving Angelenos’ collective enjoyment of this precious, shared natural resource. It is time for the City to create a zero-emissions Griffith Park, which can serve as a symbol of our City’s values and a model for decarbonizing the rest of the City’s parks and outdoor spaces.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council instruct the Department of Recreation and Parks, with the assistance of the City Administrative Officer, the General Services Department, and any other relevant City departments, to report back within 60 days with a plan to transition City maintenance and transportation operations in Griffith Park to zero-emissions. The report should identify a path to electrify, phase out, or otherwise decarbonize the following:

- City-owned equipment powered by gasoline engines, including lawn, garden and maintenance equipment;
- Non-emergency City-owned vehicles that operate within Griffith Park, including on- and off-road vehicles;
- Diesel- or gasoline-powered generators used for auxiliary power; and
- Any other equipment powered by a diesel or gasoline engine.

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