

RESOLUTION

RULES, ELECTIONS, INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

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 government body or agency must have first been adopted in the form of a Resolution by the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the State of California, through the California Air Resources Board (CARB), requires manufacturers of small off-road engines (SORE) used in gas-powered landscaping equipment to phase in zero-emission standards, with most equipment types subject to zero-emission requirements beginning with model year 2024 and fully by model year 2028; and

WHEREAS, the City of Los Angeles is home to a substantial population of small business and immigrant landscapers whose livelihoods, and the cost of essential grounds-keeping services relied upon by City residents, businesses, and public agencies, are directly affected by the pace and cost of California's zero-emission equipment transition, giving the City a direct interest in ensuring state environmental mandates are implemented fairly and without unfunded burdens on small operators; and

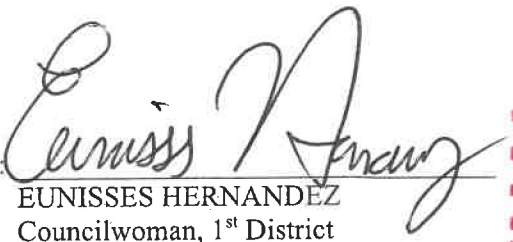
WHEREAS, currently pending the Governor's signature is a bill, AB 2635 (Rodriguez), the Just Transition for Landscapers Act, which would require, to the extent that funding is available, local air districts and local governments to make commercial voucher or rebate programs available to help gardeners, landscapers, and small-equipment operators—many of whom are immigrant, small-business, and day-labor workers—afford the transition to state-mandated zero-emission equipment; and

WHEREAS, AB 2635 would require that violations of local ordinances governing small off-road landscaping equipment be enforced only through administrative fines rather than as criminal infractions or misdemeanors, reducing the risk that low-income and immigrant tradesmen face criminal records or licensing consequences over compliance timing outside their control; and

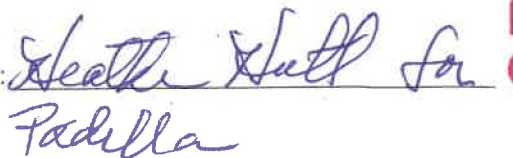
WHEREAS, AB 2635 would protect the personal information of voucher program participants from public disclosure, safeguarding immigrant and other vulnerable landscapers who might otherwise be deterred from seeking assistance for fear of exposure;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2025-2026 State Legislative Program SUPPORT of AB 2635 (Rodriguez), which would require, to the extent funding is appropriated, each large and medium air pollution control and air quality management district, and small rural districts or local governments, to offer commercial vouchers for zero-emission small-off-road equipment.

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