

Communication from Public

Name: Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance

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Council File No: 25-0002-S44

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Councilmember Yaroslavsky: Last year you introduced a City Council resolution (in Council File 25-0002-S44) supporting the Polluters Pay Climate Superfund Act of 2025, which would have imposed fees on major fossil fuel polluters to fund projects providing mitigation and prevention of climate-related impacts. We appreciate your leadership on this matter and note that the Council unanimously approved your resolution on July 1, 2025. The resolution cited two bills, AB 1243 (Addis) and SB 684 (Menjivar) to be included in the 2025-2026 state legislative program. Although both bills failed to advance, we look forward to similar legislation in the near future. The Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance, composed of representatives from neighborhood councils throughout the city, supports a Polluters Pay program. Climate change has resulted in severe consequences including rising sea levels, increasing temperatures, intensifying droughts, wildfires, flooding, and heat waves. Los Angeles residents have suffered, and will continue to suffer, huge costs for rebuilding from fires, increased insurance premiums, and higher property taxes. In addition, extreme climate events threaten the health of people of all ages. Science tells us that the climate crisis is primarily driven by emissions from the use of fossil fuels, and holding polluters accountable for the emissions they create is an important step in achieving the necessary reductions. The Sustainability Alliance looks forward to supporting future legislation to create a polluters pay program.

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL SUSTAINABILITY ALLIANCE®

May 5, 2026

Re: Polluters Pay Climate Superfund

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Thank you,



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