

ORDINANCE NO. _____

An ordinance deleting Article 12, Chapter 13, Division 22 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code (LAAC) and adding Article 5 to Chapter 29, Division 22 of the LAAC to transfer the Climate Emergency Mobilization Office from the Department of Public Works to the Emergency Management Department, and amending Sections 22.1510 and 22.1511 of Article 2, Chapter 35, Division 22 of the LAAC to reflect that transfer.

**THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES
DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. Article 12, Chapter 13, Division 22 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code is deleted in its entirety.

Sec. 2. Article 5 is added to Chapter 29, Division 22 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code to read as follows:

ARTICLE 5

CLIMATE EMERGENCY MOBILIZATION OFFICE

Sec. 22.906. Climate Emergency Mobilization Office and Director.

There is hereby established a Climate Emergency Mobilization Office within the Emergency Management Department to be under the direction of a Director.

The Director for the Climate Emergency Mobilization Office shall be an employee of the Department. The Director shall have the power and duty, subject to limitations in the City's Charter, Administrative Code, and Municipal Code, and without conflicting with the lawful and necessary conduct, duties, and operations of other boards, offices, departments, agencies, and bureaus of the City as provided by law, to do the following:

(a) Manage the Climate Emergency Mobilization Office to plan and coordinate the City's climate, toxic pollution, and resilience responses with a strong environmental justice and worker focus including, as follows:

- (i) Preparing strategic implementation plans and timelines;
- (ii) Measuring and tracking ongoing greenhouse gas emissions and toxic pollutants;
- (iii) Developing emergency and non-emergency climate mitigation;
- (iv) Developing annual climate emissions and toxic pollution budgets;

- (v) Developing resilience and adaptation programs;
 - (vi) Coordinating public education and outreach stakeholder processes through community assemblies and the Mayor's Sustainability and Resilience Offices, scientists, social and environmental justice advocates, local labor unions and union federations, the Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance, local Non-Governmental Organizations, neighborhood councils, homeowners' associations, and business groups;
 - (vii) Identifying and pursuing grant funding opportunities;
 - (viii) Identifying critical research needs and recommending key studies;
 - (ix) Integrating environmental justice considerations into programs, policies, and activities in the region to improve the environment or public health in communities and stakeholders disproportionately burdened by environmental harms and risks;
 - (x) Addressing environmental justice by ensuring meaningful involvement in the City's decision-making, building capacity in disproportionately burdened communities, and promoting collaborative problem-solving for issues involving environmental justice;
 - (xi) Strengthening partnerships with communities and organizations regarding environmental justice and climate emergency issues; and
 - (xii) Enhancing research and assessment approaches related to environmental justice and the climate emergency.
- (b) Cooperate with City departments to facilitate a focused and collaborative approach among departments to the climate crisis and toxic pollution mitigation and adaptation and responding to climate events, without conflicting with the lawful and necessary conduct of departments' duties and operations as provided by law;
 - (c) Respond to direction and advice, including through reports and other documents, from the Mayor and City Council, including items from the Climate Emergency Mobilization Commission, as established under Chapter 35 of Division 22 of this Code, or any successor commission thereto, that are approved by the City Council and/or the Mayor for action by the Climate Emergency Mobilization Office;
 - (d) Prepare and submit reports to the Climate Emergency Mobilization Commission, as established under Chapter 35 of Division 22 of the City Administrative Code, or any successor commission thereto; and
 - (e) Serve as the City's designated Chief Heat Officer, with the Climate Emergency Mobilization Office having the responsibility of developing and regularly

updating a Heat Action Plan, which at a minimum includes establishment of an early warning system, interagency emergency response plan, and opportunities to reduce exposure from extreme heat events using long-term strategies to protect communities, especially within the City's most vulnerable areas, through collaboration with other City departments, local agencies, and non-governmental partners.

Sec. 22.907. Cooperation of Other City Departments.

All boards, offices, departments, agencies, and bureaus of the City shall cooperate with the Climate Emergency Mobilization Office to the fullest extent practicable without conflicting with the lawful and necessary conduct of their duties and operations as provided by law.

Sec. 22.908. Coordination with Other Agencies.

The Climate Emergency Mobilization Office shall, whenever practicable, coordinate its programs with other public agencies charged with climate emergency response, toxic pollution regulation and mitigation, and climate resilience actions to avoid duplication of effort and create effective working relationships.

Sec. 3. Subdivision (iii) of Subsection (a) of Section 22.1500 of Article 1, Chapter 35, Division 22 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code is amended to read as follows:

(iii) **"Small Business"** means a Local Small Business that qualifies under the provisions of Article 4 of Chapter 1 of Division 10 of this Code, relating to the "Local Business Preference Program".

Sec. 4. Subdivision (iv) of Subsection (a) of Section 22.1500 of Article 1, Chapter 35, Division 22 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code is amended to read as follows:

(iv) **"Energy & Environment Committee"** means the Energy & Environment Committee of the City Council or any successor to such committee having jurisdiction over the subject matter described herein.

Sec. 5. Section 22.1500 of Article 1, Chapter 35, Division 22 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code is amended in its entirety to replace "EECEJR Committee" with "Energy & Environment Committee" wherever "EECEJR Committee" is used.

Sec. 6. Subsection (b) of Section 22.1510 of Article 2, Chapter 35, Division 22 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code is amended to read as follows:

(b) Consistent with City Charter Section 502(a), the Commission will not be advisory to or manage the Climate Emergency Mobilization Office operating within and under the authority of the Emergency Management Department.

Sec. 7. Section 22.1511 of Article 2, Chapter 35, Division 22 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code is amended in its entirety to read as follows:

The Commission shall be supported and advised by an Executive Director. The director of the Climate Emergency Mobilization Office within the Emergency Management Department, or any successor office thereto, shall serve ex officio as the Executive Director for the Commission, meaning that the Director of the Climate Emergency Mobilization Office shall be deemed to be the Executive Director of the Climate Emergency Mobilization Commission, and shall serve a separate and distinct role as such Executive Director. The Executive Director shall have the power and duty to do the following:

(a) Perform those duties imposed by the Charter, ordinance, or order of the Commission upon the Executive Director of the Commission; provided, however, that the Commission, through such orders, shall not advise or manage the Climate Emergency Mobilization Office or the Director of the Climate Emergency Mobilization Office;

(b) Administer the affairs of the Commission. The Executive Director shall not be considered a Chief Administrative Officer for purposes of Charter Section 508(a); provided, however, that the Executive Director shall otherwise administer the Commission's affairs as its Chief Administrative Officer and secretary, including, but not limited to, the following: coordinating Commission meetings; preparing and/or facilitating the preparing of reports and recommendations developed by the Commission, and submitting such reports and recommendations to City Council and the Mayor; and serving as the Commission's liaison to other departments, boards, commissions, the Mayor, committees, and City Council;

(c) Expend the funds of the Commission in accordance with the provisions of the budget appropriations or of appropriations made after adoption of the budget;

(d) Recommend to the Commission prior to the beginning of each fiscal year an annual budget covering the anticipated revenues and expenditures of the Commission, conforming so far as practicable to the forms and dates provided in Article III of the Charter in relation to the general City budget; and

(e) Certify all expenditures of the Commission.

Sec. 8. The City Clerk shall certify to the passage of this ordinance and have it published in accordance with Council policy, either in a daily newspaper circulated in the City of Los Angeles or by posting for ten days in three public places in the City of Los Angeles: one copy on the bulletin board located at the Main Street entrance to the Los Angeles City Hall; one copy on the bulletin board located at the Main Street entrance to the Los Angeles City Hall East; and one copy on the bulletin board located at the Temple Street entrance to the Los Angeles County Hall of Records.

Approved as to Form and Legality

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The Clerk of the City of Los Angeles hereby certifies that the foregoing ordinance was passed by the Council of the City of Los Angeles.

CITY CLERK

MAYOR

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Approved _____