

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 governmental body or agency, must have first been adopted in the form of a Resolution by the City Council with the concurrence of the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, California has committed to ensuring clean drinking water for disadvantaged communities, reducing flood risk, and preventing wildfires, and voters have repeatedly approved climate-related bonds to fund projects addressing these priorities, which historically have been exempt from lengthy administrative procedures except for one recent bond; and

WHEREAS, in 1945, California enacted the Administrative Procedure Act (APA), which established standardized procedures for adopting state regulations and guidelines for funding programs to provide transparency and public input; and

WHEREAS, under the APA, agencies must often complete a full regulatory package, drafting regulations, soliciting public comment, addressing objections, and securing Office of Administrative Law approval before issuing program guidelines or releasing funding, which can take 12 to 24 months or longer, even when program criteria are widely accepted or modeled on prior bond programs; and

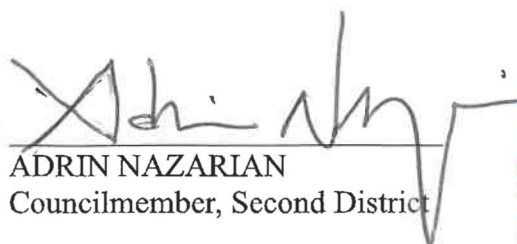
WHEREAS, in 2024, voters passed the California Safe Drinking Water, Wildfire Prevention, Drought Preparedness, and Clean Air Bond Act (Proposition 4) to allocate \$10 billion towards climate resilience projects, such as water infrastructure and wildfire prevention; and

WHEREAS, Assembly Bill 35 (Alvarez) provides an immediate exemption to the APA for all funds related to Proposition 4 to deploy voter-approved funds more rapidly for urgent climate resilience, clean water, wildfire mitigation, and related infrastructure projects; and

WHEREAS, to ensure rapid deployment of voter-approved funds, AB 35 allows agencies administering Proposition 4 funds to proceed without the APA rulemaking process, while still using alternative public processes (such as published guidelines, public workshops, and legislative reporting) to maintain transparency and accountability;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2026-2027 State Legislative Program SUPPORT for AB 35 (Alvarez), which seeks to honor the longstanding legislative precedent for climate-related bonds.


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