

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, any official position of the City of Los Angeles (City) 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 with the concurrence of the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, the Pure Water Southern California program, established by a partnership between the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California and the Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts, would create a new water supply to help meet Southern California's needs by providing up to 150 million gallons of water daily, enough for 1.5 million people and replenish groundwater basins and provide additional supplies for the region's drinking water treatment and delivery systems through the purified water; and

WHEREAS, the program would diversify water supplies and ensure reliability, especially in a changing climate, and support the region in case of an earthquake or other emergency disrupts imported supplies; and

WHEREAS, currently 50% of the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power's water supply is provided by the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California; and

WHEREAS, groundwater basins in the region have provided 30% of Southern California's water supply but have dropped to historic lows during drought conditions; and

WHEREAS, the City has goals to increase local supply, this program would produce high-quality water to refill these underground reservoirs; and

WHEREAS, the program would increase local supplies and reduce reliance on imported supplies from the Colorado River and Sierra Nevada, which grow scarcer every year; and

WHEREAS, the program's benefits would extend beyond water supply by fueling job creation and the local economy, as a 2021 Los Angeles Economic Development Corporation study found that construction of Pure Water Southern California facilities could create 47,000 new jobs and \$8.7 billion in economic output, while Metropolitan is exploring workforce development opportunities to support local hiring and provide necessary job training; and

WHEREAS, the program would be developed in phases, with the first phase producing 115 million gallons of purified water daily and the second phase reaching its full capacity of 150 million gallons per day after its operations begin a few years later; and

WHEREAS, developing a regional program on the scale of Pure Water Southern California requires partners, including the Sanitation Districts, several Metropolitan member agencies, local groundwater basin managers, and water agencies in Nevada and Arizona that are interested in water exchanges to enhance water reliability across the southwestern U.S; and

WHEREAS, the City has a valuable opportunity to partner with Metropolitan on Pure Water Southern California to increase regional reliability, and integrating with Pure Water Los Angeles may serve both the City and Metropolitan Water District of Southern California's customers by providing greater water supply resiliency and local supply benefits, especially in emergency scenarios; and

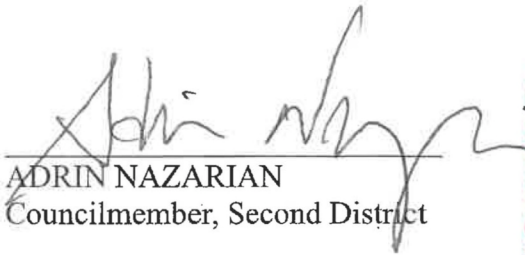
WHEREAS, climate change—manifested through drier summers, wetter winters, unpredictable weather extremes, and a steady decline in snowpack—is forcing California to rethink its water


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future and, for Los Angeles, is reducing both the overall water available in the system and the reliability and sustainability of imported supplies, thereby threatening access and affordability for Angelenos;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that by adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2026-2027 State Legislative and Federal Legislative Programs SUPPORT for the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California and the Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts' Pure Water Southern California program, a regional water recycling partnership that would purify and reuse cleaned wastewater that currently flows into the ocean.

PRESENTED BY: _____


ADRIN NAZARIAN
Councilmember, Second District

SECONDED BY: _____



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