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In 2019, the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (DWP) established the Hydration Station Initiative Program (HSIP) to expand public access to drinking water across the City. The HSIP provides significant environmental and health benefits by reducing single-use plastic bottle consumption and providing alternatives to sugary soft drinks, supporting the City’s sustainability goals and Green New Deal commitments.


Expanding the HSIP before the Olympic and Paralympic Games would increase access to drinking water at transit hubs, parks, libraries, and major venues, helping visitors and residents stay hydrated sustainably. Prioritizing underserved neighborhoods, high-heat corridors, and key spectator routes would maximize public benefit while supporting the City’s climate, heat mitigation, and plastic waste reduction goals.

Public confidence in the safety and quality of Los Angeles’ tap water is essential to the program’s success and to ensuring visitors and residents trust our water supply. Research indicates that distrust of tap water remains high among low-income families and marginalized communities across Los Angeles County, necessitating robust community education initiatives.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council request the Department of Water and Power, with assistance from the Department of Recreation and Parks, the Emergency Management Department, and any other department as necessary, to report on the status of the Hydration Station Initiative Program, including its available resource budget for education and outreach, the current number of installed hydration stations, expansion completion timeline for the 2028 Olympic Games, and performance metrics on usage and maintenance.

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Council request the Department of Water and Power, to report on a detailed plan for promoting public awareness of the Department’s water quality testing, the safety and affordability of tap water compared to bottled water alternatives, and strategies to address documented concerns about tap water quality and perception in disadvantaged communities.

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