

RESOLUTION

**RULES, ELECTIONS, AND
INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS**

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, Los Angeles will host several major global events in the coming years, including the 2026 FIFA World Cup, 2027 Super Bowl LXI, and the 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games, providing an opportunity to showcase the City's leadership in sustainability and climate action; and

WHEREAS, Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) currently serves approximately 75 million passengers annually, and passenger volumes are expected to increase significantly in advance of and during major global events such as the 2026 FIFA World Cup and 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games; and

WHEREAS, these events are expected to bring millions of visitors to the region, underscoring a collective commitment to reduce the carbon footprint of event-related activities through the deployment of clean energy and low-emission transportation options; and

WHEREAS, the International Olympic Committee and LA28 have published a sustainability strategy that includes reducing the carbon footprint of all activities associated with the 2028 Olympic Games; and

WHEREAS, published reports indicate that the aviation industry contributes to approximately 3% of global carbon emissions; and

WHEREAS, Sustainable Aviation Fuel (SAF) is a fuel made from non-petroleum feedstocks that reduces air pollution from air transportation; and

WHEREAS, scientific literature strongly indicates that use of SAF protects public health in nearby communities, and significantly reduces volatile organic compounds (VOX) and non-volatile particulate matter (nvPM) pollution, while reducing health risks for workers and passengers who spend significant time near airport operations; and

WHEREAS, SAF is produced in California using a Skilled and Trained Workforce (as defined by California Public Contract Code §2601(d)); and


WHEREAS, robust, long-term incentives for SAF will strengthen renewable energy markets, stimulate energy and fuel innovations, foster technological progress, and reinforce California's position as a global leader in sustainable aviation; and

WHEREAS, demand for SAF is expected to grow as major U.S. airlines, airports, shippers, and the federal government have agreed to work together to advance the use of cleaner fuels; and


WHEREAS, SAF production facilities in California face economic uncertainty without targeted support, threatening the loss of critical jobs and delayed progress in the creation of a sustainable aviation industry; and

WHEREAS, to support our state, our environment, and our aviation industry partners, California Governor Gavin Newsom has proposed a SAF incentive package in his 2026-27 budget.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that by adoption of this Resolution, the Council of the City of Los Angeles hereby SUPPORTS Governor Gavin Newsom's proposal to establish a stable, long-term incentive for Sustainable Aviation Fuel in California's 2026-27 budget.


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PRESENTED BY


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Councilmember, 12th District

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