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The City of Los Angeles purchases vehicles and related equipment for use across multiple departments and agencies as part of its regular operations. In doing so, the City has an interest in ensuring that its purchasing practices reflect the labor and workplace standards the City has committed to uphold.

Recent reporting from journalists and non-profit organizations has raised concerns surrounding violations of occupational health and safety laws within portions of the domestic and global auto manufacturing supply chains. Although the City does not contract directly with many of the entities within these supply chains, City vehicle purchases ultimately support these supply chains. The City, therefore, has an interest in ensuring that its procurement practices do not fund or contribute to exploitative labor practices that are inconsistent with City standards.

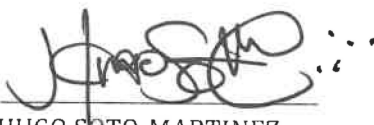
The City has previously established policies intended to prevent City funds from supporting sweatshop labor and unsafe working conditions, including through the adoption of the Sweat-Free Procurement Ordinance (Los Angeles Administrative Code Article 17, §10.43 et seq.).

Consistent with these commitments, a review of current vehicle procurement policies and practices is appropriate to ensure that City purchasing remains aligned with these standards and that existing safeguards are being effectively applied in this context. The City also recognizes the importance of partnering with nonprofit organizations and educational institutions with expertise in this area to achieve its goals.

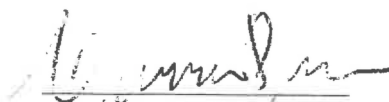
I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council instruct the General Services Department (GSD), in coordination with the City Attorney and the City Administrative Officer (CAO), to review the City's current vehicle procurement policies and practices to ensure compliance with all applicable local, state, and federal labor, employment and procurement laws.

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Council instruct General Services Department (GSD), in coordination with the City Attorney and the City Administrative Officer (CAO), to report with recommendations of any changes or policy updates that would help ensure the City's vehicle procurement practices are free from child labor, forced labor, and labor practices involving habitual violations of occupational health and safety laws.

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