

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: Dear Councilmembers, I am writing as an individual in support of the proposed Environmental Justice and Advocacy Advisory Commission. As a longtime stakeholder in Council District 6, I have been exposed to toxic smoke from fires at nearby junkyard facilities in Council Districts 6 and 7. These fires pose serious health and environmental hazards to surrounding communities. The nearby LADWP Valley Generating Station has also experienced methane gas leaks in the past, affecting the air quality and well-being of local residents. I stand in solidarity with the residents of Boyle Heights and understand the concerns many of us share about the environmental impacts of these fires and other hazardous incidents. Spanish-speaking communities and other low-income neighborhoods are often disproportionately exposed to hazardous materials and environmental risks. I urge the City Council to take decisive action to protect our communities, neighborhoods, and residents from environmental injustices. Establishing the Environmental Justice and Advocacy Advisory Commission would be an important step toward ensuring that affected communities have a meaningful voice in decisions that impact their health and safety. Please do the right thing and support this proposal. Sincerely, LIONEL MARES, MPA
Community Advocate