

Whereas the planet earth is experiencing a mass extinction rate of organisms about one thousand times, the historic normal rate,

Whereas the current mass extinction is overwhelmingly caused by fossil fuel pollution and has degraded ecological services, including air and water filtration, temperature control, organic molecule recycling and erosion control;

Whereas the City of Los Angeles lies within the California Floristic Province, which is globally recognized as one of 35 biodiversity hotspots on the planet and the only hotspot in the Continental United States.

Whereas the city's species (including humans) are threatened by fossil fuel pollution and other human activities; now therefore be it

Resolved, the Wilmington Neighborhood Council:

1. Urges the U.S. national, California state, Los Angeles county and Los Angeles city governments to transition government-owned fossil fuel and compressed natural gas vehicles to zero-emission electric vehicles; and
2. Urges the transition to be complete by 2030; and
3. Urges zero-emission electric vehicles to receive fuel from clean renewable sources (solar, wind, geothermal, hydrogen cells, et cetera).



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Joe Buscaino, Los Angeles Councilman District 15  
Los Angeles City Hall  
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Dear Councilman Buscaino:

The Wilmington Neighborhood Council adopted a resolution urging governments to transition to zero-emission electric vehicles. The resolution is attached with this letter.

Every level of government has a responsibility to protect the public; governments must therefore take the lead in decreasing consumption of fossil fuels.

Each year more than 150,000 Americans die prematurely due to pollution, especially from fossil fuel sources. Fossil fuel pollution causes heart attacks, strokes, lung cancer and other fatal diseases.

Fossil fuel pollution has also degraded ecological services including air and water filtration, temperature control, organic molecule and mineral recycling, and erosion control. There are also more natural disasters such as hurricanes in the Gulf of Mexico and wildfires in California. Natural disasters alone kill thousands of people and cost billions of dollars in damages each year (in 2016 natural disasters costed more than \$150 billion in damages worldwide).

The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change released a report this year which concluded that if humanity does not significantly decrease its fossil fuel usage, food supplies could be threatened due to climate variations and natural disasters. Food shortages could begin by as early as 2040.

Transitioning all government owned vehicles to have zero emissions is a good first step to protect the public from the real threats of pollution. There are zero emission vehicles that can meet most government needs, including police vehicles, sanitation trucks, fire engines, postal trucks and cars for field agents.

Governments should begin this transition immediately.

The Wilmington Neighborhood Council requests a report back from the City of Los Angeles, the County of Los Angeles, the State of California and the U.S. national government as soon as possible on policy or legislative actions to make this transition.

Governments should also strive for zero emission vehicles to receive fuel from renewable sources. This is a great undertaking, but it is plausible. With only solar technology, the U.S. could provide all of its energy needs if solar modules covered an area the size of about one midwestern state.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sylvia Arredondo', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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On Behalf of the Wilmington Neighborhood Council

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