



# CENTRAL SAN PEDRO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

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Joe Buscaino, Los Angeles Councilman District 15  
Los Angeles City Hall  
200 N. Spring St. Room 410  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Councilman Buscaino:

The Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council adopted the following resolution:

**Christian Guzman**  
President

**James Allen**  
Vice President

**Alexander Hall**  
Secretary

**Maria Couch**  
Treasurer

**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 mostly caused by fossil fuel pollution and has degraded ecological services, including air and water filtration, temperature control, organic molecule and mineral 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 unique organisms are threatened by fossil fuel pollution and other human activities; now therefore be it

**Resolved**, the Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council:

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

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

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).

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 Central San Pedro 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,



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Board Member and President  
On behalf of the Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council

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