

## Communication from Public

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Good morning Council members, My name is Ben Grundy and I'm the global warming solutions associate with Environment California, a statewide advocacy group that works for clean air, clean water, and open spaces. Firstly, I would like to thank the city council for all of their hard work to address transportation pollution and efforts to increase access to zero-emission transportation like EVs. As we all know, CA's transportation sector is the leading contributor of greenhouse gas emissions, nitrogen oxide pollution, and diesel particulate matter pollution. Accelerating the transition to zero-emission transportation is good for not only our environment but also human health. The City of Los Angeles has done some much to lead on EVs, but the city has an opportunity to do even more! The city council must take action to get the city in compliance with all of the requirements from Assembly Bill 1236, a bill, signed into law in 2015, requiring cities and counties across the state to streamline the permitting process for Electric Vehicle Charging Stations (EVCS). Currently, the city of Los Angeles is in compliance with only 1 out of the 8 requirements. I'd like to formally deliver a letter in support of streamlining of EV charging station permitting from 24 organizations from within Los Angeles and across the state including 350 South Bay Los Angeles, Fastlink DTLA, California Interfaith Power & Light, and the Center for Biological Diversity. We must do all we can as quickly as we can. The longer we wait to cut carbon pollution, the more rapidly the planet will warm. Our climate, our health, and our kids depend on it.

Dear City Council Members,

Transportation is California's number one source of air pollution and global warming pollution, with emissions from cars, trucks, buses and other vehicles surpassing every other source. We simply can't address climate change and poor air quality without changing how Californians get around.

California's continued use of dirty fossil fuels is choking our planet and our bodies. Over 38 million Californians—about 98% of the state's population—experienced over 30 days of unhealthy air quality in 2020. Air pollution increases the risk of premature death, asthma attacks, cancer and other adverse health impacts, and causes 34,000 deaths every year in California.

The City of Los Angeles, home to nearly 4 million people, suffered through 209 days with elevated air pollution in 2020. Even one day of breathing in polluted air is dangerous for our health. So, 209 days or nearly 7 months is unacceptable, and we need to do more to deliver cleaner air for our communities. Air pollution affects our hearts, our lungs and our brains, and it will get even worse unless we reduce the dust and the smoke and the smog that choke our air and our planet.

To stave off the worst effects of climate change and deliver cleaner air to communities, we must reduce the pollution we are putting into the atmosphere as quickly as possible.

That's why the undersigned 22 organizations, business and community leaders are asking Los Angeles to be a leader in tackling this issue by prioritizing achieving zero-carbon transportation, building electric vehicle infrastructure, shifting from fossil fuel-powered to electric buses, and promoting shared mobility and climate-friendly development by adopting a GoEV City measure.

We have the technology to not only reduce but virtually eliminate transportation pollution. Today, affordable, efficient, long-range electric vehicles are hitting the streets in record numbers, and better vehicles are coming online all the time.

Our community can make zero-carbon transportation the most convenient, affordable, and enjoyable option for every trip by electrifying cars and buses and reducing the need to drive by making it easier, cheaper, and more enjoyable to travel on foot, bike, or public transit.

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Sincerely,



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