

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, any official position of the City of Los Angeles with respect to legislation, rules, regulations or policies proposed to or pending before a local, state, or federal government body or agency must have first been adopted in the form of a Resolution by the City Council with the concurrence of the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, leaf blowers, lawn mowers, and other landscaping equipment powered by gas emit loud and disruptive noises, release high amounts of air pollution that have been found to contribute to asthma and headaches, and have high operating costs due to costly fueling options and the need for relatively frequent maintenance; and

WHEREAS, electric-powered landscaping machines are quieter, better for the environment, and have lower maintenance costs than their oil and gas-powered counterparts, but can be more expensive upfront, due in part to the additional costs of batteries, chargers and necessary electrical upgrades; and

WHEREAS, across the country, many laws have begun restricting the use of lawn equipment powered by gas; and

WHEREAS, in Los Angeles, many of the costs of switching to electric equipment would fall on low wage minority and immigrant workers, who make up a significant portion of lawn care workers in the City; and

WHEREAS, these workers should not be asked to pay disproportionately for a transition from gas-powered to electric equipment that would benefit the entire community; and

WHEREAS, the Promoting Reduction of Emissions Through Landscaping Equipment Act, introduced by Congressman Lou Correa, would create a federal tax credit allowing businesses to recoup up to 40% of the costs of purchasing emission-free gardening equipment; and

WHEREAS, this federal tax credit would make it easier for gardeners and landscapers in Los Angeles to purchase electric equipment, making the transition more equitable and the neighborhoods in the City quieter and cleaner;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2023-2024 Federal Legislative Program SUPPORT for the Promoting Reduction of Emissions Through Landscaping Equipment Act.

PRESENTED BY:



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SECONDED BY:



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