

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; and

WHEREAS, the City supports legislation that provides bond issuances that will further enable efforts for climate change response, flood prevention, sustainability and resiliency in urbanized areas; and

WHEREAS, this would require allowing applications and competitive categories for projects in high density communities that lack adequate infrastructure, which will require flexibility and creative approaches within the built environment to accomplish the shared priority of nature-based solutions in disadvantaged neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, California is one of the most climate-challenged regions of North America and must actively plan and implement strategies to prepare for and adapt to extreme events and shifts in the climate; and

WHEREAS, the 2020 wildfire season was the largest on record with nearly 10,000 fires that burned more than 4.2 million acres or over 4% of California's land mass; and

WHEREAS, according to the Public Policy Institute of California, at least 2,600 well-dependent households experienced water shortages and roughly 150 small water systems needed emergency assistance during the 2012-2016 chronic drought period; and

WHEREAS, currently pending before the California State legislature is AB 1567, Safe Drinking Water, Wildfire Prevention, Drought Preparation, Flood Protection, Extreme Heat Mitigation, Clean Energy, and Workforce Development Bond Act of 2024, which would authorize the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$15.995 billion pursuant to the State General Obligation Bond Law to finance projects for safe drinking water, wildfire prevention, drought preparation, flood protection, extreme heat mitigation, clean energy, and workforce development programs; and

WHEREAS, AB 1567 would appropriate the funds for the following purposes:

- \$2.275 billion for the prevention and reduction in the risk of wildfires to lives; properties, and natural resources.
- \$1.655 billion for protection of coastal communities, restoration of coastal and ocean resources, mitigation of ocean acidification, and addressing the impacts of climate change along California's coast;
- \$5.255 billion for safe drinking water, drought preparation and response, and flood protection;
- \$1.5 billion for the protection and restoration of natural lands to maintain biodiversity, preserve fish and wildlife, and allow species migration in response to climate conditions;



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- \$520 million for the protection of California's agricultural resources, communities, open spaces, and working lands from climate change impacts;
- \$1.59 billion for climate resilience and mitigation strategies for address increasing temperatures and extreme heat in communities;
- \$1.2 billion to implement projects that strengthen climate resilience based on regional needs;
- \$ 2 billion for clean energy projects to mitigate the effects of climate change;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that by adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2023-2024 State Legislative Program support for AB 1567 (Garcia, Carrillo, et. al.), which would authorize a \$15.995 billion general obligation bond to be placed before the voters at a future statewide election in order to combat the effects of climate change, protect the water supply, mitigate extreme heat, and preserve natural resources.

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