

## Communication from Public

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**Council File No:** 24-0602

**Comments for Public Posting:** July 22, 2024 President Paul Krekorian Los Angeles City Council John Ferraro Council Chamber, Room 340 200 N. Spring Street Los Angeles, CA 90012 RE: COUNCIL FILE NO. 24-0602 – LETTER OF SUPPORT – ITEM NO. 2 Dear President Krekorian and members of Los Angeles City Council, Climate Resolve supports Council File No. 24-0602, a motion to study the citywide transition away from future installations of artificial turf and synthetic grass. We applaud this effort to reorient City priorities away from using heat-emitting materials to using more environmentally-friendly alternatives. For fourteen years, Climate Resolve has helped Southern California become more resilient in the face of climate change. In 2013, we helped the City adopt a cool roof ordinance. Since then, we've been at the leading edge of cooling communities. Asphaltic surfaces, industrial heat-emissions and plastic grasses are superheating our cities. On hot days, synthetic grass and artificial turf can register surface temperatures that are just as hot as asphalt pavement. We appreciate the City's revaluation of non-living surfaces, and to explore better options for water conservation. We believe that the multi-benefits that natural, drought-tolerant landscapes and groundcover provide are superior options. Natural elements like permeable surfaces help to increase water infiltration, decrease stormwater runoff, maintain optimal carbon-sequestration levels in soil, and regulate temperature extremes in urban environments. On top of that, permeable surfaces make it easy to expand our urban forest canopy, which further cools our environment. We appreciate the opportunity to comment in support of this motion. We look forward to the final report and are open to continue this discussion. If you'd like to reach out, please contact Enrique Huerta at [ehuerta@climateresolve.org](mailto:ehuerta@climateresolve.org). Sincerely, Jonathan Parfrey Executive Director

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