

ENERGY, CLIMATE CHANGE AND ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE

MOTION

On May 1, 2018, the Council in essence declared a Climate Emergency by pursuing the creation of a Climate Emergency Mobilization Department and a stakeholder commission (CF No. 18-0054). These policies were developed with leadership from and in partnership with the Leap LA Coalition, a coalition of environmental- and climate-justice groups. The Council subsequently directed City personnel to formalize the City's declaration of a climate emergency by resolution.

Since the Council's action, over 1000 cities in the Country and abroad have declared a climate emergency and the need to pursue immediate action. The City of Berkeley, whose declaration directly followed the Council's action, acknowledged the City's leadership in the effort.

On July 3, 2019, the Council approved the establishment of the Office of the Climate Emergency Mobilization and the Climate Emergency Commission to work on climate emergency-related matters impacting the City and region. The Council action noted that the Commission would consist of representatives from historic local indigenous communities; the labor community; frontline communities throughout the City; youth communities; policy experts on climate science and air quality; and specified City representatives.

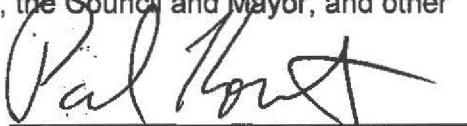
In order to form the Office of Climate Emergency Mobilization and appoint the Climate Emergency Commission, the City Attorney should be requested to prepare and present an ordinance.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Attorney be requested to prepare and present an ordinance establishing the Climate Emergency Commission (CEC) consisting of the appointment designation outlined in the Council's action of July 3, 2019 (CF No. 18-0054), with Mayoral appointment authority over the members other than those specifically designated in sections 1(d) and 1(e).

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Attorney, with the assistance of the Chief Legislative Analyst, be requested to include the following in the ordinance:

1. The role and responsibilities of the Director of the Office of Climate Emergency Mobilization in relation to climate emergency-related matters, including administration of the affairs of the CEC, coordinating CEC meetings, preparing reports and recommendations to the CEC, submitting reports developed by the CEC; and serving as the CEC liaison;
2. The role and responsibilities of the CEC in relation to climate emergency-related matters, including establishing regular meetings of the CEC and releasing commission agendas, providing reports and recommendations to the Office of the Climate Emergency Mobilization Director, City departments, the Council and Mayor, and other duties to be determined.

PRESENTED BY:


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SECONDED BY:



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