

Communication from Public

Name: The Los Angeles Business Council

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Comments for Public Posting: The Honorable Paul Krekorian The Honorable Mitch O'Farrell
Los Angeles City Council City of Los Angeles 200 N Spring
Street Los Angeles, CA 90012 RE: Los Angeles Business Council
Support – C.F. 21-0352 – LADWP 100% Carbon-Free Energy by
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communities with the greatest need, so that our residents most
vulnerable to climate change are not only protected but positioned
to thrive as we transition to a more sustainable future. We strongly
support this motion and are excited about continuing to work

together towards achieving our critical climate goals and making Los Angeles a more resilient place for everyone. Sincerely, Mary Leslie President LABC/LABC Institute



May 5, 2021

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A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Mary Leslie". The script is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Mary" and last name "Leslie" clearly distinguishable.

Mary Leslie
President
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