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The 2021-2022 State Budget includes over \$15 billion in funding to address climate change throughout the State. This includes significant funding for water supply, sustainability, retention, and wastewater management, policies and programs to cut carbon emissions, investments to accelerate and promote renewable and clean energy, and funding for natural habitat and wildlife protection and resilience.

The City is already engaged in multiple projects and programs to combat climate change and its deadly effects here at the local level. The 2021-22 Adopted Budget included funding to launch an Oil and Gas Well and Drill Site Facility Compliance Program to ensure facility operators are complying with all relevant oil well regulations. The Budget also provided funding for the Board of Public Works, Planning Department, and the Fire Department to conduct an amortization study of 17 oil sites in the City to potentially phase out and close nonconforming oil and gas activities at these sites.

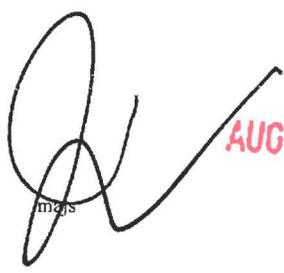
The City has also been engaged in ensuring that we protect our local natural habitats and wildlife, including the Planning Department's Wildlife Pilot Study, which will restrict development in specific areas where such development would severely impact wildlife movements. The Planning Department has also worked to implement a Wildlife Corridor in the Santa Monica Mountains to ensure that wildlife habitats remain connected and protected. Similarly, the City recently expanded its list of Protected Tree Species and the Bureau of Street Services' Urban Forestry Division and the Office of Forest Management are working to inventory our City's street trees and develop an Urban Forest Management Plan.

The City has also set up new offices and working groups to build expertise and lead the City's work in combatting climate change. The Bureau of Sanitation has formed a Biodiversity Expert Council and an interdepartmental Biodiversity Team to develop a City-specific Biodiversity Index, lead Citywide biodiversity initiatives, and develop department-specific biodiversity plans and policies. The City has also established a Climate Emergency Mobilization Office under the Board of Public Works to plan and coordinate the City's climate, toxic pollution, and resilience response and conduct public outreach and education campaigns.

The City has positioned itself to aggressively engage in the fight against climate change and could leverage State funding to further this important work. In order to ensure that the City is fully taking advantage of all outside funding opportunities and maximizing the value of the City's and State's investments, the City should assess which projects and programs are eligible to receive recently-approved State funding.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Department of Public Works and the City Administrative Officer be instructed to report on the availability of State funding to augment and support ongoing and future City projects and work involving climate change mitigation and resilience being conducted by the Bureau of Sanitation, Climate Emergency Mobilization Office, Office of the Petroleum Administrator, and Office of City Forest Management.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Planning Department be instructed to report on the availability of State funding to augment and support Planning Department projects involving climate change mitigation and habitat connectivity, including wildlife corridors.



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