

RESOLUTION RULES, ELECTIONS & INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

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 governmental body or agency must have first been adopted in the form of a Resolution by the City Council with the concurrence of the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, in the face of quickly-worsening global climate impacts, the City has been increasing its efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions across all sectors; and

WHEREAS, the rapid, strong, and sustained reduction in three greenhouse gasses, namely Carbon Dioxide, Methane, and Nitrous Oxide, along with zero deforestation, is a climate imperative; and

WHEREAS, between 2014 and 2019 there has been faster growth of atmospheric concentrations of methane; growth since 2007 is largely driven by emissions from fossil fuels and agriculture, with at least 30% of methane emissions attributed to animal agriculture; and

WHEREAS, scenarios modeled in the United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change 6th assessment suggest rapid cuts of 75% to methane are required to stay within 1.5C; and

WHEREAS, data derived from the IPCC 2014 5th assessment reveals animal agriculture emissions as 35% of energy production, a figure which excludes deforestation emissions attributed to the growing of crops for farmed animals.

WHEREAS, the 2019 *Land Use* report by Ritchie, H. and Roser, M., calculated that 78% of farmland is used to farm animals yet supplies just 18% of global calories and 37% of protein; and

WHEREAS, the City has committed to help mitigate the climate, ocean, and biodiversity crisis by addressing the food system, including promoting the benefits of locally grown plant-based foods; and

WHEREAS, in March 2020, the City condemned the destruction of the Amazon rainforest by cattle farmers, calling for corporate and government entities operating in the City to divest from agricultural industries that benefit from deforestation, threaten Indigenous People who inhabit the rainforests, and serve to accelerate global warming; and

WHEREAS, a global initiative is underway calling for a Plant Based Treaty that through its three R's — *Relinquish, Redirect, and Restore* — aims to halt the accelerating expansion of animal agriculture, incentivize and promote a plant-based food system, rewild critical ecosystems in line with the global commitment to limit warming to 1.5°C, and work to mitigate the climate crisis with fair, equitable transition plans;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles formally endorses and hereby includes in its 2021-2022 Federal Legislative Program SUPPORT for the United States to enter into a Plant Based Treaty and make a plant-based approach to food and food purchasing a centerpiece of its greenhouse gas emissions policy.

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