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To Whom It May Concern:

The Mar Vista Community Council Board of Directors, at its regular September meeting, approved the following motion:

The Mar Vista Community Council supports eliminating coal from the electricity supply of Los Angeles by 2020 as well as providing 40% of our power from clean, renewable energy. We ask that you, our city's leaders, embrace these goals by ensuring the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power adopt and execute these critical goals. The need for action to address global climate change, pollution, water resource protection and sustainability has never been more urgent. There is no better opportunity for Los Angeles to demonstrate its leadership in the area of sustainability than to take action now. The Mar Vista Community Council asks that the Los Angeles City Council:

- 1. Mandate the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power devise and execute a plan to end the city's use of coal-fired power by 2020.**
- 2. Displace Los Angeles' coal-fired power through the implementation of aggressive energy- efficiency programs and a 40% renewable portfolio standard.**

Coal is one of the dirtiest forms of energy and a major contributor to global climate change. In 2008, over 36% of U.S. carbon dioxide emissions came from the combustion of this dirty fuel. The city of Los Angeles owns significant shares in two of the dirtiest coal plants in the nation: the Navajo Generating Station and the Intermountain Power Project. Our dependence on coal is responsible for significant pollution and human health impacts at every phase of its life cycle. In 2008, Navajo Generating Station and Intermountain Power Project released a combined total of 32,468,461 tons of CO₂ into the atmosphere. Additionally, each year the plant uses nearly 8 billion gallons of water from Lake Powell for cooling – a shocking number in the water-starved southwestern United States.

Los Angeles has a responsibility to leave a legacy of leadership to our children and grandchildren. We must rebuild Los Angeles in a way that will protect us from the true cost of coal: polluted rivers and fish, increased asthma rates and health related issues, waste of billions of gallons of fresh water to cool coal plants, and the destruction of eco-systems through strip-mining, coal-slurries, and mountain-top removal.

We can address these ethical and moral concerns by doing our part and we want to help the timely and at-scale transition of Los Angeles to increased energy efficiency, demand response, and clean, renewable energy. In accomplishing this transition, Los Angeles will simultaneously create thousands of new family-wage jobs, while renewing our city's infrastructure and rebuilding our city for the 21st century. Los Angeles should be a leader in meeting the challenges of today. We want L.A. to seize the opportunity to build a clean and renewable energy future that will stabilize our electricity rates over the long haul because once the system is paid for, the sun and winds are free. By making progress now, the city of Los Angeles will make investments in our longterm economic future.

The Mar Vista Community Council looks forward to working with the city to achieve these goals together. We appreciate your attention to this important matter and look forward to your response. Sincerely,

Thank You,



Albert Olson
Chair
Mar Vista Community Council
Board of Directors