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LA100 Study - North Hollywood West Neighborhood Council

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Neighborhood Council Members,

Back in 2019, [your neighborhood council passed a CIS](#) on the city's LA100 study. The study, a comprehensive analysis on how LADWP can move to 100% renewable energy, [was released earlier this year](#). **Among its findings:**

- LADWP can reach 100% renewable energy by 2035 or even earlier, while maintaining reliability.
- With energy rates projected to rise across California, local clean energy programs like efficiency retrofits, smart thermostat programs, rooftop solar, battery storage and other conservation programs will be essential to keeping bills affordable.
- Those initiatives could contribute in saving the city over \$1 billion per year from improved medical benefits that come from reduced air pollution.

As our neighborhoods recover from COVID-19, our residents deserve access to the cost-saving initiatives and benefits that will make the transition to clean energy affordable.

We've drafted [a sample letter](#) laying out how LADWP can empower frontline communities, workers, and community-based organizations as leaders in ensuring clean energy programs are affordable and accessible.

Please add to your agenda sending a letter to the Mayor/City Council supporting an equitable transition to clean energy – one which puts everyday ratepayers first.

We are always happy to come discuss the these issues more with your council. **The Council will be making decisions in response to the LA100 study sometime next month.** *Please let us know if you would like us to present at an upcoming meeting.*

Thanks for your time,

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Climate Justice for Los Angeles - Neighborhood Council Letter

Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti and the
Members of the Los Angeles City Council
200 N. Spring Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Mayor Garcetti and Members of the City Council,

With LA having completed the four year long LA100 Renewable Energy Study, the City is now facing a choice for what its long term plan for moving to clean energy will look like. With compounding crises on the city's doorstep, the City must go beyond investing in clean energy — it must invest in its people.

LADWP should not rely on renewable energy credits, which exacerbate the harm faced by LA's environmental justice communities. Nor should biofuels, which perpetuate unsustainable and polluting waste and agricultural practices, be allowed as part of our energy grid. Avoiding these false solutions, along with rapidly retiring what is left of LA's methane, coal and nuclear facilities – will ensure an end to an energy system which benefits those at the top, at the expense of our health and safety.

Achieving a reliable, safe and affordable energy system cannot happen on the backs of our most vulnerable residents. Los Angeles must ensure that LADWP's investment in clean energy is directed towards empowering frontline communities, workers, and everyday ratepayers to lead and to thrive.

Such a transition should include:

- An investment in leadership from frontline communities, grassroots organizations and other community-based stakeholders in guiding LADWP's implementation, outreach and engagement efforts.
- A prioritization of community-based energy initiatives whenever possible – including energy efficiency, smart thermostat programs (demand response), rooftop solar, battery storage, microgrids and home retrofits in order to promote affordability and eliminate dependence on expensive technologies like hydrogen.
- Comprehensive and accessible solutions to achieve equity for LADWP ratepayers, including utility debt relief, bill stabilization, expansion of low income payment programs, clean energy incentives and tenant protections from displacement.
- Local hiring guarantees, pay parity, project labor agreements and other union protections for creating high road jobs in the clean energy economy – while also ensuring pensions and retraining for workers in the fossil fuel industry.

Los Angeles's neighborhoods are ready to lead in the transition to clean energy. It is the role of the City and LADWP to provide our communities with the resources, tools and support that can empower everyday residents to take control of their energy future. We urge you to support the above policies as part of a just transition to 100% clean energy by 2030.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR SENDING

City Council, the Mayor and the LADWP Board of Commissioners will be weighing in on the city's transition to clean energy sometime this upcoming June. Neighborhood Councils can send a letter to their Councilmember, the Mayor, and to LADWP at the following email addresses.

Please CC esenser@fwwatch.org and jvargas@fwwatch.org on all letters to the City.

If your council would prefer to submit a CIS rather than sending a letter, we recommend using the Council File [21-0352](#).

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