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**Los Angeles County Youth Climate Commission**

The climate crisis is one of the most important and time-sensitive issues that all governments around the world must address with great focus and effort. A week does not go by without the release of a new report warning of the ever-increasing threat that the climate crisis poses to people and the planet. And we know that low-income communities and, particularly, communities of color will suffer the most severe impacts from a changing climate.

The climate crisis will even more dramatically impact the youth of the world. As such, they are rising up and demanding policy-makers to act and to act now. Locally, youth from around Los Angeles County are mobilizing at the grassroots level and they are speaking to the adults with loud and articulate voices demanding meaningful action today.

With our commitment to the Paris Climate Agreement, membership in the County Climate Coalition, and having adopted an ambitious regional sustainability plan, Los

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Angeles County is not just a regional leader in the fight against the climate crisis, but a national and international force for positive change to protect our environment. But we have failed to integrate the power and passion of the part of our population most at risk from the climate crisis – the youth of Los Angeles County.

Our youth are already making a difference when it comes to the climate crisis. Research shows that young students are some of the most effective advocates when it comes to convincing their parents and other family members about the impacts of climate change.

**WE, THEREFORE, MOVE** that the Board of Supervisors:

1. Direct the County Chief Sustainability Officer, in collaboration with stakeholders, to report back within 60 days on steps and framework to establish a Los Angeles County Youth Climate Commission that is comprised of a total of 25 commissioners, with five commissioners appointed from each supervisorial district, and that is representative of the geographic and socioeconomic diversity of the region to ensure that the most disadvantaged and impacted communities are included.

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