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Transformative Climate Communities in Unincorporated Willowbrook

Los Angeles County (County) is committed to addressing the impacts of climate change. The County has taken action to support the goals of the Paris Climate Agreement, to achieve carbon neutrality by 2045 through implementation of the OurCounty Sustainability Plan[1] and the County Action Climate Plan,[2] and to advance policies and programs that reduce air and climate pollution while preparing communities for climate resiliency.

The damaging impacts of climate change are unevenly felt across the County. As a result of the history of redlining, unequal investment, and land-use and zoning policy decisions, some communities —including the unincorporated community of Willowbrook —have experienced, and will continue to experience, these impacts disproportionately.

The legacies of inequitable investment, harmful land-use policies, and environmental catastrophes have left a lasting imprint on the health, well-being, and quality of life of Willowbrook residents. Freeways, traffic, industrial facilities, and a historic lack of investment continue to have far-reaching consequences for the community. These issues have been further compounded by the climate crisis, as Willowbrook faces more extreme heat days and higher levels of air pollution, while also having fewer resources to support climate resilience–such as cooling strategies, electrification, and access to clean energy.

For more than a decade, Willowbrook residents have participated in, and helped shape, numerous County-led planning efforts intended to address these challenges. Community members contributed extensive input to the Willowbrook Master Plan, the Magic Johnson Park redevelopment planning process, multiple Public Works mobility and streetscape studies, and several sustainability and climate-related engagement sessions facilitated by the County's Chief Sustainability Office (CSO) and the Second Supervisorial District (SD2). These plans were grounded in residents' lived experience and consistently

[1] Our County - Los Angeles Countywide sustainability plan
[2] Climate Action Plan - LA County Planning

identified the same priorities: cleaner air, climate-resilient homes, and investments that directly improve daily life. The community has already done the work of visioning, prioritizing, and co-designing solutions. What is needed now is the long-promised investment to realize the plans they helped create.

The Transformative Climate Communities Project Development Grant, administered by the Strategic Growth Council, provides a critical opportunity to advance community-driven climate, workforce, and resilience strategies in Willowbrook. The County's Internal Services Department (ISD), in partnership with SD2, will spearhead this effort through the Willowbrook People Optimizing Workforce Energy Resiliency initiative, ensuring that community voices remain at the forefront. If awarded, this $5 million Project Development Grant will put Willowbrook on a path to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, enhance residents' daily lives, and help the County meet its climate goals.

Work is already underway to determine how the County can effectively implement these strategies. Years of research aimed at identifying and supporting the County's most under-resourced communities have placed Willowbrook at the forefront of new programming. Staff from SD2, the CSO, and ISD have spent several months developing a program that elevates residents' concerns and aspirations, helping us collectively build a community where neighborhood challenges are transformed into assets, fragmented resources become connected and seamless, and greenhouse gas emissions are reduced as an inherent part of the process.

I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

1. Direct the Director of the Internal Services Department (ISD) to collaborate and coordinate with community-based-organizations and relevant partners, including County Departments, stakeholders such as L.A. Metro, and other applicable agencies, to develop draft strategies and potential projects in the unincorporated community of Willowbrook for application consideration. This work should include robust and intentional stakeholder and community engagement.

2. Delegate authority to the Director of ISD to enter into any contracts or agreements necessary to support ISD's efforts to complete the application and conduct stakeholder engagement.
3. Direct the Director of ISD, in coordination with relevant County Departments and agencies, to apply for and accept the Transformative Climate Communities Project Development Grant, Round 6, and grant authority to execute all related documents if awarded. The County certifies that, in partnership with its Co-Applicants, it will have sufficient resources to execute the strategies and projects outlined in the grant application.

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