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Dear Councilmembers Buscaino & Koretz,

At a recent public meeting of the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council, the following resolution was passed by the Board of Directors:

SUPPORT OF CF 20-0584 AND 20-0498 RE TELECOMMUTING

Whereas City Council Files 20-0584 and 20-0498 would create incentives for employees of businesses and for government officials and employees to work from home.

Whereas remote work is not a panacea for the climate crisis, making the practice more widespread and available in Los Angeles could help to reduce commuter traffic, which would have the benefit of reducing vehicle air pollution and greenhouse gas emissions. Teleworking is just one of many tools in our toolbox that we must utilize to fight the climate crisis and create sustainable air quality improvements to our region. By improving air quality, we also create healthier Angelenos. Air pollution is linked to a host of health problems and makes people more vulnerable to COVID-19. A recent UCLA study found that approximately 14,000 premature deaths could be avoided annually if California decreases greenhouse gas emissions to net-zero by 2050. Underserved communities who suffer the most from air pollution would see disproportionately higher levels of benefits from cleaner air, the study also found.

Therefore Be It Resolved that the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council supports the City's Chief Legislative Analyst, Personnel Department and IT Department studying these issues further and exploring its implementation in the City of Los Angeles and to report within the next 60 days (City Council Files 20-0584 and 20-0498).

Please contact Robin Rudisill, Chair of the CSPNC Planning Committee; at 310-721-2343 should you have any questions related to this letter and resolution.

Sincerely,

Doug Epperhart, President

On behalf of the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council Board

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