

Fact Sheet for Council File 19-1586

“Consolidated Rent-A-Car (CONRAC) Facility / Air Pollution Reduction / Electric Vehicles Availability”

The problem

- LAX rental car companies rent [over a million cars per year](#)¹
- [By about 2025, electric cars \(EVs\) may cost less to buy than gas cars](#)²
- EVs are [lower maintenance, and cheaper & more fun to drive](#)³
- Switching to EVs would [reduce smog and climate change](#)⁴
- But LAX’s planned central [rental car facility](#) is not really designed for EVs^{5,6,7}
- Not planning ahead for EVs could cost an extra [\\$7,000 per parking spot](#)⁸ and hurt LA’s [fight against smog and asthma](#)⁹

The proposal

[Council File 19-1586](#) proposes studying:

- how to electrify 80% of rentals at the new facility
- where to add EV-charging stations throughout the city to meet visitors’ needs

Community Impact - possible benefits

- reduced health risks from smog and climate change⁴
- LAX-funded EV chargers at tourist destinations would be open to residents
- rental EVs coming off-lease could make buying a used EV cheaper in LA

Suggested action

File a Community Impact Statement SUPPORTING Council File 19-1586, with a line or two in your own words explaining why your NC supports it. For instance:

"Planning ahead for rental EVs at LAX just makes sense. It can save money and help reduce smog."

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Dear NCSA representatives and allies,

We, as a society, are reaching a social tipping point where renewable energy is normal, and fossil fuels aren't ok anymore. As Wall Street analyst Jim Cramer said to a surprised audience on Friday, "[I'm done with fossil fuels. They're done. They're just done.](#)"

But it won't happen automatically. In the coming months, we'll be asking you to support a number of City Council actions to gradually move the city away from fossil fuels and toward the future. Some will be big, others will be small. But make no mistake: each step away from fossil fuels is a step towards clean air and a livable climate.

First up: did you know LAX is starting construction on a billion-dollar rental car facility—billed as the biggest in human history(!)—which has hardly any provisions for electric cars? This could lock LAX visitors into over a million fossil-fuelled car trips a year, making it even harder for LA to fix its smog and climate change problems.

To address this, councilmembers Bonin and Koretz have [introduced a motion](#) to identify what additional power and equipment would be needed for LAX to reach 80% electric car rentals later. Adding these upgrades will be much cheaper if we plan ahead now. The motion just calls for a study, not actually spending money on those upgrades yet; that may seem unexciting, but it's a necessary and useful step forward.

This isn't a big and sexy motion—it's small, sensible, and something both liberals and conservatives can get behind—and being small, it might not get the attention it deserves. That's why we're asking you to support this motion, to keep it from falling through the cracks.

Old hands will already know the drill, but in case you haven't been through it before, here's how you can help:

- Download the one-page fact sheet .doc from https://www.ncsa.la/advocacy_lax_rental_evs
- Customize it as appropriate for your neighborhood
- Get it on the agenda of the appropriate committee
- Email advocacy@ncsa.la to let us know it's on the agenda, or if you have any questions
- Shepherd it through committee and the board vote
- After it passes, find out who's going to actually file the CIS, and make sure that person does.
- Congratulate yourself on a job well done!
- Get ready to do it over again with the next motion that needs our help :-)

Good luck, and thank you! Every little step towards a smog-free, zero-carbon future counts.