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Community Impact Statement



TITLE: [Council File 23-0002-S116 LOW-INCOME HOUSEHOLD WATER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM ESTABLISHMENT ACT \(U.S. SENATOR ALEX PADILLA\) / FEDERAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE](#)

COMMITTEE: Transportation, Infrastructure, and Sustainability (T&I) Committee

POSITION: SUPPORT

THE MOTION: The Mar Vista Community Council supports the City's resolution to support the U.S. Senator Alex Padilla's Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program Establishment Act.

BACKGROUND: For matters of state or federal policy, the City must first adopt a resolution in order to establish an official position. This resolution supports U.S. Senator Alex Padilla's Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP) Establishment Act. LIHWAP was a limited-term, federally-funded program that sunset March 31, 2024. Water is a vital and declining resource in California, and good water management is critical for meeting our City's climate goals. Still, LADWP serves a disproportionate share of residents living in low-income and disadvantaged communities who cannot afford the rising cost of water. Much like existing home energy and nutrition assistance programs, water rate assistance provides a safety net for these vulnerable communities. There are currently 2,500 customer accounts with unmet need (eligible for LIHWAP but not having received funds). Given this background, it is vital to re-establish this safety net to ensure access to safe, affordable water as a basic necessity.

DIRECTED TO: City Council and Committees, including the Rules, Elections and Intergovernmental Relations Committee

Katy Yaroslavksy and CD5

Traci Park and CD11



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ACTION/VOTE COUNT:

MVCC T&I Committee meeting, April 3th, 2024

Motion of support moved by Meuser, seconded by Peterson

Motion of support approved by MVCC T&I Committee 9Y-0N-0A

MVCC Board Meeting, January 24th, 2024

Motion of support moved by Director XXX, seconded by Director XXX

Motion of support approved by the MVCC Board XX-XX-XX

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