



MAR VISTA COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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Community Impact Statement



TITLE: [Council File 24-0602](#) (Synthetic Grass / Artificial Turf / Poly Fluoroalkyl Substances (Pfas) / Forever Chemicals / Health and Environmental Risks / Drought-Friendly Landscaping)

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

POSITION: SUPPORT

THE MOTION: The Mar Vista Community Council supports the motion to transition away from future use of synthetic turf or artificial grass, and incentivize drought-friendly landscaping.

BACKGROUND: Synthetic grass/artificial turf has been found to have a number of troubling environmental impacts. They contain harmful PFAS “forever chemicals” which can contaminate water, and contribute to the “heat island” effect. They do not support vital life like insects, birds, and microorganisms and they waste water. This motion calls for the CLA to report to the Council on existing policies regarding synthetic grass/artificial turf and their heat impacts; recommendations for transitioning away from future installations, for incentives and rebate programs for the transitions, and for ending the practice of watering synthetic lawns; an analysis of lifecycle costs for alternatives; recommendations for removing and replacing all current synthetic sports fields on City-owned property and within LAUSD, LACCD, private schools and commercial properties; and an overview of the budgetary and policy changes necessary to effectuate the transitions. This motion primarily addresses City-owned properties and does not address residential spaces. Though allowed to through 2023 state law, Los Angeles does not currently prohibit residents from installing new turf.

DIRECTED TO: City Council and Committees, especially the Energy and Environment Committee

Katy Yaroslavsky and CD5

Traci Park and CD11



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ACTION/VOTE COUNT:

MVCC T&I Committee meeting, June 5, 2024

Motion of support moved by Figone, seconded by Meuser

Motion of support approved by MVCC T&I Committee 6Y-0N-0A

MVCC Board Meeting, May 16, 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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