

Legislation Text

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WHEREAS, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change tells us we have until 2030 to transform our economy and the way we live to avoid the most catastrophic and irreversible effects of the climate crisis; and

WHEREAS, the transportation sector is the largest contributor of Greenhouse Gas emissions in California, making up over 50% of all Greenhouse Gas emissions in the state; and

WHEREAS, electrifying transportation needs to be at the forefront of discussions and innovations in an attempt to combat the climate crisis; and

WHEREAS, California increased the number of zero emission vehicles in the state by more than 3,000% in 8 years, growing from 25,000 in 2012 to 763,816 in 2020 - each year; sales continue to grow; and

WHEREAS, Governor Newsom's Executive Order from January 19, 2021 calls for the elimination of internal combustion passenger vehicles by 2035; and

WHEREAS, all new vehicles sold in California by the year 2030 need to be zero emission vehicles to decarbonize California's most polluting sector; and

WHEREAS, zero emission vehicles and services are an important and growing sector of California's economy, representing an opportunity for quality jobs and tax revenues that puts part of the Green New Deal in practice in our state; and

WHEREAS, the ZEV2030 Zero Emission Vehicle Pledge, available at ZEV2030.org, articulates the dire need for reform to California's transportation system and its commitment to decarbonizing and combating the climate crisis.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of San Leandro City Council supports the aspirational goal of 100% zero emission vehicle sales in California by 2030 as well equitable access to such vehicles so that the benefits of clean air and mobility are achievable by all community residents.