March 5, 2015

Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti and the Members of the Los Angeles City Council
200 N. Spring Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Re: CIS support for Cooling and Urban Heating motion (Council File 15-0198)

The Historic Highland Park Neighborhood Council represents over 60,000 Los Angeles stakeholders who reside, own property, or conduct business in our neighborhood. All of us are experiencing the worst drought in the history of the city and the warmest winter anyone can remember.

In recent years across the country and around the world, thousands have died in heat waves, flooding and cold snaps. As aberrant weather patterns continue to accelerate, other major cities are already exploring ways to abate the consequences of climate-related disasters and limit their impact on inhabitants and infrastructures.

In our city, the increase in heat does not only affect our environment; it has a significant impact on public health with more and more people suffering from heat-related illnesses, and escalates the risk of brush fires. Los Angeles needs to take immediate steps to become more resilient and start implementing a variety of strategies to mitigate the challenges of climate change that will affect our city in coming years.

To that end, the Historic Highland Park Neighborhood Council would like to voice its support of the Cooling and Urban Heating motion by council members Felipe Fuentes and Bob Blumenfield requesting the formation of a committee on Cooling and Urban Heat Impacts comprised of relevant City departments and experts in the field to establish a cooling target, identify vulnerable areas within Los Angeles, recommend policies and develop guidelines to protect livability and health.

Sincerely,

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