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## **GARCETTI APPLAUDS RENEWABLE PORTFOLIO STANDARD FOR A CLEAN, GREEN, POWER MACHINE**

The Los Angeles City Council yesterday gave unanimous support to a plan to develop new power generation using renewable fuel sources such as wind, solar, and geothermal power until renewable energy accounts for 20% of LA-DWP power, up from less than 2% now. The council's action also asks LA-DWP to foster the growth of local industry in the design and construction of these renewable generating technologies.

"Our neighborhoods care about the environment locally and globally, and they want their DWP to be part of the solution, not part of the problem," said Councilmember Eric Garcetti, who has repeatedly called on DWP to meet higher environmental standards. "Nor will we be satisfied with half a loaf: we want reliability, affordable energy, and good local jobs too. The Renewable Portfolio Standard that the City Council has now endorsed lays out an intelligent path to these objectives."

In a show of neighborhood interest and support around this issue, a representative of the Silver Lake Neighborhood Council testified representing the SLNC's position in support of the RPS.

"LA-DWP is pleased to move forward with developing a strong Renewable Portfolio Standard that provides a road map for meeting the goal of increasing the City's renewable energy to 20% by 2017," said Frank Salas, Acting General Manager of LA-DWP. "LADWP will strive to meet this goal without compromising power reliability or the department's financial stability."

Two renewable generating projects are currently in the planning stages, and LA-DWP will presently issue a request for proposals for projects to meet the plan's first milestone: 13% renewable energy by 2010. "Green technology", such as the manufacture of solar photovoltaic panels, constitutes a high-growth industrial sector in which Southern California has good prospects to grow a high-wage industry over the long term.

The specifics of the Renewable Portfolio Standard will be completed by the LA-DWP later in the year with the participation of city officials, Neighborhood Council representatives, labor leaders, environmental advocates, and the business community. In addition to providing cleaner air and promoting local job growth, the RPS effort will diversify LA-DWP's choices of fuels and reduce its exposure to high natural gas prices.

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