

## **Background Information – Proposed Motion to Support CF 24-0602**

A motion has been brought in City Council for a report back from the CLA on the impacts of the use of artificial turf (synthetic grass): CF 24-0602 (Blumenfield, Yaroslavsky/Hernandez)

<https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=24-0602>

Motion: [https://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2024/24-0602\\_misc\\_5-24-24.pdf](https://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2024/24-0602_misc_5-24-24.pdf)

The motion was approved in the Energy & Environment Committee; it is unknown when it may be agendaized in the full City Council.

Four of our WRAC member councils have filed CIS in support of the CF: Palms NC, Westside NC, Venice NC and Mar Vista NC.

Myriad individuals as well as prominent environmental organizations have also submitted comments in support of the CF, including: Heal the Bay, Los Angeles Water Keeper, the NRDC, the Surfrider Foundation, the NC Sustainability Alliance, Climate Resolve, Citizens for Los Angeles Wildlife, the Mount Sinai Children’s Environmental Health Center and the Climate Reality Project (CRP).

The above organizations have cited the multiple, serious environmental and health hazards of the use of artificial turf, which include increased heat island effect, loss of water permeability, toxic runoff pollution of PFAs and other toxic chemicals, sports injuries, and devastating loss of urban habitat. Several of the hazards are summarized in the CF motion and in this CRP Fact Sheet:

[https://assets.nationbuilder.com/nscsa/pages/544/attachments/original/1718060204/2024 - Artificial Turf Fact Sheet -SFV\\_CRP\\_rev. 6-10.pdf?1718060204](https://assets.nationbuilder.com/nscsa/pages/544/attachments/original/1718060204/2024 - Artificial Turf Fact Sheet -SFV_CRP_rev. 6-10.pdf?1718060204)

Palms NC, Westside NC and Mar Vista CC have now brought a proposed motion in WRAC to support CF 24-0602. The motion has regional impact in that it would affect all WRAC member councils (artificial turf has been installed in all neighborhoods throughout the City).

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