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Councilmember Paul Koretz and Activist/Author Naomi Klein to Announce Aggressive WWII-scale Climate Mobilization Initiative

LOS ANGELES – City Councilmember Paul Koretz of the 5th District and award-winning journalist/international bestselling author, Naomi Klein, will join with community members to announce a new aggressive climate initiative designed to speed up current efforts to combat climate change and drawdown greenhouse gas emissions through the lens of a just transition and climate justice called for in Canada’s LEAP Manifesto. Koretz will announce the creation of a Climate Justice Mobilization 2025 Working Group to oversee the effort to achieve a just, carbon neutral Los Angeles by 2025.

"Los Angeles took on the needs of the entire United States and much of the world during World War II by embracing wartime mobilization. Its existing population and hundreds of thousands of new residents not only contributed massively to aircraft and ship manufacturing, they also volunteered to aid the Red Cross by the tens of thousands," said Councilmember Paul Koretz. "I'm calling on all Angelenos to mobilize once again. We need a World War II-scale mobilization in order to keep our City safe and our planet habitable and resilient. And we need to ensure that we do it in a way that honors frontline communities, ensures equity, and protects workers. I'm asking the creative minds of Los Angeles to join with the grassroots activists in creating the City of the future, not some fictional Tomorrowland, but here, on the ground, in the City of Angels we all love."

"The Leap Manifesto was launched by a coalition of movement leaders, coming together across a spectrum of issues," said Naomi Klein. "We started by acknowledging the overlapping crises that we face: inequality, racial injustice, violations of Indigenous rights and the pressing need for us to transform our energy, transportation and housing systems to get to 100 percent renewable energy very, very quickly to confront climate change. We responded with a hopeful, inspiring vision: intersecting, ambitious policies that solve multiple problems at once. That's what The Leap is. We've seen people across North America take ownership and define what a leap looks like in their community. This announcement today is a remarkable development. If the city of Los Angeles listens to the voices of communities on the frontlines, and centers racial and economic justice in the way it addresses climate change, this could be an historic leap, with ripples around the world."

WHO: Tongva Elder to give blessing
Paul Koretz, Councilmember, City of Los Angeles
Naomi Klein, Award-winning Journalist, Syndicated Columnist, International Bestselling Author
Rex Parris, Republican Mayor of Lancaster, CA

Community Groups Speaking and/or Invited:

The Climate Mobilization, The Leap, Communities for a Better Environment, AIM SoCal, Physicians for Social Responsibility, Pacoima Beautiful, SoCal 350 Climate Action, Sierra Club, Climate Hawks Vote, Honor the Earth

WHEN: Wednesday, June 21, 2:30pm

WHERE: LA City Hall, 200 N. Spring Street (City Hall South Lawn at First Street), Los Angeles, CA 90012

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