

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Angeleca

**Date Submitted:** 09/09/2022 08:52 PM

**Council File No:** 22-0002-S118

**Comments for Public Posting:** Please help the lives of all animals and save our planet by going vegan.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 09/09/2022 09:17 PM

**Council File No:** 22-0002-S118

**Comments for Public Posting:** I support this plant based treaty

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Shannon Meilak  
**Date Submitted:** 09/09/2022 09:22 PM  
**Council File No:** 22-0002-S118  
**Comments for Public Posting:** Please endorse the Plant Based Treaty. Be an example for every city in the country by stepping up to be the first city is the US to pledge. Lead by example, set the precedence and encourage the rest of the USA to endorse the treaty. Then, the world will follow!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Noga  
**Date Submitted:** 09/09/2022 09:23 PM  
**Council File No:** 22-0002-S118  
**Comments for Public Posting:** it's time for Los Angeles to take positive climate action and endorse the Plant Based Treaty.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Daniela Nyffenegger

**Date Submitted:** 09/09/2022 09:31 PM

**Council File No:** 22-0002-S118

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am strongly supporting the Plant Based Treaty as animal agriculture is one of the biggest contributors to global warming. Please adapt the Plant Based Treaty in this city to help us all create a better future.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Celeste

**Date Submitted:** 09/09/2022 09:41 PM

**Council File No:** 22-0002-S118

**Comments for Public Posting:** A plant-based diet is the healthiest diet in the world for human health. A plant diet is vital to combat climate change by having forests instead of grazing lands. And it is ethical and compassionate to fellow species, sentient beings, who love their lives as much as we love ours. We have to stop the crime we inflict, turning them into products and slaves for our selfish use. Our bodies did not evolve to be carnivore, and if we eat like them, we suffer the consequences to our health such as higher obesity, cancer rates, heart disease and more. That is the science-based truth.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Celeste

**Date Submitted:** 09/09/2022 09:42 PM

**Council File No:** 22-0002-S118

**Comments for Public Posting:** A plant-based diet is the healthiest diet in the world for human health. A plant diet is vital to combat climate change by having forests instead of grazing lands. And it is ethical and compassionate to fellow species, sentient beings, who love their lives as much as we love ours. We have to stop the crime we inflict, turning them into products and slaves for our selfish use. Our bodies did not evolve to be carnivore, and if we eat like them, we suffer the consequences to our health such as higher obesity, cancer rates, heart disease and more. That is the science-based truth.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Summer Jayne

**Date Submitted:** 09/09/2022 04:36 PM

**Council File No:** 22-0002-S118

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am commenting in support of the Council of LA endorsing the Plant Based Treaty, and implementing a plan to transition to a plant-based food system. The council is aware that moving away from animal agriculture is crucial to combating the climate crisis, and this is the opportunity to be role-models and responsible leaders at this important time in history. LA City—please endorse the Plant Based Treaty!



## Communication from Public

**Name:** Gordon Elkington  
**Date Submitted:** 09/09/2022 04:38 PM  
**Council File No:** 22-0002-S118  
**Comments for Public Posting:** it's time for Los Angeles to take positive climate action and endorse the Plant Based Treaty.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 09/09/2022 04:39 PM

**Council File No:** 22-0002-S118

**Comments for Public Posting:** By implementing this Plant Based Treaty LA will become a global leader in refusing to encourage animal cruelty and encouraging a healthier lifestyle for all. Thank you LA City Council, you are my Heros. I am sure the animals thank you as well. They wish to live long and free lives with their families as well. Thank you for being so kind and compassionate.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** John Philpott  
**Date Submitted:** 09/09/2022 06:36 PM  
**Council File No:** 22-0002-S118  
**Comments for Public Posting:** To help save the planet, I support a plant base treaty.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Hannah

**Date Submitted:** 09/09/2022 06:36 PM

**Council File No:** 22-0002-S118

**Comments for Public Posting:** Animal agriculture alone is killing our world ?? in multiple ways more than ever before: \* Forest and tree ?? depletion (the lung of our Earth), to make fields for animal's grazing or big animal farms. \* Water and air pollution (due to animal excrement) \* Methane gas emissions (the main cause of global warming), \* Major chronic illnesses (from meat diets) \* Zoonotic diseases (pandemics) \* Etc... We must stop these killings of animals before it's killing us. Meat ?? ?? ?? must be banned to stop global crisis. It's time for Los Angeles and EVERY City in the world to endorse the Plant-based Treaty.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Graciela Sholander

**Date Submitted:** 09/09/2022 06:19 PM

**Council File No:** 22-0002-S118

**Comments for Public Posting:** I have been eating a plant-based diet for a number of years, and I am very happy to see Los Angeles leading the way by introducing an important Plant Based Treaty Resolution. It will make a positive difference for our planet, for the animals, and for people's health. Thank you.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Rachael Lyon

**Date Submitted:** 09/09/2022 07:15 PM

**Council File No:** 22-0002-S118

**Comments for Public Posting:** My husband and I SUPPORT the Plant Based Treaty resolution. The wretched effects of climate change are happening now and must be addressed through common sense behavior and actions. Moving LA to a more plant based diet can benefit people, animals and give mother earth a chance to survive the damage we have caused through a heavily animal based diet that causes so much pollution in the air, water and ground water. Thank you.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Debbie Sandberg  
**Date Submitted:** 09/09/2022 07:21 PM  
**Council File No:** 22-0002-S118  
**Comments for Public Posting:** Please pass this treaty for the love of animals, people, and the environmental impact!

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 09/09/2022 07:38 PM

**Council File No:** 22-0002-S118

**Comments for Public Posting:** To save our planet from runaway global warming, to protect the environment, to reduce water pollution, to reduce the risk of future pandemics, and for the better health of all beings, PLEASE ENDORSE THE PLANT BASED TREATY. Make the "City of Angels" truly be a "city of saints" by being the first city in the world to encourage widespread adoption of the plant-based lifestyle. May you be blessed abundantly for helping to lead our world into a new era of respect and compassion towards all beings.



## Communication from Public

**Name:** jaine wild  
**Date Submitted:** 09/09/2022 09:56 PM  
**Council File No:** 22-0002-S118  
**Comments for Public Posting:** I think this is great , leading the way in the world to help our one and only planet we all live on . Well Done !!!!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Guy Fagot

**Date Submitted:** 09/09/2022 10:01 PM

**Council File No:** 22-0002-S118

**Comments for Public Posting:** It's time for Los Angeles to take positive climate action and endorse the Plant Based Treaty. Act now!

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 09/09/2022 10:03 PM

**Council File No:** 22-0002-S118

**Comments for Public Posting:** Endorse the plant based treaty for a greener, healthier and happier world and help preserve the planet in which you live. Look towards a more sustainable Earth and protect it for the generation of today and the generations yet to come.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Amanda Longstaff

**Date Submitted:** 09/09/2022 10:17 PM

**Council File No:** 22-0002-S118

**Comments for Public Posting:** LA - you have a wonderful opportunity to be a world leader in your stance towards climate change . The world cannot sustain the current food and agriculture systems without catastrophic consequences, I urge you to take this stance and lead the way to combat climate change. Thank you with all my heart.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Amber

**Date Submitted:** 09/09/2022 10:27 PM

**Council File No:** 22-0002-S118

**Comments for Public Posting:** Please support The Plant Based Treaty. Thank you.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** DWAYNE E KING

**Date Submitted:** 09/09/2022 10:43 PM

**Council File No:** 22-0002-S118

**Comments for Public Posting:** Please Endorse the Plant Based Treaty for Los Angeles! Protect the Environment - Promote Health! Stop Cruelty! God Is Watching! Thank You!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Zaina

**Date Submitted:** 09/09/2022 11:02 PM

**Council File No:** 22-0002-S118

**Comments for Public Posting:** I appeal to your intelligence and compassion to back the Plant Based diet for so many reasons and appreciate your consideration. After much research, and stopping eating animals myself, I now realise that Being Plant Based or vegan is the best way each of us can help improve the lives of millions. By adopting a plant based diet we improve our own health, the health of the animals and the health of the planet. Scientists have verified that it is the only way we can have a sustainable future on Earth. See 'Eating our Way to Extinction' movie Animal agriculture has been proved to be the number one cause of climate change, deforestation, Land, water and air pollution, water and food shortages etc, above all fuel use. It is essential to stop the torture and killing of billions of innocent beings, for food which is unnecessary, wastes resources (Land, water, food etc) and is literally destroying all life on Earth by acceleration of climate change and depletion of forests, fresh water and over use of antibiotics causing, diseases that cannot be treated and contagious zoonotic diseases. Plant based athletes are often at the peak of performance and most say they wish they had a plant based diet sooner. See 'Game Changers' film . By adopting a plant based diet Many Doctors have recovered their own health from serious illness and surgery. See 'What the Health' movie and 'Forks over Knives' PLEASE RESEARCH THE SIDE EFFECTS OF EATING ANIMALS and the dangers it is causing to everyone via climate change, deforestation, poisoned waters, polluted Land and waterways etc. If all the soy and corn grown for animal feed was fed to the world's hungry, there need be no starvation. What sort of world is this where we fatten animals for slaughter unnecessarily while a child dies of hunger every few seconds??

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Federico Orsolini  
**Date Submitted:** 09/09/2022 11:17 PM  
**Council File No:** 22-0002-S118  
**Comments for Public Posting:** I fully endorse and support the resolution.



## Communication from Public

**Name:** Joyce Marner

**Date Submitted:** 09/09/2022 11:20 AM

**Council File No:** 22-0002-S118

**Comments for Public Posting:** I live in Iowa where we pollute land, water and air in pursuit of ever more animals to slaughter and eat. We are treating the animals, the environment and our bodies inhumanly. I support your efforts to encourage people to embrace whole food plant based eating as a positive way to put the brakes on global climate change and runaway spending on medical care.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** PENNY

**Date Submitted:** 09/09/2022 11:21 AM

**Council File No:** 22-0002-S118

**Comments for Public Posting:** This is the single most important step you can take, for animals, climate, the environment and all of us on the planet! Thank you!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Laval Lavie Chabot  
**Date Submitted:** 09/09/2022 11:22 AM  
**Council File No:** 22-0002-S118  
**Comments for Public Posting:** All humans should choose a plant based like a plan? in VEGESIGNES. ??F

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## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 09/09/2022 11:22 AM

**Council File No:** 22-0002-S118

**Comments for Public Posting:** Go vegan antinatalist!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Gail

**Date Submitted:** 09/09/2022 11:24 AM

**Council File No:** 22-0002-S118

**Comments for Public Posting:** Endorsing the Plant Based Treaty is critical to the future of our planet, public health, and the economy. The shift to a plant-based food system will drastically reduce greenhouse gas emissions and stop or slow down sea level rise, droughts, wildfires, devastating storms and natural disasters. The shift to a plant based diet will stop or slow down our skyrocketing rates of heart disease, diabetes, cancer, and other costly chronic diseases that are taking people out of the workforce and unnecessarily burdening our healthcare system and Medicare/Medicaid budgets. We need this change to happen now, not in 10, 20, or 30 years.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** China Bialos

**Date Submitted:** 09/09/2022 11:25 AM

**Council File No:** 22-0002-S118

**Comments for Public Posting:** It would be absolutely irresponsible for Los Angeles not to take initiative to support this treaty. Prioritizing and subsidizing access to healthy, no- or low-cost plant-based foods in schools, hospitals, nursing homes, prisons, food pantries, and locally owned markets in Los Angeles would be a major step in the right direction, as would ensuring widespread education about the ties between diet and climate change, and preventing or ending the presence of local slaughterhouses.



## Communication from Public

**Name:** Ana

**Date Submitted:** 09/09/2022 11:30 AM

**Council File No:** 22-0002-S118

**Comments for Public Posting:** It is wonderful to see us uniting for a greater good. Though habits die hard and we got used to spoiled feeding patterns, it is important for us to recognise the value of all creatures we share habitat with and to refrain from abusing farming and cruel systems that only darkens the footprint of humanity on history. L.A. Please endorse Plant-based treaty that will send an inspiring message and set example to an approach to a life where kindness and compassion prevail worldwide.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** A. Bassett

**Date Submitted:** 09/09/2022 11:31 AM

**Council File No:** 22-0002-S118

**Comments for Public Posting:** It is time for the City Council of Los Angeles to endorse the Plant Based Treaty, which would seriously help the environment and more. This would be a very positive step forward. Thank you.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Amanda Henderson

**Date Submitted:** 09/09/2022 11:32 AM

**Council File No:** 22-0002-S118

**Comments for Public Posting:** As a life long Californian and Southern California resident, I submit the following comments for Public posting in favor of the Plant Based treaty. As a mother and animal rights activist, I find it necessary for plant based options to be made available for children and California's wishing to make individual decisions regarding nutrition and the desire to spare sentient beings the cost of their lives. I implore you to be the first major city to support and sign The Plant Based Treaty, not only for the many California's eating plant based diets but also for the climate and for the animals who also inhabit our Earth. Thank you. -A. Henderson Vegan for the Animals

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Peter Lugerbauer

**Date Submitted:** 09/09/2022 11:33 AM

**Council File No:** 22-0002-S118

**Comments for Public Posting:** Los Angeles, endorse The Plant Based Treaty! It's time to change our predominantly meat and dairy based food system to a sustainable one. Be the vanguard of a desperately needed worldwide course correction of our destructive way of food production. Best regards from Tyrol, Austria, Peter Lugerbauer

## Communication from Public

**Name:** G Mackenzie

**Date Submitted:** 09/09/2022 11:34 AM

**Council File No:** 22-0002-S118

**Comments for Public Posting:** If LA endorses the Plant Based Treaty and affirms that a whole food vegan diet is the healthiest for people and the planet, this would serve as an inspiration for other communities around the world.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Sam Butler

**Date Submitted:** 09/09/2022 11:35 AM

**Council File No:** 22-0002-S118

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am writing in support of the adoption of a Plant Based Treaty for Los Angeles. This is a long overdue action that will make a significant contribution to reducing our climate impact and lowering carbon emissions. Promoting plant based foods will help reduce the impacts of animal agriculture on our climate, and relieve the pressures on our environment and wild lands around the globe that are being destroyed in order to develop more land for livestock farming. It will also improve human health by reducing meat consumption. Please get the Plant Based Treaty adopted as soon as possible.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Adam Tarshis

**Date Submitted:** 09/09/2022 11:36 AM

**Council File No:** 22-0002-S118

**Comments for Public Posting:** The easiest, most cost effective way to fight climate change and limit greenhouse gas emissions is to start replacing meat consumption with more plant based options. Please help us push the world in this direction. Los Angeles can be a leader in the fight against climate change!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Juliet Hogg  
**Date Submitted:** 09/09/2022 11:36 AM  
**Council File No:** 22-0002-S118  
**Comments for Public Posting:** I support the plant based treaty!!



## Communication from Public

**Name:** Tallulah

**Date Submitted:** 09/09/2022 11:06 AM

**Council File No:** 22-0002-S118

**Comments for Public Posting:** Why not be one of the first to make a positive change for our future and lead by example? It's too late to wait for others to act. You must act now. For humanity, for survival on this planet, for our children.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Jennifer Lyon

**Date Submitted:** 09/09/2022 10:57 AM

**Council File No:** 22-0002-S118

**Comments for Public Posting:** Los Angeles would be a WISE world-wide leader to adopt the Plant Based Treaty as one of its commendable commitments to averting climate catastrophe. As goes CA, so goes the world. Thank you for stepping up to the lead the way!!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Sam Lavi  
**Date Submitted:** 09/09/2022 10:57 AM  
**Council File No:** 22-0002-S118  
**Comments for Public Posting:** It's time for Los Angeles to take positive climate action and endorse the Plant Based Treaty.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Rhonda Bradley  
**Date Submitted:** 09/09/2022 10:56 AM  
**Council File No:** 22-0002-S118  
**Comments for Public Posting:** It is time for LA to take action for the climate crisis and sign a plant based treaty.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Katherine

**Date Submitted:** 09/09/2022 11:46 AM

**Council File No:** 22-0002-S118

**Comments for Public Posting:** Please use your position of leadership to do the research to learn about plant living. It benefits the planet and every species on it. It's better for human health and saves lives and farms across the earth. We must take action now. We must transition to a better way. Please help. Thank you.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Alice Savage

**Date Submitted:** 09/09/2022 11:52 AM

**Council File No:** 22-0002-S118

**Comments for Public Posting:** I support the Plant Based Treaty. San Diego needs to Sign a Plant Based Treaty as well. The World needs to go Vegan to Protect All Living Beings !!!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Kristine Walkley

**Date Submitted:** 09/09/2022 11:56 AM

**Council File No:** 22-0002-S118

**Comments for Public Posting:** I encourage the LA City Council to adopt the Plant Based Treaty as another step in intercepting climate change caused by the unsustainable use of land and water in monoculture and factory farming.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 09/09/2022 11:56 AM

**Council File No:** 22-0002-S118

**Comments for Public Posting:** LA— I am so proud of you!!! The Plant Based Treaty Resolution signifies that we are taking a plant-based future seriously, and for that— I am grateful. I have have been a vegan for 10 years, and I continue on this journey for three reasons— for the health of the planet, the benefit of farmed animals and my own personal well-being. As the climate has warmed, my belief that plant-based diets are essential for our survival on this planet has only grown, but I never believed we would get this far with plant-based legislation. We have an incredible opportunity; however, I am nervous about our next step. As the global leaders of the entertainment industry, we Angelenos have the great power and responsibility of setting cultural narratives that echo across the whole world. As such, the introduction of the Plant Based Treaty in LA is a monumental moment for everyone, and we have two paths in front of us: 1. LA endorses the Plant Based Treaty. In this scenario, we lead the world towards a healthy, sustainable plant-based food system. There's broad scientific consensus that a plant-based diet is optimal for the planet. Animal agriculture is a leading cause of climate change— particularly when it comes to methane emission and deforestation. Currently, 83% of global farmland is used to farm animals yet provides only 18% of calories. Shifting to plant-based diets would allow for a more sustainable, efficient and resilient food system. Additionally, the Plant Based Treaty complements LA's Green New Deal which is deeply rooted in social justice. Promoting plant-based food will help improve the health and well-being of LA residents. If we say "yes" to the Plant Based Treaty, we are telling every human alive (and every human to come) that they need to say yes to climate-friendly legislation, too. We are telling Angelenos that plant-based is the way forward for peace, sustainability and justice; and the creatives in our city will run with that. LA will have global influence and inspire people worldwide to take action on plant-based food solutions to the climate crisis. 2. LA does not endorse the Plant Based Treaty. As it stands, our food system alone would heat the planet by more than 1.5C warming. 1.5C warming means more extreme storms, heat waves and droughts that fall disproportionately on the poor and vulnerable. Amy more than 1.5C warming, and we run the risk of a planet that is entirely uninhabitable. If LA does not endorse the Plant Based Treaty, we



maintain the status quo, and we tell the rest of the world it's "ok" to do nothing. This is an incredibly risky approach. By NOT endorsing the Treaty, we are endorsing and supporting climate change. There's no time left for nothing. There's no Planet B. I'm writing this in 100+ degree weather, experiencing the hottest summer of my life...yet, while the state of California is requesting I turn off power for the sake of our electric grid. We cannot continue like this. Do nothing, and things get worse. So: Please, legislators, represent the will of Angelenos. Endorse the Plant Based Treaty. Quite literally save the whole planet. We have the opportunity to be leaders on climate change and make things suck a lot less. Let's do it.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Amy Désirée Goldstein

**Date Submitted:** 09/09/2022 11:59 AM

**Council File No:** 22-0002-S118

**Comments for Public Posting:** It is vital to the climate of our planet for the majority of people to adopt a plane based diet. This is just one step in that very necessary direction.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Tim

**Date Submitted:** 09/09/2022 12:00 PM

**Council File No:** 22-0002-S118

**Comments for Public Posting:** We are possibly past a tipping point now and should have been doing something about the global warming and the resultant climate crisis 20+ years ago. We only have one planet earth and without it you can forget about profit and power. We as individuals can do much to change the powers that be that often have an invested interest in the status quo. What we can all easily do though is to consider what we eat and the cost to both it (animal suffering and death) and the cost to wildlife, wildlife we also rely on to survive and the ecosystems they are part of, ecosystems we rely on for our very survival. Given livestock give off more greenhouse gasses than \*all\* transport put together, we can't do that much about transport (without spending money) but we can easily do something about all the suffering, to innocent sentient creatures, us (bowel cancer, diabetes, heart disease, antibiotic resistance) and all the wasted resources and inefficient processes associated with the production of animal flesh. So, no need to protest, no need to glue ourselves to anything or march on government, we just have to stop supporting the demand for animal flesh and the supply will go away on it's own. Win win win.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Ina Maria T

**Date Submitted:** 09/09/2022 12:05 PM

**Council File No:** 22-0002-S118

**Comments for Public Posting:** It's time for Los Angeles to take positive climate action and endorse the Plant Based Treaty. LA can make history - by being on the right side of all science-based information, all calling for animal agriculture being one of the biggest, if not THE biggest factor of climate change. Do the right thing!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Daniel

**Date Submitted:** 09/09/2022 12:10 PM

**Council File No:** 22-0002-S118

**Comments for Public Posting:** This is an amazing step for LA. I hope it paves the way for many more cities, states and nations to begin approaching their actual climate change repercussions and their actions. Right on, I fully support this policy.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Mani S  
**Date Submitted:** 09/09/2022 12:11 PM  
**Council File No:** 22-0002-S118  
**Comments for Public Posting:** Federal Legislation program includes SUPPORT and enter into a Plant Based Treaty making a plant-based approach to food and food purchasing a centerpiece of its greenhouse gas emissions policy. It's time for Los Angeles to take positive climate action and endorse the Plant Based Treaty.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 09/09/2022 12:12 PM

**Council File No:** 22-0002-S118

**Comments for Public Posting:** Thank you for passing plant based treaty for the good of all beings  
And so it is

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 09/09/2022 12:16 PM

**Council File No:** 22-0002-S118

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am in support of LA adopting the Plant Based Treaty Resolution. LA is a model city that others look to. Do the right thing and pass policy to reduce our collective impact on our environment, reduce human and animal suffering by divesting from the meat and dairy industry, and set an example as a city that believes in a One Health approach.



## Communication from Public

**Name:** Gui  
**Date Submitted:** 09/09/2022 12:18 PM  
**Council File No:** 22-0002-S118  
**Comments for Public Posting:** it's time for Los Angeles to take positive climate action and endorse the Plant Based Treaty.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Rose Campbell

**Date Submitted:** 09/09/2022 12:22 PM

**Council File No:** 22-0002-S118

**Comments for Public Posting:** Now is the time for Los Angeles to take positive climate action and endorse the Plant Based Treaty. It's time for LA to pave the way for other cities to take action towards ensuring our future in this planet and creating a kinder, more caring way of life for all life.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Bradley Sorock  
**Date Submitted:** 09/09/2022 12:23 PM  
**Council File No:** 22-0002-S118  
**Comments for Public Posting:** it's time for Los Angeles to take positive climate action and endorse the Plant Based Treaty. I love meat, but I've stopped buying it. I don't think we all need to quite altogether, but we need to start taking steps that way, little by little. If LA steps up, it's be message of awareness. Please consider it.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 09/09/2022 12:28 PM

**Council File No:** 22-0002-S118

**Comments for Public Posting:** I request that the City of Los Angeles enter into a Plant Based Treaty making a plant-based approach to food and food purchasing a centerpiece of its greenhouse gas emissions policy. Thank you. "The human appetite for animal flesh is a driving force behind virtually every major category of environmental damage now threatening the human future - deforestation, erosion, fresh water scarcity, air and water pollution, climate change, biodiversity loss, social injustice, the destabilization of communities and the spread of disease." - The World Watch Institute "Our humanity isn't measured by how we treat other people...Our humanity is measured by how we treat animals." –Chuck Palahniuk "Nothing will benefit human health and increase chances for survival of life on Earth as much as the evolution to a vegetarian diet."—Albert Einstein "There will come a time in the future where we look back in shame at how we ate and used other animals for our pleasure. We will recoil at the violence we sowed upon them for our selfish desires. Just like all forms of oppression and exploitation that have come before us, animal exploitation will end. Which side of history will you be on when the history books have been written?"

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 09/09/2022 12:31 PM

**Council File No:** 22-0002-S118

**Comments for Public Posting:** I don't know that there could be a topic of more importance than the preservation of human life on earth and what we humans can do to promote that outcome. The science is clear that cutting animal and animal products out of production would vastly reduce the emissions that are destroying our planet. We therefore must support any measure that leads us in the reduction of animal agriculture and the promotion of plant growth and a move towards the plant based diet. I fully support this pledge.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Christopher mcginn  
**Date Submitted:** 09/08/2022 02:38 PM  
**Council File No:** 22-0002-S118  
**Comments for Public Posting:** Please sign the plant based treaty, it's time we take action and do our part to heal the planet.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Lance Wilson

**Date Submitted:** 09/09/2022 07:26 AM

**Council File No:** 22-0002-S118

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am in support of the Plant Based Treaty. Lis Angeles should lead the way into creating a more sustainable, fair, just, and healthy world for all. Please support and endorse The Plant Based Treaty

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Necla Gizem Tarhan Kasapo?lu

**Date Submitted:** 09/09/2022 08:58 AM

**Council File No:** 22-0002-S118

**Comments for Public Posting:** It is really important that you sign and endorse the Plant Based Treaty campaign to set an example and pioneer for the world in the fight against the climate crisis. The huge impact of livestock farming on greenhouse gas emissions is too great to ignore. Thank you



## Communication from Public

**Name:** Mariella  
**Date Submitted:** 09/09/2022 10:03 AM  
**Council File No:** 22-0002-S118  
**Comments for Public Posting:** t it's time for Los Angeles to take positive climate action and endorse the Plant Based Treaty. We must stop Exploiting animals and the planet

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Roger van Egmond

**Date Submitted:** 09/09/2022 10:05 AM

**Council File No:** 22-0002-S118

**Comments for Public Posting:** Never has the evidence been clearer how harmful the impacts of animal agriculture are on the environment and the planet's climate. LA, please lead the way to a plant based future. ??

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Margaret Egan  
**Date Submitted:** 09/09/2022 10:06 AM  
**Council File No:** 22-0002-S118  
**Comments for Public Posting:** Endorse this treaty, please. for our Earth!

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 09/09/2022 10:06 AM

**Council File No:** 22-0002-S118

**Comments for Public Posting:** it's time for Los Angeles to take positive climate action and endorse the Plant Based Treaty.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Elena Maria Marcoz  
**Date Submitted:** 09/09/2022 10:07 AM  
**Council File No:** 22-0002-S118  
**Comments for Public Posting:** So proud of LA subscribing a Plant-based treaty!! I hope many other cities will follow!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Sara Andersson  
**Date Submitted:** 09/09/2022 10:08 AM  
**Council File No:** 22-0002-S118  
**Comments for Public Posting:** Climate change is here, and will continue to get worse without change. Please endorse the Plant Based Treaty before it's too late!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Martik Ghookasian

**Date Submitted:** 09/09/2022 10:08 AM

**Council File No:** 22-0002-S118

**Comments for Public Posting:** it's time for Los Angeles to take positive climate action and endorse the Plant Based Treaty.... this is a no-brainer and as one of the largest cities on the planet it should be doing the most to insure we are setting the right trends and moving in the right direction

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Michael Rozdoba  
**Date Submitted:** 09/09/2022 10:09 AM  
**Council File No:** 22-0002-S118  
**Comments for Public Posting:** Please give serious consideration to endorsing the Plant Based Treaty for the sake of all. Blessed be.



## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 09/09/2022 10:11 AM

**Council File No:** 22-0002-S118

**Comments for Public Posting:** Plant based foods are the future so ending the animal suffering.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Mandy Wald  
**Date Submitted:** 09/09/2022 10:11 AM  
**Council File No:** 22-0002-S118  
**Comments for Public Posting:** I support this.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Annette

**Date Submitted:** 09/09/2022 10:12 AM

**Council File No:** 22-0002-S118

**Comments for Public Posting:** It is time for Los Angeles to take positive climate action! I fully support and endorse the Plant-Based Treaty and hope this positive climate action is the beginning of our fight against climate change and that we will see it spread throughout our country.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** David burrow  
**Date Submitted:** 09/09/2022 10:12 AM  
**Council File No:** 22-0002-S118  
**Comments for Public Posting:** Protect your children's future please! Go plant based! Don't hurt anymore animals thanks

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 09/09/2022 10:13 AM

**Council File No:** 22-0002-S118

**Comments for Public Posting:** It's time for Los Angeles to take positive climate action and endorse the Plant Based Treaty.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Tracey Kleber

**Date Submitted:** 09/09/2022 10:13 AM

**Council File No:** 22-0002-S118

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am writing today to encourage the LA City Council's endorsement of the Plant Based Treaty. It is time for the city to take the next step in tackling the climate crisis that is already affecting us all in so many ways. As a global community we need to recognize the need to overhaul our food system as part of the solution.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 09/09/2022 10:13 AM

**Council File No:** 22-0002-S118

**Comments for Public Posting:** This is fantastic news and it will place LA at the vanguard of a movement that is essential for the city, the state of CA, the country and the world.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Eder  
**Date Submitted:** 09/09/2022 10:16 AM  
**Council File No:** 22-0002-S118  
**Comments for Public Posting:** I fully support the Plant Based Treaty for Los Angeles in order the help animals, humans & our environment. The time is now to make a positive change to help future generations live in a more positive, compassionate world for ALL beings on the planet.



## Communication from Public

**Name:** Andrew Hellinger  
**Date Submitted:** 09/09/2022 10:16 AM  
**Council File No:** 22-0002-S118  
**Comments for Public Posting:** Please pass this important resolution supporting the Plant Based diet

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Jen

**Date Submitted:** 09/09/2022 10:18 AM

**Council File No:** 22-0002-S118

**Comments for Public Posting:** It's time for Los Angeles to take positive climate action and endorse the Plant Based Treaty. What are you waiting for?

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 09/09/2022 10:19 AM

**Council File No:** 22-0002-S118

**Comments for Public Posting:** Excellent

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Jordan Burke

**Date Submitted:** 09/09/2022 10:22 AM

**Council File No:** 22-0002-S118

**Comments for Public Posting:** My way of showing my concern for all our environments is making certain episodes (in my “Amigos” book series on Bookemon.com) where The Amigos & I help our prodigy friend, P.T., create seeds containing trees that grown meat & dairy products on them to slow down supplement. Also I have episodes of how The Amigos & I protect endangered species & their homes alike. I’d do anything to help protect the place we call home & animals I adore.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Gina Bonanno-Lemos

**Date Submitted:** 09/09/2022 10:23 AM

**Council File No:** 22-0002-S118

**Comments for Public Posting:** As a Southern California resident, I urge you to sign and commit to the Plant-Based Treaty in Los Angeles. Recent events prove that the earth is warming at a faster pace than scientists anticipated and we must take action NOW. The United Nations have issued a "Final Climate Warning," the "Doomsday Glacier" in Antarctica is disappearing at twice the expected rate, and the Atlantic ocean's current system is on the verge of collapse. These are just a few of the many flashing red lights warning us to stop. For people, animals, and the planet, please take action, sign the treaty, and continue to show leadership for our nation. Thank you,  
Gina Bonanno-Lemos

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Darren  
**Date Submitted:** 09/09/2022 10:24 AM  
**Council File No:** 22-0002-S118  
**Comments for Public Posting:** LA/California have the distinguished opportunity to lead the way with this milestone commitment to protect the future of all people, animals and our planet. No surprise!! “ Lead the way, LA!!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Jörg Gaiser

**Date Submitted:** 09/09/2022 10:25 AM

**Council File No:** 22-0002-S118

**Comments for Public Posting:** Dear Ladies and Gentlemen, It's time for Los Angeles to take positive action for climate, earth, human health and animals and endorse the Plant Based Treaty. Sincerely, Jörg Gaiser  
Baiersbronn Germany

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Tom

**Date Submitted:** 09/09/2022 10:26 AM

**Council File No:** 22-0002-S118

**Comments for Public Posting:** LA should follow the climate science, endorse the plant based treaty, and implement a plant based strategy to reduce food emissions. Cutting fossil fuels alone will not be enough to prevent climate catastrophe.



## Communication from Public

**Name:** Les Hicks

**Date Submitted:** 09/09/2022 10:26 AM

**Council File No:** 22-0002-S118

**Comments for Public Posting:** I support Councilmember Koretz's resolution that the City of Los Angeles formally endorses the federal legislation program and enters into a plant based treaty making a plant-based approach to food and food purchasing as part of its greenhouse gas emissions policy. It's time for Los Angeles to take positive climate action and endorse the Plant Based Treaty.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** louis gauci

**Date Submitted:** 09/09/2022 10:27 AM

**Council File No:** 22-0002-S118

**Comments for Public Posting:** I support The Plant-Based Treaty that puts food systems at the heart of combating the climate crisis. The Treaty aims to halt the widespread degradation of critical ecosystems caused by animal agriculture, promote a shift to more healthy, sustainable plant-based diets, and actively reverse the damage done to planetary functions, ecosystem services and biodiversity. A favorable vote in this regard will be much appreciated by most of the public which is beneficial to us, the climate and animals.  
Sincerely, Louis

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Mechelle Bollon

**Date Submitted:** 09/09/2022 10:28 AM

**Council File No:** 22-0002-S118

**Comments for Public Posting:** Even if we ended all fossil fuels today, our food system alone would heat the planet by more than 1.5C warming, therefore it is important to tackle all sources of greenhouse gas emissions. Our future is plant based or there simply is no future.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Kellen Dunn

**Date Submitted:** 09/09/2022 10:30 AM

**Council File No:** 22-0002-S118

**Comments for Public Posting:** Please add plant based diet in all public schools! Even if we ended all fossil fuels today, our food system alone would heat the planet by more than 1.5C warming, therefore it is important to tackle all sources of greenhouse gas emissions. Plant Based Treaty complements LA's Green New Deal which is deeply rooted in social justice. Promoting plant-based food will help improve the health and well-being of LA residents. LA is the third biggest city in the world measured by economy size and is a member of C40 Cities. LA will have global influence and inspire cities worldwide to take action on plant-based food solutions to the climate crisis. A plant-based food strategy will boost LA's pledge to bring 100% renewable energy to the city by 2045, bringing even bigger cuts to greenhouse gas emissions. In 2021, the US launched a Global Methane Pledge and a plant-based food strategy will help deliver the methane cuts critical to stabilizing global temperature rises. A third of human-caused methane emissions come from meat, dairy and eggs. LA has signed the C40 Good Food Accelerator and has pledged to work with citizens to achieve a 'Planetary Health Diet' by 2030, with balanced and nutritious food. Endorsing the Plant Based Treaty and developing a plant-based food strategy is a logical next step. The Plant Based Treaty resolution follows the scientific consensus and the conclusions reached by multiple IPCC Assessment reports that a vegan diet is optimal for the planet. Plant-based food solutions offer hope that consumption-based greenhouse gas emissions can be cut in order to limit global warming to 1.5C. Animal agriculture is the leading cause of deforestation and shifting to plant-based diets will allow us to rewild and restore land and draw down carbon from the atmosphere. Scientists Warning Foundation, which represents over 15,000 scientists in 184 countries says, "The world needs a Plant Based Treaty for a scientifically valid approach to a sustainable and biologically diverse future." Currently, 83% of global farmland is used to farm animals yet provides only 18% of calories. Shifting to plant-based diets would allow for a more sustainable, efficient and resilient food system.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Nilang Gor

**Date Submitted:** 09/09/2022 10:30 AM

**Council File No:** 22-0002-S118

**Comments for Public Posting:** Dear Clerk, My name is Nilang Gor. I am a founder of Cultivate Empathy for All and strongly support Plant-based Treaty resolution and ask L.A. Council to endorse the treaty. Thanks a lot, Nilang

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Rayne

**Date Submitted:** 09/09/2022 10:30 AM

**Council File No:** 22-0002-S118

**Comments for Public Posting:** It is of the utmost importance that you please adopt a plant based treaty and hopefully your advancement will encourage other cities.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Nicolas Dunn

**Date Submitted:** 09/09/2022 10:31 AM

**Council File No:** 22-0002-S118

**Comments for Public Posting:** Please adopt a plant based treaty! Even if we ended all fossil fuels today, our food system alone would heat the planet by more than 1.5C warming, therefore it is important to tackle all sources of greenhouse gas emissions. Plant Based Treaty complements LA's Green New Deal which is deeply rooted in social justice. Promoting plant-based food will help improve the health and well-being of LA residents. LA is the third biggest city in the world measured by economy size and is a member of C40 Cities. LA will have global influence and inspire cities worldwide to take action on plant-based food solutions to the climate crisis. A plant-based food strategy will boost LA's pledge to bring 100% renewable energy to the city by 2045, bringing even bigger cuts to greenhouse gas emissions. In 2021, the US launched a Global Methane Pledge and a plant-based food strategy will help deliver the methane cuts critical to stabilizing global temperature rises. A third of human-caused methane emissions come from meat, dairy and eggs. LA has signed the C40 Good Food Accelerator and has pledged to work with citizens to achieve a 'Planetary Health Diet' by 2030, with balanced and nutritious food. Endorsing the Plant Based Treaty and developing a plant-based food strategy is a logical next step. The Plant Based Treaty resolution follows the scientific consensus and the conclusions reached by multiple IPCC Assessment reports that a vegan diet is optimal for the planet. Plant-based food solutions offer hope that consumption-based greenhouse gas emissions can be cut in order to limit global warming to 1.5C. Animal agriculture is the leading cause of deforestation and shifting to plant-based diets will allow us to rewild and restore land and draw down carbon from the atmosphere. Scientists Warning Foundation, which represents over 15,000 scientists in 184 countries says, "The world needs a Plant Based Treaty for a scientifically valid approach to a sustainable and biologically diverse future." Currently, 83% of global farmland is used to farm animals yet provides only 18% of calories. Shifting to plant-based diets would allow for a more sustainable, efficient and resilient food system.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** HARDIP SINGH  
**Date Submitted:** 09/09/2022 10:31 AM  
**Council File No:** 22-0002-S118  
**Comments for Public Posting:** I am supporting Plant based Treaty.



## Communication from Public

**Name:** Chela  
**Date Submitted:** 09/09/2022 10:31 AM  
**Council File No:** 22-0002-S118  
**Comments for Public Posting:** Please support the plant-based treaty. Los Angeles is a world wide leader and should be progressive in supporting the environment. We cannot sustain our way of living and, please, for our world, the humans and animals alike, I urge you to vote for the plant-based treaty.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Jessica Marie Freeman

**Date Submitted:** 09/09/2022 10:32 AM

**Council File No:** 22-0002-S118

**Comments for Public Posting:** I have been eating a plant based diet for 15 years now and while I'm 58, I've never felt better or been happier. The planet is on the verge of catastrophe if we don't do something now. Not only is animal agriculture a living nightmare, it is destroying the planet and is not healthy for people either. All of these problems with health, global warming, animal cruelty can be resolved by a sustainable, plant based diet for everyone. Now there is everything plant based and it's fulfilling and delicious. There is NO reason to resist. Plant based is the way of the future! Even Leonardo da Vinci said that eating animals will be considered barbaric and will not continue in the future. Please promote plant based!!!!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Frankie McNulty

**Date Submitted:** 09/09/2022 10:33 AM

**Council File No:** 22-0002-S118

**Comments for Public Posting:** I offer my full support of the Plant Based Treaty resolution, this is the direction we need to move in and a very important move towards many things affecting climate change, pollution, local economy as well as mental and physical health of all of society.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 09/09/2022 10:33 AM

**Council File No:** 22-0002-S118

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am in strong support of the Plant Based Treaty - it is a sure fire way to fight the climate crisis and create a more just and equitable society.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Lionel Friedberg

**Date Submitted:** 09/09/2022 10:34 AM

**Council File No:** 22-0002-S118

**Comments for Public Posting:** I fully and wholeheartedly support and endorse the resolution that the City of Los Angeles endorse a Plant Based Treaty as an integral part of its climate and greenhouse gas emissions policy. As a proud resident of this amazing city I am happy to see the City of Angels once again taking a lead in showing the world a better, more efficient and more compassionate way to live.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Doris Potter

**Date Submitted:** 09/09/2022 10:34 AM

**Council File No:** 22-0002-S118

**Comments for Public Posting:** I support the Plant Based Treaty resolution because it follows the scientific consensus and the conclusions reached by multiple IPCC Assessment reports that a vegan diet is optimal for the planet.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 09/09/2022 10:35 AM

**Council File No:** 22-0002-S118

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am fully supportive of the Plant Based Treaty. It is vital in order to address the climate crisis. A grotesque amount of resources are used in animal agriculture which only in turn produces more and more pollution. It is a vicious cycle and is arcane and horrifically cruel.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Sarah Cannon

**Date Submitted:** 09/09/2022 10:37 AM

**Council File No:** 22-0002-S118

**Comments for Public Posting:** Implementing the Plant Based Treaty is the right step toward policies for a liveable future for generations to come. You will be remembered on the right side of history for supporting this progressive action.



## Communication from Public

**Name:** Sven Sorge

**Date Submitted:** 09/09/2022 10:38 AM

**Council File No:** 22-0002-S118

**Comments for Public Posting:** Hey LA! It's time for Los Angeles to take positive climate action, to endorse the Plant Based Treaty and to support animal welfare! Thank you very much! :-) Greetings from Berlin, Sven Sorge

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Istvan Hesslein  
**Date Submitted:** 09/09/2022 10:39 AM  
**Council File No:** 22-0002-S118  
**Comments for Public Posting:** I strongly support the plant-based treaty and congratulate the LA Council for being the first to support it. Added to the overwhelming reasons listed for LA's support, I would add the untold suffering caused to farmed animals by industrialized animal farming. Appended is a potential way to inspire tax-payers and consumers to support the plant-based initiative.

## AN INTERVIEW WITH PROFESSOR HARNAD

Interview by Michael Gold [Animal Justice UK \(2\) 2016](#)

*Stevan Harnad is Professor of Psychology at the Université du Québec à Montréal and Professor of Web Science in the Department of Electronics and Computer Science at the University of Southampton. He is currently the Editor-in-Chief of the journal [‘Animal Sentience’](#).*

**Abstract:** A 2-stage strategy to (1) inform and sensitize the public -- through CCTV, web-streaming and crowd-sourcing -- about the suffering inflicted on animals in commercial breeding and use for meat, dairy, fur and fashion, followed by (2) a graduated tax on producers, vendors and consumers of animal products, claimable as a rebate by producers, vendors and consumers of non-animal alternative products.

**MG: In 2004 the [UK] Court of Appeal referred to animal suffering as being determined by “scientific...value judgements”. Given your background in cognitive science, how would you describe the current degree of scientific understanding of animal suffering or well-being?"**

SH: It is certain that cognitive psychobiologists whose research is devoted to understanding how animals think (cognition) and feel (sentience) have extensive knowledge and evidence about what is required for animal well-being. Neither the law nor the courts have come anywhere near giving this evidence the weight it deserves, in the way it has done for the medical and psychiatric evidence on human well-being.

Notice that I am using ordinary-language terms such as *thinking*, *feeling* and *well-being* rather than abstract technical terms that formalise and desensitise what is really at issue. Another such ordinary-language term that everyone understands is *suffering*. Many current laws allow enormous amounts of suffering to be inflicted on animals - suffering that is evident to anyone who looks and feels, and that does not need “scientific” analyses to “prove” the victims are indeed suffering.

Trying to protect animals from suffering operates under an enormous *logical* handicap, well-known to philosophers: the “[other-minds problem](#).” It is logically impossible to know for sure (“prove”), even for scientists, whether and what any entity other than oneself is feeling. Even language is not a guarantor: if someone says “that hurts,” they could be pretending, or they could even be a robot - a zombie, that does not feel at all. Logically speaking.

But it is obvious to all who are trying to be honest about the problem of human-inflicted animal suffering that it is disingenuous to invoke the ‘other-minds problem’ in order to create doubt about suffering in animals *where we would not invoke it in the case of humans*. We know that just about all mammals and birds suffer if they are confined, deprived of access to their kin and kind, or forcibly manipulated. We recognise the mammalian and avian signs of stress, pain, fear and depression; and where we lack personal experience (such as with reptiles, fish or invertebrates), there are not only scientists but lay people — with abundant experience observing and caring for animals — who are highly capable and more than willing guide us.

It would be a shameful pretence to act solemnly as if there were any uncertainty about the vast, obvious amounts of gratuitous and indefensible agony that humans are inflicting on animals in the bred-animal product industries.

“Stress” is a formal, sanitised term for *harm* - both physical and mental, both felt and unfelt - that is incurred by an organism’s body. There do exist some subtle cases of stimulation, manipulation, and background conditions where it is not yet known scientifically whether they are stressful. Those are the

'unresolved scientific problems'. But the elephant in the room — the countless instances and practices that not only virtually all cognitive psychobiologists but all decent laymen would immediately recognise as suffering — are still so immeasurably widespread, legally permissible, and un-policed today that we are far from reaching cases where there is any genuine uncertainty that calls for scientific expertise.

**MG: In the same judgement it was stated that emergent “evidence...[for] an identifiable deficit in net well-being” caused by restricted feed could give credence to a legal challenge against the practice. Does this type of statement imply courts trailing behind scientific consensus in their reasoning?**

SH: It is very hard, even for a cognitive scientist, to force oneself into the sanitized, almost psychopathic jargon of “restricted feed” and “identifiable deficit in net well-being” when the question really being asked is whether *starving* chickens causes *suffering*.

“Broilers” have been selectively bred to grow from chicks into adult-sized (indeed pathologically oversized and deformed) invalids in an extremely short time. Not only does this put tremendous strain on their bodies and legs (crippling them and sometimes making their legs snap off) but it makes them so ill that they cannot survive till breeding age unless the ones that are to be used as breeders are systematically starved throughout their short, agonized lives so as to slow the rate of their devastating growth enough to allow their pathological genotype to keep being reproduced.

Of course it causes suffering to be kept constantly on the threshold of starvation. There is hardly the need for the learned opinion of “poultry scientists” to attest to this — unless one is trying to make mischievous or malevolent use of the “other-minds problem” to protect economic interests.

**MG: Is there scope for greater cooperation between lawyers and scientists regarding animal welfare? How do you think this could be achieved?**

SH: Yes, there is enormous scope. And enormous good will as well, especially among the younger generation of lawyers. And “cognitive psychobiologists” are also people — people who know that nonhuman animals, like human ones, are feeling creatures that can be, and are being, made to suffer gratuitously by economics-driven industry, perverted, industry-driven “animal science,” and uninformed as well as misinformed consumer demand. If asked, the impartial experts are well-equipped and eager to inform the public and protect and help promote sentient animals' well-being. That is the convergence and collaboration that the journal ([Animal Sentience](#)) is devoted to fostering.

The way we are doing it is through “[open peer commentary](#).” Every “target article” published in the journal is circulated around the world, across all specialities — to zoologists, ethologists, ecologists, evolutionists, psychologists, legal scholars, bioethicists, nutritionists, veterinarians, social scientists and animal activists — inviting them to provide commentary that elaborates, integrates, critiques, supplements or applies the content of the target article. The commentaries are published as formal mini-articles following the target article; the author responds to them. The journal is online and open access so that the target articles as well as the commentaries can be published as soon as they are reviewed and accepted. The target article by the biologist Brian Key on [whether fish feel pain](#) has already drawn over 50 commentaries. Among the target articles currently undergoing commentary are ones by: a philosopher (Colin Klein) and a biologist (Andrew Barron) on [insect sentience](#); an economist (Yew- Kwang Ng) on [welfare biology](#); a law professor (Martine Lachance) on [veterinary reporting of abuse](#); a philosopher (Mark Rowlands) on [animal personhood](#); a cognitive psychologist (Arthur Reber) on the [origins of mind](#), and a psychologist (Thomas Zentall) on [cognitive dissonance in animals and humans](#).

Among the signs of progress are the [growing number](#) of countries and states where animals are being

formally accorded the legal status of sentient beings with biological needs (instead of just property). Just here in Montreal, the Student Animal Legal Defense Fund of McGill University convened an important and influential [symposium on animal law](#) in 2010. (It was this symposium that made me into a vegan!) In the same year, the International Research Group on Animal law of the Université du Québec à Montréal (UQAM) convened an international animal law conference in Paris on [Animal Suffering: From Science to Law](#). Since then both [France](#) and [Quebec](#) have granted animals sentient-being status. A new course on [animal law](#) offered by Professor Alain Roy (specialist in child protection law) at the Université de Montréal was filled with one hundred law students on the very day it was announced.

I will be directing the [7th Summer School in 2018](#) of the Cognitive Sciences Institute at UQAM, whose theme will be *The Other-Minds Problem: Animal Sentience and Cognition*.

**MG: You are passionate about pushing for CCTV in abattoirs. What would you like to happen?**

SH: Not just in slaughterhouses. In all locales where animals are commercially bred, confined, or used in any way by humans.

The [strategy](#) is in two phases:

*Phase I (Public Sensitisation)*

1. Adopt a law that recognises animals as sentient beings with biological and psychological needs.
2. Require, by law, 24-hour, 360-degree audio/video surveillance and recording at all locales where animals are commercially bred, confined, or used in any way by humans in order to monitor and ensure that the animals biological and psychological needs are being met according to existing regulations (which of course are far from adequate).
3. As the enormous volume of surveillance recordings cannot possibly all be inspected by government inspectors, all the recordings must be coded, web-streamed and made permanently open-access online, so that their inspection can be *crowd-sourced* for public inspection: A clear description of the pertinent existing regulations (with which the producers need to comply) has to be made available online for the general public, and relative to those existing regulations, any citizen can then report any observed violation, noting the code of the video on which it occurs and the timing of the violation.
4. Not only will this help immeasurably to ensure that existing (inadequate) regulations are complied with, and thus ensure that what goes on is only that which is allowed by existing law, but it will have the even more important effect of *allowing the public to witness all the horrors that go on that are still allowed by the existing laws* (especially in industrial breederries, transport and slaughterhouses).
5. It is these “authorised” horrors that Ag-Gag laws and lobbying are aggressively trying to prevent the public from witnessing.
6. The hope is that once the public has open access to the full scale of the horrors (especially in industrial breederries, transport and slaughterhouses) the majority of thus-sensitised citizens will exert pressure on their elected lawmakers not only to make existing regulations increasingly rigorous, in the protection of animals’ biological and psychological needs, but also for introducing legislation for a reduction in what is permissible and a transition to alternatives to animal production and consumption:

*Phase II (Graduated Taxation on Animal Production and Consumption)*

1. Require, by law, a surcharge on the production, vending and consumption of animal products, available as a rebate to incentivise the production, vending and consumption of non- animal alternatives.
2. The percentage surcharge can be increased with time.
3. The surcharge should be imposed on all three involved parties: the producer, the vendor and the consumer.
4. The rebate should likewise be available to all three parties: the producer, the vendor and the consumer. (The implementation of the rebate will be complicated initially, but *that should not be accepted as an excuse for not imposing the surcharge*. With thought, testing and planning, a fair, efficient rebate system can be developed by the time the graduated surcharge reaches significant levels.)
5. For producers, especially, the rebates will provide strong incentives to produce non-animal alternatives.
6. All surplus in the tax revenues should be used to provide sanctuary for the former production-animals that are liberated by the change in production and consumption patterns. And any left-over from that should be used to invest in the development of non-animal alternatives.

*Michael is a first year law student at Queen Mary University and will be piloting one of ALAW's first university subgroups.*

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Danyelle Foord  
**Date Submitted:** 09/09/2022 10:47 AM  
**Council File No:** 22-0002-S118

**Comments for Public Posting:** Los Angeles, and the state of CA in general, needs to enact the Plant Based Treaty NOW more than ever!!!! We are destroying our beautiful planet by cutting down precious trees to make room for raising cattle. We currently use more land than the entire continent of Africa to raise cattle. When we destroy our forests to do this, we also kill billions of wild animals in the process, who call these lands their homes. We also have to grow grains to feed these animals, and the grains we grow for them to eat leads to food shortage and starvation in other parts of the world. These grains grown to feed livestock (instead of people) only feed 18% of the world... how does that make any sense? Not to mention the feces from these animals forced to live in small, confined places poisons our water and releases methane gas into our atmosphere (methane gas is 80x warmer than Co2 — we can't just focus on one of these gasses we must focus on BOTH if we want to combat climate change). Also, In CA it's actually LEGAL to feed pigs plastic and trash. Pigs are SMARTER than our own pets... Are we fucking barbarians? By the time these poor animals get to the slaughter house they have been pumped with antibiotics (80% of antibiotics used in the pharmaceutical industry are used to keep animals alive in a place they otherwise could not survive I.e. a factory farm), some are even pregnant, or have cancer from the horrors they've had to endure. These animals feel love, happiness and pain just like our dogs and cats. Pigs are the 3rd smartest animal on Earth and cows are some of the most spiritual animals. These animals treasure and value their lives deeply just like we do, and given the chance, they only ask for our love and friendship. It is only because they are kind and non-threatening that we are able to take advantage of them. Something so unjustified it makes me sick and embarrassed for humanity. Then, we blindly eat the corpses of these poor, diseased animals (tumors and all) with pleasure, blinded from the suffering en masse and the horrors we've cause them. We have been so disgustingly brainwashed by the animal agriculture industry that most people actually think humans get their protein from animals. Humans are natural omnivores NOT carnivores. If we were carnivores we would have sharp teeth like lions, and be able to eat our meat raw. Meat is not natural for the human body, and animals are not reservoirs full of protein... the PLANTS they eat are where we get

our protein from. I'll repeat — protein comes from PLANTS not animals! A plant-based burger contains MORE protein than one made from the body of a dead cow. These animals are simply the middle women. Why not just cut that horrific step out? There are over 80,000 edible plants in the world, and somehow we've convinced ourselves that we can't go without or survive without eating the same 5 dead animals. And not only that, our own doctors recommend to eat animals for our health!! Yet as a result of eating these sick animals, we ourselves (no surprise here) get sick. Don't even get me started on the amount of preservatives we pump into these rotting corpses we call food, all of which also cause cancer. If the CDC has classified meat as a carcinogen... why are we eating it willingly? Don't even get me started on the dairy industry, the most horrific and disgusting of them all. Then, when we get sick from eating these dead corpses and their secretions... the pharmaceutical companies get to make a profit off of our sickness. They are literally working both sides of the aisle... and becoming rich off destroying our planet and making people sick. This literally makes me feel like we are literally living in an insane asylum. Not only will the Plant Based Treaty help make the world a better place for sentient animals, teaching us how to be kinder and more conscious, more intelligent human beings who understand that in order to live on Plant Earth we must show respect for all life, it will also help us tackle climate change and help us save money on our hypocritical and backwards health care industry. We are SO much better than this. We must have the courage to change our ways, or things are only going to get worse. Do you really like hamburgers more than oxygen? With so many vegan alternatives, and Los Angeles leading the charge in vegan food, we must do better! If we don't change our diets, it will be what destroys us in the end.



## Communication from Public

**Name:** Madasyn

**Date Submitted:** 09/09/2022 10:49 AM

**Council File No:** 22-0002-S118

**Comments for Public Posting:** It is encouraging to see at least some cities in the USA take a more impactful step to protecting our environment! By protecting the environment, we're also protecting the animals and our future generations! This country CAN & SHOULD be the leader for positive change or at the very least follow the example.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 09/09/2022 12:40 PM

**Council File No:** 22-0002-S118

**Comments for Public Posting:** Members of the Los Angeles City Council: Los Angeles is at the forefront of many social and environmental issues. Globally it has become obvious that climate change is impacting the entire planet. Glaciers are melting, storms are frequent and extreme, and fires cannot be controlled. I ask that you please take a stand for Los Angeles and our planet by endorsing the Plant Based Treaty, which states that we must take measures to reduce our reliance on meat and dairy. These industries contribute immensely to global warming. This is a point that many environmental groups are not talking about. Please take a stand and keep Los Angeles at the forefront. Thank you.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Loretta G. Rowe

**Date Submitted:** 09/09/2022 11:07 AM

**Council File No:** 22-0002-S118

**Comments for Public Posting:** I applaud LA for this historic and courageous proposal. The contribution of animal agriculture to the climate crisis has been well documented and moving to a plant based diet is a necessity for human survival.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Susan Lefler  
**Date Submitted:** 09/09/2022 11:08 AM  
**Council File No:** 22-0002-S118  
**Comments for Public Posting:** We need a plant based treaty now!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** DAN GRAHAM  
**Date Submitted:** 09/09/2022 11:09 AM  
**Council File No:** 22-0002-S118  
**Comments for Public Posting:** Please endorse the Plant Based Treaty for the health of animals, people and the environment.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 09/09/2022 11:09 AM

**Council File No:** 22-0002-S118

**Comments for Public Posting:** Groundbreaking insight. LA you will be world leaders in tackling climate change. Huge congratulations

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Valent  
**Date Submitted:** 09/09/2022 12:44 PM  
**Council File No:** 22-0002-S118  
**Comments for Public Posting:** We have to support the environment, we depend on that. Are human beings intelligent or not?

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Leslie  
**Date Submitted:** 09/09/2022 12:44 PM  
**Council File No:** 22-0002-S118  
**Comments for Public Posting:** Please enact these regulations that support plant based menus and diets!



## Communication from Public

**Name:** Lori

**Date Submitted:** 09/09/2022 12:49 PM

**Council File No:** 22-0002-S118

**Comments for Public Posting:** I have lived in Los Angeles for 22 years and I love it. I urge LA City Counsel to agree to the Plant Based Treaty Resolution. We have been ignoring the harm caused by animal agriculture to our health, the environment, and the animals for too long. The time for change is NOW!! Not only should people be educated and encouraged to change their eating habits, but people should be given new career pathways to move away from animal agriculture into plant based and sustainable careers. With the labor shortage, that doesn't feel like a momentous task. We need strong political will to lead the way to make these changes. We are in the midst of another drought, thus, we need to rethink whether using millions of gallons of water to put meat and dairy on our table is a good idea. Thus, I encourage you to to vote to enter the Plant Based Treaty Resolution.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Laura Ann cook  
**Date Submitted:** 09/09/2022 12:55 PM  
**Council File No:** 22-0002-S118  
**Comments for Public Posting:** Please take positive climate action and endorse the Plant Based Treaty.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Risa M Mandell  
**Date Submitted:** 09/09/2022 12:56 PM  
**Council File No:** 22-0002-S118  
**Comments for Public Posting:** I endorse the Plant Based Treaty, making a plant-based approach to food and food purchasing a centerpiece of its greenhouse gas emissions policy as a great idea for nutrition, for the animals and for the environment as animal agriculture is a leading cause of cruelty to animals and a leading cause of climate change.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** David Weiner

**Date Submitted:** 09/09/2022 12:53 PM

**Council File No:** 22-0002-S118

**Comments for Public Posting:** I strongly urge the council to endorse the Plant Based Treaty, and to take all available measures to make support of plant-based food part of the city's approach to fighting climate change. Pivoting away from animal-based agriculture is essential to stemming the damage we're doing to the environment, AND it's the right thing to do morally, as billions of innocent animals spend every second of their lives being tortured in cruel factory farms under our current system. Please continue LA's recent stellar record on animal rights and climate issues and vote in support of this bold treaty! Thank you, D. Weiner

## Communication from Public

**Name:** K. Harlan

**Date Submitted:** 09/09/2022 02:24 PM

**Council File No:** 22-0002-S118

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am writing to urge my City of Los Angeles to take positive, meaningful climate action and ENDORSE the PLANT BASED TREATY as so many other major cities around the world have. Please! Thank you.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Eric Goplerud

**Date Submitted:** 09/09/2022 02:24 PM

**Council File No:** 22-0002-S118

**Comments for Public Posting:** As a person of faith who is concerned about climate change, I endorse and support the resolution to put a treaty on plant based diet on the LA legislative priorities.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Rene Ruston

**Date Submitted:** 09/09/2022 02:26 PM

**Council File No:** 22-0002-S118

**Comments for Public Posting:** It is time for Los Angeles to take positive climate action and endorse the Plant Based Treaty. Put our money where are mouth is, literally. Ignoring the impact of meat and dairy on the climate is hypocrisy at its worse. It is impossible to expound on mitigating climate change when you are eating a hamburger.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Shannon Hunter  
**Date Submitted:** 09/09/2022 02:29 PM  
**Council File No:** 22-0002-S118  
**Comments for Public Posting:** It's time for Los Angeles to take positive climate action and endorse the Plant Based Treaty! Taking this step will show LA's commitment to a more sustainable future!



## Communication from Public

**Name:** Cori Nelson

**Date Submitted:** 09/09/2022 02:37 PM

**Council File No:** 22-0002-S118

**Comments for Public Posting:** So excited that LA City Council will be a trail-blazer in climate action by signing the Plant-based Treaty!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Dawn Fisher

**Date Submitted:** 09/09/2022 02:44 PM

**Council File No:** 22-0002-S118

**Comments for Public Posting:** This is an important development in moving towards a humane and environmentally sustainable future. Our responsibility for generations to come

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 09/09/2022 02:01 PM

**Council File No:** 22-0002-S118

**Comments for Public Posting:** I was thrilled to see that Councilor Koretz was putting forth this plant based treaty. As we know by now eating a plant based diet (vegan) is the healthiest diet one can eat. The methane that animals excrete is a serious addition to greenhouse gases plus the water use and land devastation goes right along with that. Killing animals for food is one of the cruelest and most barbaric things that humans do. I always say that it is the fastest way to have an impact immediately on climate change is to eat only plants. I've been doing it for seven plus years and will never go back to eating animals. I belong to a group in Sedona AZ called Healthy World Sedona and our aim is to promote a whole food plant based diet for the sake of the planet, the animals and human health. Thank you for putting this treaty out there and we hope that this will be a good step forward to saving our plant Earth.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Danielle Johnson  
**Date Submitted:** 09/09/2022 02:02 PM  
**Council File No:** 22-0002-S118  
**Comments for Public Posting:** Yes, we need a Plant-based Treaty!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** steve spiro  
**Date Submitted:** 09/09/2022 02:09 PM  
**Council File No:** 22-0002-S118  
**Comments for Public Posting:** PLEASE support the plant based treaty

## Communication from Public

**Name:** James

**Date Submitted:** 09/09/2022 02:12 PM

**Council File No:** 22-0002-S118

**Comments for Public Posting:** Los Angeles can and should lead the way! Please support this and support our plant as well (Ps we thrive when earth thrives. She's hurting bad right now!)

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 09/09/2022 01:18 PM

**Council File No:** 22-0002-S118

**Comments for Public Posting:** This plant based treaty is long overdue, the true and correct action, to make strides towards healing our world, for animals, Motherearth and ourselves. We are indeed a circle of life, all relevant & vital to each other; our ecosystem must be protected, or else..does it make sense to think of all the dollars when nothing exists??! Please heed the facts that are painfully present, see them, take action now.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Susan Hargreaves

**Date Submitted:** 09/09/2022 01:20 PM

**Council File No:** 22-0002-S118

**Comments for Public Posting:** Please, join other progressive and caring cities in the world and sign the Plant based Treaty. Many of our Animal and Earth Hero Youth live in LA and hope you will think of their future and the planet's well being and choose to support and sign the plant based treaty -Susan Hargreaves Founder of AnimalHeroKids.org Be an Animal Hero campaign creator Thank you Susan  
<https://www.animalherokids.org/animal-hero-crew/>



## Communication from Public

**Name:** Karin U Nelson  
**Date Submitted:** 09/09/2022 01:31 PM  
**Council File No:** 22-0002-S118  
**Comments for Public Posting:** It is GREAT news indeed that LA is signing and endorsing the Plant Based Treaty. Way to go!!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Esther

**Date Submitted:** 09/09/2022 01:34 PM

**Council File No:** 22-0002-S118

**Comments for Public Posting:** ¿Por qué Acuerdo Basado en Plantas? La ganadería es uno de los principales responsables de la crisis climática. Existe una crisis climática, oceánica y de biodiversidad. Los combustibles fósiles y la agricultura animal son la fuerza motriz del calentamiento global descontrolado, así como de la pérdida de biodiversidad, la deforestación a gran escala, la extinción de especies, el agotamiento del agua, la degradación del suelo y las zonas muertas de los océanos. No basta con hacer frente a los combustibles fósiles: también hay que actuar en los sistemas alimentarios; ahí es donde entra en juego Acuerdo Basado en Plantas. Los tres principales gases de efecto invernadero, el dióxido de carbono, el metano y el óxido nitroso, están en niveles récord y se están acelerando rápidamente; la agricultura animal contribuye a los tres, pero es el principal impulsor de las emisiones de metano y óxido nitroso a nivel mundial.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Amy  
**Date Submitted:** 09/09/2022 12:58 PM  
**Council File No:** 22-0002-S118  
**Comments for Public Posting:** Well done. Feed the world don't destroy it killing animals.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Michael  
**Date Submitted:** 09/09/2022 01:03 PM  
**Council File No:** 22-0002-S118  
**Comments for Public Posting:** Yes it's time to evolve.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Dr. Kevin Boileau

**Date Submitted:** 09/09/2022 01:04 PM

**Council File No:** 22-0002-S118

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am writing to participate in this historic resolution. I am a scientist and lawyer. The climate change/global warming situation is dire. If we do not make immediate change to increase plant-based food cycles and decrease, if not eliminate completely, dairy/meat-based food production and consumption, our situation will only get worse, and our very existence on this planet will be severely threatened. In addition, the treatment of farmed animals is a moral catastrophe. Most people of hood moral conscience know this but are too afraid to speak the truth. This does not avoid the truth, however, and will not. I am totally committed to your resolution. My law firm is committed. Our science institute is committed. Please carry on, and call upon us if you need help. We are in San Diego, and join you today in this most important resolution. Dr. Kevin Boileau, PhD, JD

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Maria Umbsaar

**Date Submitted:** 09/09/2022 01:08 PM

**Council File No:** 22-0002-S118

**Comments for Public Posting:** Dear Council Members, As a former resident of Los Angeles for over two decades, and as someone who plans to move back to Los Angeles again one day, it is with great enthusiasm that I urge council members to sign on to the Plant Based Treaty. Since its inception, Los Angeles has led the way on lifestyle trends, climate initiatives, and health-driven policy. This city sets an example for the world, and I am so proud to have called it home for so many years. As a digital nomad who also happens to be vegan, I have recently begun looking at properties in other cities that have signed on to the Plant Based Treaty. I have to imagine that I am not alone in that pursuit. Signing on to this treaty presents immense potential to attract new citizens and businesses, in addition to providing Angelinos with enhanced health and environmental benefits. I hope you will continue the great LA tradition of paving the way for the world by signing on to the Plant Based Treaty at your earliest opportunity, and I look forward to returning to Los Angeles to celebrate this historic achievement. Sincerely yours, Maria Umbsaar

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 09/09/2022 01:10 PM

**Council File No:** 22-0002-S118

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am not a vegan, but I strongly support prioritizing a plant-based approach as an essential element to combatting climate change. The too-long dominance of the meat industry, with its horrendous GHG emissions, needs to be pushed back against. I believe this Council motion is a great start towards slowly moving us away from meat and towards more sustainable food options. - JG in West Hollywood

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 09/09/2022 01:11 PM

**Council File No:** 22-0002-S118

**Comments for Public Posting:** It's time for Los Angeles to take positive climate action and endorse the Plant Based Treaty.



## Communication from Public

**Name:** Victoria Randles

**Date Submitted:** 09/09/2022 04:22 PM

**Council File No:** 22-0002-S118

**Comments for Public Posting:** This would be a huge step for not only the USA but all of the world. LA is a powerful influencer in so many ways. When we know better we can do better. It's time!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Salehah Abdullah  
**Date Submitted:** 09/09/2022 04:30 PM  
**Council File No:** 22-0002-S118  
**Comments for Public Posting:** Please make the move to adopt the Plant Based Treaty as a part of the solution to the climate crisis we face all over the world.  
Thankyou.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** EPHRAIM TEMBO  
**Date Submitted:** 09/09/2022 04:05 PM  
**Council File No:** 22-0002-S118  
**Comments for Public Posting:** It high time For LA to control climate change through tree planting and many other ways that can lead to green environment and health

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Jan O'Leary

**Date Submitted:** 09/09/2022 04:10 PM

**Council File No:** 22-0002-S118

**Comments for Public Posting:** L.A. could make an enormous difference and be an example to the world by adopting the Plant Based treaty.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Raisa

**Date Submitted:** 09/09/2022 04:12 PM

**Council File No:** 22-0002-S118

**Comments for Public Posting:** The Plant Based Treaty needs to be officially endorsed: LA is a trend setter, everybody has their eyes on it. It's high time things change for animals, climate and public health - the benefits will come back multiplied over the years!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Georja Umamo

**Date Submitted:** 09/09/2022 04:51 PM

**Council File No:** 22-0002-S118

**Comments for Public Posting:** Yes let's be the most forward-looking, cruelty-free, climate-change busting city in the USA. Be the first and a beacon to others to sign and adopt the plant based treaty. For our health. For the animals. For the world Thank you

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Antonia Baskin  
**Date Submitted:** 09/09/2022 04:55 PM  
**Council File No:** 22-0002-S118  
**Comments for Public Posting:** Living in both Los Angeles and Orange Counties for most of my vegetarian life of 77 years, I applaud any effort to save Planet Earth.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Robert D. Frank  
**Date Submitted:** 09/09/2022 05:10 PM  
**Council File No:** 22-0002-S118  
**Comments for Public Posting:** I request that the City of Los Angeles formally endorse that the “Federal Legislation program includes SUPPORT and enter into a Plant Based Treaty making a plant-based approach to food and food purchasing a centerpiece of its greenhouse gas emissions policy.” Thank you, Robert D. frank



## Communication from Public

**Name:** Melanie McKay  
**Date Submitted:** 09/09/2022 05:18 PM  
**Council File No:** 22-0002-S118  
**Comments for Public Posting:** Los Angeles, the City of Angels, the first to propose a plant-based treaty. To me this means there is more heart, intelligence and courage than in any other US city. There are so many of them, so this is significant. Please show the world it can be done. I live veganism daily and know it's benefits personally. Show everyone how this can be done at an enormous city level. God bless the City of Angels, may you prosper??

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Jay O'Shea

**Date Submitted:** 09/09/2022 05:24 PM

**Council File No:** 22-0002-S118

**Comments for Public Posting:** As a long-time Los Angeles resident, I implore the LA City Council to endorse the plant-based treaty. A transition to a plant forward food system has the potential to stave off the worst effects of the climate crisis while also saving water and protecting nature and wildlife. As Angelenos, we are vulnerable to extreme heat, drought, and poor air quality. A plant based food system could help protect our city from the effects of the degradation of the natural world.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Yvette Tapp  
**Date Submitted:** 09/09/2022 05:46 PM  
**Council File No:** 22-0002-S118  
**Comments for Public Posting:** I fully agree with Councilmember Koretz' resolution: "Federal Legislation program includes support and enter into a Plant Based Treaty making a plant-based approach to food and food purchasing a centerpiece of its greenhouse gas emissions policy."

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Lionel  
**Date Submitted:** 09/09/2022 05:51 PM  
**Council File No:** 22-0002-S118  
**Comments for Public Posting:** This is a great initiative that is supported by the international  
vegan community

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Crystal Tao

**Date Submitted:** 09/09/2022 03:38 PM

**Council File No:** 22-0002-S118

**Comments for Public Posting:** Yes, we all have to ACT NOW. VEGAN is the ONLY way to save the world and ourselves. Hope all the States will follow and the whole world. These is no time to waste. We have to ACT NOW. Thank you!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Ants Neo  
**Date Submitted:** 09/09/2022 03:39 PM  
**Council File No:** 22-0002-S118  
**Comments for Public Posting:** Vegan is the future for the world!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Renee Leboe  
**Date Submitted:** 09/09/2022 03:46 PM  
**Council File No:** 22-0002-S118  
**Comments for Public Posting:** Thank you for launching the Plant Based Treaty to address the climate crisis!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Jim Malone

**Date Submitted:** 09/09/2022 03:14 PM

**Council File No:** 22-0002-S118

**Comments for Public Posting:** Please support a plant based treaty. Cities like LA supporting a plant based treaty would have a massive affect on greenhouse gas emissions. The world agricultural system needs to move from animal based to plant based in order to combat climate change and increase biodiversity. Plant based food needs less land and water than animal based and consequently feed more people. This is vital in a world where almost a billion people go to bed hungry every night. LA lead the way and make us all proud of you !  
Thank you.



## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 09/09/2022 01:38 PM

**Council File No:** 22-0002-S118

**Comments for Public Posting:** Hello, I believe it is now time for LA to take positive climate action and endorse the plant based treaty. Thank you.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Ruth  
**Date Submitted:** 09/09/2022 02:49 PM  
**Council File No:** 22-0002-S118  
**Comments for Public Posting:** When the time comes for you to stand before GOD (AND IT WILL COME) you cannot tell God, others told me to do this, or it was not convenient at the time, that will not work, you will be judged by God for your crimes!!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Brendon Mezzetti  
**Date Submitted:** 09/09/2022 02:51 PM  
**Council File No:** 22-0002-S118  
**Comments for Public Posting:** Eden = "on earth as it is in Heaven..." Just good for every creature. No evil for any creature... Gen 1:29

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Melissa Warfield  
**Date Submitted:** 09/09/2022 03:02 PM  
**Council File No:** 22-0002-S118  
**Comments for Public Posting:** Please pass The Plant Based Treaty. When passed LA will be the first city that will lead the way towards plant-based food's. Other states will follow suit.