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2022 Invasion of Ukraine Sanctions Compliance

As the second largest city in the United States, third largest metropolitan economy in the world, and a city with historic ties across the world, the City of Los Angeles has a unique responsibility to ensure compliance with sanctions imposed by the United States government to reduce and negate the war capacity of belligerent international actors engaged in illegal, unprovoked, and unjustifiable attacks on sovereign nations and peoples.

The President of Russia Vladimir Putin, abetted by a cadre of oligarchs, corporations, and organizations, recently initiated such an illegitimate use of force on the people and government of Ukraine and has already wrought humanitarian strife across Ukraine. In response the people of Los Angeles stand ready to support the brave defense of Ukraine through humanitarian support, meanwhile, the United States government has imposed thorough and increasing sanctions to mitigate and eliminate the war capacity of Russia.

International laws and norms are the foundation of a secure, stable, and prosperous international system and economy. Any illegitimate violation poses a risk to the people and economy of Los Angeles which requires immediate and, when possible, proactive actions to mitigate. The City of Los Angeles has a responsibility to ensure its contribution to these international laws and norms by certifying compliance with justified sanctions and taking proactive steps to prepare the local people, economy, and energy supply against further shocks stemming from the international system.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Administrative Office (CAO), with the assistance of the Controller, City Attorney, and necessary City Departments, review and certify compliance with the list of current, and any forthcoming, sanctions imposed by the United States government against individuals, organizations, and entities associated with the 2022 Invasion of Ukraine,

I FURTHER MOVE that the CAO and CLA provide recommendations for achieving compliance with United States sanctions related to the 2022 Invasion of Ukraine if the City if not already in compliance,

I FURTHER MOVE that the Mayor's Office of International Affairs as well as organizations such as the Sister Cities of Los Angeles, Global LA, and the Los Angeles Economic Development Corporation, provide recommendations for improving the ability of the City to respond to international crises and circumstances which have an impact on the people and economy of Los Angeles.

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