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Lauren Faber O'Connor is the Chief Sustainability Officer for the City of Los Angeles. In her role she is driving the implementation of *LA's Green New Deal*, a global model for local action to confront the climate crisis. L.A.'s Green New Deal is guided by four key principles: a commitment to uphold the Paris Climate Agreement; a promise to deliver environmental justice and equity; a plan to ensure every Angeleno has the ability to join the green economy; and a determination to lead by example within City government. To deliver accelerated leadership on sustainability, Lauren also builds collaboration including through C40, an international network of cities raising the bar on climate action chaired by Mayor Garcetti and Climate Mayors, a coalition of over 400 US Mayors committed to US leadership on climate change that was co-founded by Mayor Garcetti.

Prior to joining the Garcetti Administration, Lauren served for four years as the West Coast Political Director for the Environmental Defense Fund in San Francisco. At EDF she worked on building successful strategies and constructive partnerships to win support for protecting and promoting climate, clean energy, land, water and wildlife. In 2010 Lauren was appointed Assistant Secretary for Climate Change Programs at the California Environmental Protection Agency, where she was dedicated to the design and implementation of California's landmark Global Warming Solutions Act, AB 32. Prior to her work at CalEPA, Lauren served as senior director for Lighthouse Consulting Group in Washington, D.C., where she advised on comprehensive national climate change and energy strategies for domestic and international companies, and NGOs, and in particular, the U.S. Climate Action Partnership. From 2005-2009 Lauren served at the British Embassy as Senior Policy Advisor for climate change and energy.

Lauren serves on the Board of the California League of Conservation Voters and previously the U.S. Department of Energy State Energy Advisory Board. She is a member of the Catto Fellowship for environmental leadership at the Aspen Institute and of the Truman National Security Project. She holds a Bachelor's degree in Earth Systems and Economics from Stanford University, and Master's degree in Climate and Society from Columbia University.