

RESOLUTION

RULES, ELECTIONS & INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

WHEREAS, any official position of the City of Los Angeles with respect to legislation, rules, regulations or policies proposed to or pending before a local, state or federal governmental body or agency must have first been adopted in the form of a Resolution by the City Council with the concurrence of the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, over 375 million plastic ink and toner printer cartridges are thrown away each year sending over 150 million pounds of plastic waste to landfills; and

WHEREAS, this number is growing rapidly due to the increase flow of aftermarket, new built, single-use printer cartridges imported from foreign manufacturers; and

WHEREAS, printer cartridges are classified as a consumable product, which consumers use repeatedly until spent, discard it, and purchase another to continue operating their printer; and

WHEREAS, imported, aftermarket, new built, single-use printer cartridges cannot be recycled or remanufactured for reuse due to the materials and manufacturing process used in their production; and

WHEREAS, when these imported single-use printer cartridges are removed from printers, they are not classified as e-waste but rather just waste with no value for recyclers or remanufactures; and

WHEREAS, imported single-use printer cartridges use 40% more energy to produce, 54% more fossil fuels when consumed, and generate a 55% larger carbon footprint than recycled or remanufactured printer cartridges; and

WHEREAS, imported single-use printer cartridges generate 16 times more paper waste from reprints due to their inconsistent print quality; and

WHEREAS, single-use printer cartridges can take between 450 and 1,000 years to decompose in a landfill while leaching toxins into the soil and groundwater;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2021-2022 State and Federal Legislative Programs SUPPORT for any legislation and/or administrative action that would ban the import and sale of aftermarket, single-use, new built printer cartridges since they are harmful to the environment and cannot be recycled or remanufactured.

PRESENTED BY:

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