

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, researchers estimate that nearly nine million tons of plastic enters the ocean each year globally which could double by 2025 if no action is taken to divert it; and

WHEREAS, most of the plastics produced are petrochemicals that are derived from fossil fuels which greatly contribute to hastening climate breakdown; and

WHEREAS, California taxpayers annually spend over \$420,000,000 in ongoing efforts to clean up and prevent plastic and other litter from entering our rivers and streams and polluting our beaches and oceans; and

WHEREAS, the plastic pollution clogs the City's storm water drains, water treatment and sewer systems and become an overall blight in our communities; and

WHEREAS, the California Recycling and Plastic Pollution Reduction Act, a qualified ballot initiative, would require the California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) to adopt and enforce provisions to reduce single-use plastic packaging, promote innovations for packaging and foodware, and require producers to pay for cleanup of plastic pollution and management of waste; and

WHEREAS, the City is committed to enhancing the quality of life for all residents by supporting the California Recycling and Plastic Pollution Reduction Act to be placed on the November 8, 2022, Statewide election to reduce single-use plastic packaging and foodware; and

WHEREAS, the City should support the California Recycling and Plastic Pollution Reduction Act because the provisions and the fee collected will leverage additional resources to curtail the proliferation of continued plastics pollution in our waterways, streams, rivers and beaches;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by adoption of this Resolution the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2021-2022 State Legislative Program SUPPORT for the California Recycling and Plastic Pollution Reduction Act, which will be placed on the November 8, 2022 Statewide general election ballot, and would reduce the sources of plastic pollution by reducing single-use plastic packaging.

PRESENTED BY:


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