

RESOLUTION

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 concurrence of the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, CalRecycle, in consultation with the California Air Resources Board, has adopted regulatory requirements (Regulations), consistent with the mandate of Senate Bill 1383 (Lara, 2016), that are designed to achieve the short-lived pollutants and organic waste reduction goals established in Section 39730.6 of the Health and Safety Code through a 50 percent reduction in the level of the statewide disposal of organic waste from the 2014 level by 2020 and a 75 percent reduction in the level of the statewide disposal of organic waste from the 2014 level by 2025; and

WHEREAS, the City of Los Angeles has demonstrated consistent and active participation in the efforts of reducing short-lived climate pollutants prior to SB 1383 by adopting policies directing City departments to achieve zero waste (90 percent landfill diversion) by 2025, and further increase landfill diversion to 95 percent by 2035; and

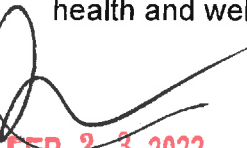
WHEREAS, City of Los Angeles leaders have directed environmental stewardship to achieve a one-million-ton diversion of materials from landfills by 2025 as well as adopted the City's Green New Deal that calls for the elimination of organic waste going into landfills by 2028, which exceeds the CalRecycle regulations; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic and associated commercial and economic shutdowns had a deep economic impact on urban cities like Los Angeles and its constituents, and in spite of the pandemic, the City proceeded with the plan to address air quality regulations; in addition it will take resolve and major resources to ensure success across the State; and

WHEREAS, SB 45 (Portantino) recognizes the financial challenges that local jurisdictions face with respect to meeting the requirements of SB 1383 since they took effect on January 1, 2022; and

WHEREAS, SB 45 cites the California 2021-2022 Budget Act, which made funding available to CalRecycle for these purposes, but did not include direction to expend the funds on local jurisdictions, to assist in the success of SB 1383; and


WHEREAS, SB 45 would help to bridge that gap and ensure that the State and local jurisdictions are partners in meeting the objectives of SB 1383 and ensure the health and well-being of the public;




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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by adoption of this Resolution the City of Los Angeles includes in its 2021-2022 State Legislative Program SUPPORT for SB 45 (Portantino) to direct CalRecycle, with the California Air Resource Board to provide assistance to local jurisdictions for organic waste diversion programs; and any related legislation which ensures a partnership between the State and local jurisdictions in meeting the objectives of mandated State organic waste diversion efforts in order to reduce short-lived pollutants.

PRESENTED BY:


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