

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 government 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, California has an enormous solid waste disposal crisis fueled in large part by the surge of single-use and disposable items made of plastics and other materials; and

WHEREAS, almost all single-use plastic items cannot be recycled due to unavailability of facilities, economic factors, and a lack of markets; and

WHEREAS, there are insufficient Southern California composting facilities that accept food-contaminated products; and

WHEREAS, many paper-based items should not be composted due to the presence of "forever" fluorinated chemicals, suspected carcinogens that have been detected in finished compost, groundwater and drinking water; and

WHEREAS, single-use and disposable items that are disposed in landfills generate methane, a potent greenhouse gas 80 times more powerful than carbon dioxide; and

WHEREAS, Los Angeles cannot achieve its goals of reducing landfill disposal by 1,000,000 tons per year and zero-waste by 2025 while single-use disposable items are so prevalent; and

WHEREAS, there are more than 650,000 students enrolled in Los Angeles Unified School District schools and more than 200,000 enrolled in the Los Angeles Community College District, and together these agencies serve approximately 400,000 free meals per day; and

WHEREAS, because few schools have dishwashers, school districts are compelled to generate a tremendous amount of waste from single-use and disposable foodware such as trays, plates, and utensils; and

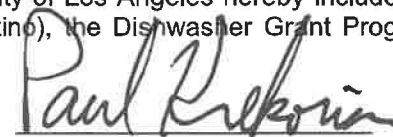
WHEREAS, many restaurants across Los Angeles, particularly small "mom and pop" restaurants, also lack dishwashers, limiting their ability to transition from single-use disposable to reusable foodware; and

WHEREAS, the introduction of commercial dishwashers in Los Angeles schools would enable reuse partnerships between schools and such restaurants, and provide the foundation for a unique economic development model that could be expanded across Los Angeles; and

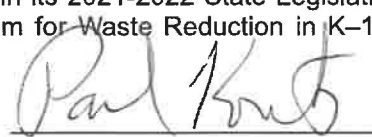
WHEREAS, Senate Bill 1255 (Portantino) seeks to address the waste crisis by establishing the Dishwasher Grant Program for Waste Reduction in K-12 Schools and Community Colleges to provide grants to school districts, charter schools, and community college districts for the purchase and installation of commercial dishwashers, representing an upstream waste prevention measure that would allow schools to avoid single-use items and thus assist Los Angeles in meeting its solid waste diversion goals.

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 Legislative Program SUPPORT for SB 1255 (Portantino), the Dishwasher Grant Program for Waste Reduction in K-12 Schools and Community Colleges.

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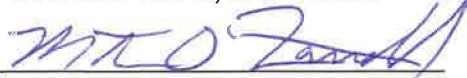


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