

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the safe and efficient removal of solid waste from commercial businesses and multi-family dwellings is absolutely essential to protect public health and the well-being of all Angelenos; and

WHEREAS, the City of Los Angeles adopted the recycLA program that establishes exclusive geographic franchises for this service; and Waste Management, Inc. has the franchises for most of the San Fernando Valley, including the West Valley (everything west of the 405 Freeway) and the Southeast Valley (for the part of the Valley east of the 405, everything north of Mulholland and south of Vanowen); and

WHEREAS, the City of Los Angeles has an ongoing, proprietary interest in the efficient and uninterrupted collection of solid waste by recycLA franchisees, including Waste Management, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, under the RecycLA program franchisees, including Waste Management, are required to comply with Los Angeles Municipal Code section 66.33.6(c), which requires that “as an ongoing, material condition of the franchise agreement, each franchisee shall provide satisfactory evidence that it, and any subcontractor who will provide collection services, are a party to labor peace agreement(s) with any labor organization that represents any group of the franchisee’s or subcontractor’s employees who are or will be involved in providing collection services”; and

WHEREAS, Teamsters Local 396 represents Waste Management employees in Los Angeles who service the City’s recycLA franchises in the San Fernando Valley; and

WHEREAS, the collective bargaining agreement between Teamsters Local 396 and Waste Management expired on September 30, 2022; and

WHEREAS; any disruption in sanitation services would have a devastating impact on the public health and well-being of residents of the San Fernando Valley and on the operations of businesses across the San Fernando Valley;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Los Angeles urges Waste Management, Inc. and Teamsters Local 396 to bargain in good faith and to come to an agreement expeditiously on a new collective bargaining agreement that will avoid a labor dispute that could negatively impact public health and the residents and businesses in the San Fernando Valley.

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