

MOTION

On January 1, 2019, the Buy Clean California Act (Buy Clean Act/AB 262) took effect. It requires the State's Department of General Services to establish, and publish in the State Contracting Manual, a maximum acceptable global warming potential for each category of "eligible materials" for public works procurement. Under the provisions of the law, "eligible materials" includes structural steel, carbon steel rebar, flat glass, and mineral wood insulation.

The objective of the Buy Clean Act is to pivot the State's contracting program towards the procurement of sustainable construction materials that serve to mitigate climate change impacts. By establishing this standard, the State seeks to advance its efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

In 2009, the City of Los Angeles adopted the Environmentally Preferable Products Purchasing (EPPP) Program Ordinance. The Program requires departments to consider the following factors in the purchase of products: recyclability, recycled-content, pollutant releases, waste generation, energy consumption, depletion of natural resources, and potential impact on human health and the environment. The Program is administered by the Bureau of Sanitation (LASAN); and it requires each department to report annually regarding their environmentally preferable purchasing practices.

The City has a long history of implementing environmentally sustainable programs to benefit the environment and the quality of life of City residents. The implementation of the State's Buy Clean Act is an opportunity to review the City's existing procurement program and determine if it can be improved and incorporate elements of the Buy Clean Act.

In this manner, the City's EPPP Program may be strengthened and effectively met the key objective of mitigating climate change.

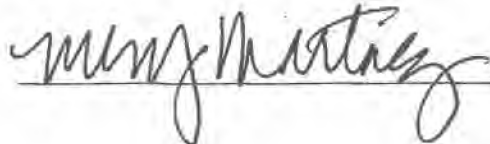
I THEREFORE MOVE that the Bureau of Sanitation (LASAN) be instructed to report to the Council in 45 days on the State's Buy Clean California Act and whether elements of the Act can be incorporated in the City's Environmentally Preferable Products Purchasing Program to strengthen the City's sustainable procurement efforts and effectively meet climate change challenges.

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