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~~Request~~ Communication from the
Silver Lake Neighborhood
Council

SILVER LAKE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
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REQUEST FOR AGENDA ITEM SEEKING APPROVAL OF FUNDING, PROGRAMS, OR EVENTS

Date **February 21, 2011** Name/Committee **Governmental Affairs**

Text of Motion on the Agenda*: The governmental affairs committee moves that the Silver Lake Neighborhood Council support the Zero Waste goals of the City of Los Angeles by supporting the Don't Waste LA campaign to bring recycling to commercial and multi-family sectors of Los Angeles. This is an important step towards sustainably managing our resources and ensuring that Los Angeles achieves its Zero Waste goals by 2030.

Describe the event/project in detail. Include as much supplemental information as possible (background information; supporting and opposing viewpoints, if available, etc.) Attach additional sheets as necessary: Los Angeles Alliance for a New Economy (LAANE) has launched the "Don't Waste LA" campaign to bring more recycling to the city in order to reach the goal of zero waste and create green jobs. This campaign is focused on shifting commercial pick-up practices from an open-market system to a franchise plan, promoting green industry practices and fair labor practices.

Los Angeles County sends over 10 million tons of waste to landfills annually, with the City of Los Angeles responsible for one third of that waste. Much of this waste could be recycled or composted, which would avoid landfills completely. Commercial and multi-family sectors of Los Angeles comprise 70 percent of all waste discarded in Los Angeles, yet most do not have access to recycling services. These sectors are in a great need of a comprehensive collection system.

What is the perceived/potential impact on the community if we adopt the motion (pro and con)? Pro:

Less waste in our landfills, great recycling education and opportunity for commercial and multi-family residents. Fewer trash pick-up trips and lessened relative pollution from trucks, because inefficient routes by duplicative pick-up companies will be eliminated. Potentially significant revenues for the city generated by franchise fees. Great opportunity for appropriate regulations to be applied and accountability achieved regarding business practices, technologies and job conditions.

Con: Possible shift from open-market system of collecting trash to a franchise-based system, thereby possibly transitioning trash collection jobs from one company to another.

What is the total budget for the project? How much is the SLNC asked to commit? Are there alternate funding sources? (Please attach itemized budget.) N.A.

n/a **What is the timeline for the project? (Be sure to include deadline for Board action, major dates, etc.)** If this motion is approved, a copy of this motion and word of its passage will be transmitted to the offices of all city council members, the Mayor, Public Works Commissioner and General Managers

From which budget line(s) are the funds to be drawn? N/A n/a

How will this motion be implemented, and by whom? A governmental affairs committee co-chair will transmit the motion and word of its passage to the designated recipients.

*If motion is approved, please be sure to see the Treasurer to fill out a Demand Warrant so that payment may be issued promptly.