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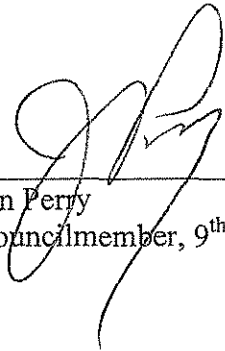
Today the City Council is considering moving away from the existing open market system used in the City for commercial and multi-family waste hauling and towards a franchise-based system. There are two competing proposals before us – one that would establish a non-exclusive franchise system in which waste-haulers would be required pay a franchise fee and meet various environmental goals, but would preserve the existing competitive market for waste-hauling in the City; a second proposal would establish an exclusive franchise system in which the total number of waste-haulers in the City would be limited, and certain regions in the City would be required to exclusively receive service from a single hauler.

Moving forward with either proposal will represent far-reaching and long-term changes in the City, and the proposal for an exclusive franchise system has the potential to particularly impact the City’s industries and businesses by no longer allowing them to choose which waste hauler they use. It is important, particularly in this economic climate, to ensure that we are not moving forward with a system that will harm businesses and industries in the City. Given that many industries have ‘niche’ concerns and needs that apply only to themselves – film studios, hospitals, pharmacies, high-tech firms and construction firms, among many others, have specific needs that will remain under a franchise system. It is important that any system the City moves forward with takes those concerns and requirements fully into account.

We should also recognize that many industries in the City have been partners in meeting our own environmental goals. The film industry, for example, has worked towards using more renewable energy and increasing their waste diversion rates; other industries have been leaders in moving forward with energy efficient and green buildings, in moving towards using greener vehicles, and in increasing recycling rates. Achievements in these areas should be recognized and considered in determining the need for a franchise system that would affect these industries.

I THEREFORE MOVE, that the matter of the Energy and Environment and Ad Hoc Waste Committee Report and Energy and Environment Committee Minority Report relative to the commercial and multifamily refuse collection, the creation of a franchise system for private haulers operating in the City of Los Angeles (City), and related matters in response to various motions on waste management in the City, Item No. 14 on today’s Council Agenda (CF’s 10-1797, 10-1797-S1, 10-1797-S2, 10-1797-S3, 10-1797-S4, 10-1797-S5, and 10-1797-S6) – BE AMENDED to instruct the Bureau of Sanitation and City Administrative Officer, in consultation with various industries in the City, to ensure that the requirements of all different business types in the City are adequately addressed in any waste-hauling franchise system, and/or that certain businesses or industries that already meet specified environmental goals be exempted from requirements to use a franchised waste-hauler.

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