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March 9, 2012

Councilmember Paul Koretz
 200 No Spring St
 LA, CA 90012

Dear Councilmember Koretz:

I am writing on behalf of the Westside Neighborhood Council Board, representing approximately 80,000 stakeholders in the Cheviot Hills, Rancho Park, and Century City area.

Kirsten James, water quality director for Heal the Bay, addressed the WNC Board at our March 8th meeting. She spoke about the need to encourage stakeholders to use reusable bags instead of single-use plastic bags. She explained the two ordinance options before the city council.

We agree that we should join other cities and counties that have ban single-use plastic bags but we feel that there should be an option to buy paper bag until the public has time to acclimate to the responsibility of providing their own bags when they shop.

The WNC passed the following motion:

The WNC moves to support Los Angeles County Banning single-use Plastic Bags and 10 cent mandate fee on paper bags made from 100% recycled paper.

We applaud your efforts to reduce the impact plastic bags have on the environment.

Sincerely,

Terri Tippit

Terri Tippit, Chair

Cc Los Angeles City Council
 Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa

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To Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa and Councilman Bill Rosendahl:

Acknowledging the November 16, 2010, passage of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisor's ban on plastic bags and the Environmental Impact Report which legally supports it; the December 14, 2010, passage of the Mar Vista Community Council Policy Motion in support of a plastic bag ban in the City of Los Angeles; the January 25, 2011, passage of the Santa Monica City Council ban on single-use plastic bags and, in step with the Clean Seas Coalition (7th Generation Advisors, Heal the Bay, Sierra Club, Surfrider Foundation, et al), we want to convey the Del Rey Neighborhood Council's support for a citywide ban on plastic bags.

Recognizing the importance of being good stewards of nearby Ballona Creek, the Ballona Wetlands, Santa Monica Bay and the oceans beyond, the Del Rey Neighborhood Council supports efforts to clean up and improve waterways that affect our Southern California communities and our beaches which are so vital to our tourism industry. According to the Los Angeles Times, Californians use more than 120,000 tons of the bags each year and, despite efforts to increase it, only 5% are actually recycled. Taxpayers therefore end up paying close to \$25 million a year to rid streets, beaches, parks and waterways of the bags.

A ban will help save city and state monies in troubled economic times and conserve important natural resources which could be put to a more beneficial use. A city-wide ban on plastic bags, identical to the County ban, would take us a giant step in the right direction.

The Del Rey Neighborhood Council looks forward to your swift action on this matter.

Sincerely,

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Eric DeSobe
President, Del Rey Neighborhood Council

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December 14, 2011

Council Member Tom LaBonge
200 North Spring St., Rm. 480
Los Angeles, CA 90012

SUPPORT: Ban of Single-Use Bag Issuance by Retail Establishments in Los Angeles

Dear Council Member LaBonge,

The Mid-Town North Hollywood Neighborhood Council respectfully urges you to support Council Member Koretz's proposed ordinance restricting the distribution of single-use bags in Los Angeles, (as promised by Council in July 2008).

In these tough economic times, an ordinance such as this would help lower cleanup and compliance costs. Californians use an estimated 12 billion plastic bags per year. According to CalRecycle, only three percent of these bags are actually recycled. The rest end up in landfills or as litter. Los Angeles, along with other municipalities statewide, spends more than \$25 million each year to clean up plastic single-use bags from public places, storm drains, and from our waste stream. Local taxpayer dollars are also spent to comply with Stormwater Permit requirements and other standards in communities with "trash-impaired" waterways as defined under the federal Clean Water Act.

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As the production of paper bags are also a problem for the environment, contributing to deforestation, greenhouse gas emissions and additional waterborne costs, we support Council Member Koretz's motion to phase out the use of both types of single-use grocery bags and encourage the use of reusable bags.

Thank you for your leadership on this issue.

Sincerely,

Mary A. Garcia, President

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Minutes of the Northridge East Neighborhood Council Board Meeting

Wednesday November 16, 2011

1. The meeting was called to order by President Steve Patel at 7:05PM.
2. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Steven Ramirez.
3. Roll Call – Determination of Quorum – Present: Steve Patel, Don Dwiggins, Peter McCarty (tardy, excused), Barry Greenberg (left early), Jay Draiman, Lisa Anderson, Nestor Fantini, Stephen Hubbard, Alice McCain, Lucille Meehan, Steven Ramirez, and Kelly Lord; Absent: Brittney McCarthy (excused) and Darren Hause (excused)
4. Agenda Setting Meeting Participation: Steve Patel, Don Dwiggins, Peter McCarty
Point of Order: Ms. Anderson states that Mr. McCarty left early, and Mr. Patel adds that Mr. Greenberg also left early
5. Approval of Minutes: The Board begins to vote on approval of the minutes, but Ms. Anderson flags the Chair that a motion is needed then introduces her motion
Ms. Anderson made a motion for the NENC to approve the Minutes of the October 11th meeting, 2nd by Mr. Hubbard. MOTION PASSES unanimously.
Ms. Anderson made a motion for the NENC to approve the Minutes of the October 19th meeting, 2nd by Mr. Draiman. MOTION PASSES unanimously.
Ms. Anderson made a motion for the NENC to approve the Minutes of the September 21st meeting, 2nd by Mr. Dwiggins. MOTION PASSES unanimously.
Minutes of the Sept 6th meeting pending approval once they are posted

6. Comments from Public Officials:

Point of Order of Business: Mr. Patel requests Mr. Greenberg remove himself from the Board to the audience and explains Mr. Greenberg had officially turned in his resignation of which Mr. Patel had accepted; Ms. Anderson objects, advises Chair that since it is not an Item on the Agenda the Item cannot be considered; Mr. Fantini suggests since the Board has multiple views in terms of this, they should listen to the President, in this case Mr. Patel; Ms. Anderson states LA City Attorney has informed the Board in a memo via email that Mr. Greenberg must be seated at this meeting, but no representative present to advise; Mr. Patel says that is not correct and the meeting with City Attorney will take place next week when it was said they will determine what happens; Mr. Patel, as President officially requests that Mr. Greenberg sit in the audience; Mr. Greenberg replies that he did not submit his resignation and begins to make a statement but Mr. Patel interjects that the Board is not discussing that now, reiterates that he is only requesting Mr. Greenberg sit in the audience; Mr. Greenberg replies that he respectfully declines; Board moves on to public comment

- a. Council District 12, Councilman Mitch Englander's Office (818) 756-8501
Semee Park, Field Deputy (Semee.Park@lacity.org)
 - Motion introduced for Van Nuys Airport to privatize and create an independent Van Nuys Commission
 - Motion introduced to extend Business Tax Holiday to three years for new or relocating businesses into the City, and looking to extend the Business Tax Holiday for car dealerships
 - Motion introduced to eliminate sodas from public libraries and City recreation centers and parks in an attempt to reduce obesity and help children make better choices

1. LA Green Machine, Andy Schraeder – Possible Endorsement of Proposal “Ban on Plastic Bags” – Informational flyers, Green Vets LA flyer distributed
Mr. Dwigginns made a motion to support Councilman Koretz’s motion to Ban All Single Use Plastic Bags, 2nd by Ms. Meehan. MOTION PASSES with one abstention.

2. Sierra Club – Possible endorsement of Proposal “Beyond Coal Initiative,” requiring DWP to completely end the purchase of power from coal-fired plants by 2020, and to set efficiency and renewable energy targets
Mr. Hubbard made a motion to TABLE Item 10,b,2 re: “Beyond Coal Initiative” until further information and research into alternate solutions is presented, 2nd by Mr. McCarty. MOTION PASSES. ~ ITEM TABLED

c. Land Use Committee

1. Appointment of New Chair - **Mr. Dwigginns officially resigns as Land Use Committee Chair; Mr. Patel appoints Mr. Lord as the new Land Use Committee Chair and Mr. Lord accepts.**
 2. 18342 Halsted - Update: Project is currently in the development phase and will come in front of the Land Use Committee in December
 3. Sidewalks Update - Glenn Bailey reports on October 19 joint meeting with B&F, Public Works Dept., and Bureau of Street Services, who showed up with a report unseen by the public; Ordinance drafted by City Attorney still alive; No representatives from any neighborhood councils attended to discuss refusal of service for rentals not repairing sidewalks; Contact City Councilman & Homeowners Associations regarding this issue; Trying to come up with more ideas and solutions
 - d. Outreach Committee - Mr. McCarty thanks community for participation; Always looking for volunteers; Mr. Dwigginns suggests Committee check with outreach committees of other neighborhood councils for new strategies on increasing community outreach, participation
11. Ratification of Items from October Meeting
- a. Jewish Women's Group - \$100
 - b. Web Master - Aaron DeVandry - \$1,900
 - c. Robin Kellogg - \$2,100
 - d. Theatre @ Northridge Park - \$1,000

Mr. McCarty made a motion to approve Items 11a - 11d, 2nd by Ms. McCain. MOTION PASSES unanimously.

12. Other Committee Reports

- a. Northridge Vision Committee Update – CD12’s comments will be incorporated; Upcoming launch event in February after breakout sessions with focus groups discuss community wellness & health and parking issues for Northridge’s future in three, five, and ten years from today; Committee currently in action phase starting with the university, which brings the valley’s largest revenue; December walk with CSUN
- b. Education Committee Update – Invent for Life Paul MacNeal, Executive Director (paul@invent4life.org) (818) 618-7824; Need 15 teachers for a workshop event of pilot program; 1st Annual Non-Profit Summit with 85 Non-Profits providing info;

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WESTWOOD NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 10, 2011

WESTWOOD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
10822 WILSHIRE BLVD.
LOS ANGELES, CA 90024

9. BAN OF PLASTIC BAGS ISSUED BY RETAILERS IN LOS ANGELES

Stephen Resnick said that the plastic bag ban issue has been referred to the Energy and Environment Committee. It has not been voted on by the City Council yet.

A representative from Heal the Bay quoted statistics about how much beach litter and ocean debris is composed of plastic bags and styrofoam and passed around photos illustrating this. She requested a letter of support.

Connie Boukidis moved that "WWNC supports the banning of plastic bags issued by retail establishments in Los Angeles." Lisa Chapman seconded the motion which carried unanimously

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August 9, 2011

Council Member José Huizar
200 North Spring St., Rm. 465
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Subject: Ban of Plastic Bag Issuance by Retail Establishments in Los Angeles

Dear Council Member Huizar,

The Downtown Los Angeles Neighborhood Council would like to respectfully urge you to propose and approve an ordinance restricting the distribution of single-use plastic bags in Los Angeles, as promised by the City Council in July 2008.

In these tough economic times, an ordinance such as this would help lower cleanup and compliance costs. Californians use an estimated 12 billion plastic bags per year. According to CalRecycle, only three percent of these bags are actually recycled. The rest end up in landfills or as litter. Los Angeles, along with other municipalities statewide, spends more than \$25 million each year to clean up plastic single-use bags from public places, storm drains, and from our waste stream. Local taxpayer dollars are also spent to comply with Stormwater Permit requirements and other standards in communities with "trash-impaired" waterways as defined under the federal Clean Water Act.

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Thank you for your leadership on this issue.

Patricia Berman, President
Downtown Los Angeles Neighborhood Council

- cc:
- Mayor Villaraigosa
 - Council Member Garcetti, Council Member Perry, Council Member Reyes, Council Member Krekorian, Council Member Zine, Council Member LaBonge, Council Member Koretz, Council Member Cardenas, Council Member Alarcon, Council Member Parks, Council Member Wesson, Council Member Smith, Council Member Rosendahl, Council Member Hahn
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Councilman Tony Cardenas
9300 Laurel Canyon, 2nd floor
Arden, CA 91351

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Subject: Ban of Plastic Bag Issuance by Retail Establishments in Los Angeles

Dear Council Member Cardenas:

The Sun Valley Area Neighborhood Council, representing 51,111 stakeholders in greater Los Angeles, would like to respectfully urge you to approve an ordinance banning the distribution of single-use carry-out plastic bags in Los Angeles, as promised by the City Council in July 2008. This is an urgent issue for the city to address. The International Programme on the State of the Ocean (IPSO) released a report last month saying the world's oceans are in "shocking" decline.

In these tough economic times, an ordinance such as this would help lower cleanup and compliance costs. Californians use an estimated 12 billion plastic bags per year. According to CalRecycle, only three percent of these bags are actually recycled. The rest end up in landfills or as litter. Los Angeles, along with other municipalities statewide, spends more than \$25 million each year to clean up plastic single-use bags from public places, storm drains, and from our waste stream. Local taxpayer dollars are also spent to comply with Stormwater Permit requirements and other standards in communities with "trash-impaired" waterways as defined under the federal Clean Water Act.

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Thank you for your leadership on this issue.

Sincerely,

Angelica M. Dueñas, President
Sun Valley Area Neighborhood Council

cc: Mayor Villaraigosa, Council Member Garcetti, Council Member Perry, Council Member Reyes,
Council Member Alarcon, Council Member Rosendahl, Council Member LaBonge,
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Aug 5, 2011

The Honorable Dennis P. Zine
City Councilmember, Third District
200 N. Spring Street, RM450
Los Angeles, CA 90012

**RE: RESEDA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL DECISION
California Polystyrene and LA Plastic Bag Ban**

Dear Councilman Zine:

During the August 1, 2011 meeting of the Reseda Neighborhood Council (RNC), the Members of the RNC Board considered Agenda Item 11(a) with respect to a request for RNC support.

Stakeholders present spoke during the public comment and contributed valuable opinions. After much discussion, and debate, the following motion was put forth by Ms. Shaked and seconded by Mr. Frank:

**"The RNC shall support the California Polystyrene
(Styrofoam) ban and the Los Angeles City plastic bag ban."**

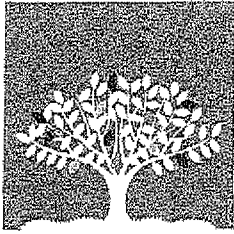
After proper consideration, the Motion carried by a vote of 8 yeas and 3 nays.

Should you have any further questions or comments regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,

Cary Iaccino
Chair, Reseda Neighborhood Council

cc: Bob Blumenfield, California State Assembly District 40
Alex Padilla, California State Senate District 20
Board Members, RNC



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4 August 2011

United Neighborhoods of the Historic Arlington Heights,
West Adams and Jefferson Park Communities Neighborhood Council

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Council Member Member Herb J. Wesson, Jr.
200 North Spring St., Rm. 430
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Subject: Ban of Plastic Bag Issuance by Retail Establishments in Los Angeles

Dear Council Member Wesson,

The United Neighborhoods Neighborhood Council (UNNC) would like to respectfully urge you to approve an ordinance banning the distribution of single-use carry-out plastic bags in Los Angeles, as promised by the City Council in July 2008. This is an urgent issue for the city to address. The International Programme on the State of the Ocean (IPSO) released a report last month saying the world's oceans are in "shocking" decline.

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Thank you for your leadership on this issue.

Stevie Stern, President
United Neighborhoods of the historic Arlington Heights, West Adams, and Jefferson Park
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August 3, 2011

**Council President Eric Garcetti
Council Member Tom LaBonge
City Hall
200 N. Main St
Los Angeles, CA 90012**

Subject: Ban the Use of Plastic Bags

Dear Council Members:

At the August 3 Governing Board meeting the Silver Lake Neighborhood Council passed a motion that the City of Los Angeles ban the use of plastic bags citywide. This is in response to the recent California Supreme Court ruling that environmental review is not always necessary for such bans. We urge you to take action to accomplish this action to ban plastic bags in Los Angeles. The environment will be forever in your debt.

Sincerely,

Silver Lake Neighborhood Council

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CANOGA PARK NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
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July 27, 2011

Council Member Dennis Zine
200 North Spring St., Rm. 450
Los Angeles, CA 90012

SUPPORT: Ban of Plastic Bag Issuance by Retail Establishments in Los Angeles

Dear Council Member Zine,

The Canoga Park Neighborhood Council would like to respectfully urge you to propose and approve an ordinance restricting the distribution of single-use plastic bags in Los Angeles, as promised by the City Council in July 2008.

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Thank you for your leadership on this issue.

Sincerely,

Gerardo Palos, President
Canoga Park Neighborhood Council

cc: Mayor Villaraigosa
Council Member Garcetti, Council Member Perry, Council Member Reyes,
Council Member Krekorian, Council Member Rosenthal, Council Member LaBonge,
Council Member Koretz, Council Member Cardenas, Council Member Alarcon,
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July 25, 2011

Los Angeles City Council
c/o City Clerk
Los Angeles City Hall
200 North Spring Street, Room 395
Los Angeles, CA 90012

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BY [Signature]
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Dear Council Members,

The Greater Griffith Park Neighborhood Council would like to respectfully urge you to propose and approve an ordinance restricting the distribution of single-use plastic bags in Los Angeles, as promised by the City Council in July 2008.

In these tough economic times, an ordinance such as this would help lower cleanup and compliance costs.

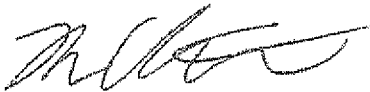
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Ron Ostrow

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by Leslie VanKeuren, Tomas O'Grady, Harpreet Malhi for the GGPNC Green Committee

cc: Mayor Villaraigosa
Assembly Member Mike Feuer
State Senator Fran Pavley
Caitlin Mendoza-price, Secretary, GGPNC
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July 21, 2011

Council Member Tony Cardenas
200 North Spring St., Rm. 455
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Subject: Ban of Plastic Bag Issuance by Retail Establishments in Los Angeles

Dear Council Member Cardenas,

The North Hollywood North East Neighborhood Council, representing 12,000 stakeholders in greater Los Angeles, would like to respectfully urge you to approve an ordinance banning the distribution of single-use carry-out plastic bags in Los Angeles, as promised by the City Council in July 2008. **This is an urgent issue for the city to address. The International Programme on the State of the Ocean (IPSO) released a report last month saying the world's oceans are in "shocking" decline.**

In these tough economic times, an ordinance such as this would help lower cleanup and compliance costs. Californians use an estimated 12 billion plastic bags per year. According to CalRecycle, only three percent of these bags are actually recycled. The rest end up in landfills or as litter. Los Angeles, along with other municipalities statewide, spends more than \$25 million each year to clean up plastic single-use bags from public places, storm drains, and from our waste stream. Local taxpayer dollars are also spent to comply with Stormwater Permit requirements and other standards in communities with "trash-impaired" waterways as defined under the federal Clean Water Act.

In addition to the economic benefits of a plastic bag ban, there are countless environmental benefits. These include reduced use of natural resources for bag production, reduced wildlife fatalities from strangulation and suffocation, improved water quality, and—most salient for our Los Angeles economy—cleaner beaches. For all intents and purposes, plastic never biodegrades, but slowly photo degrades. As it photo degrades, plastic film breaks into smaller and smaller pieces which attract surrounding toxins. When mistaken as a food source, these plastic particles form a progressively greater health risk of food chain contamination.

Plastic marine pollution is a global problem with a local solution. Banning the free distribution of plastic bags is widely considered an appropriate and practical legislative action that can protect our environment and save financial resources. The County of Los Angeles, and our neighbors in Calabasas, Santa Monica and Long Beach, along with other local governments in the region, around the state, and around the world, have already taken this approach, and we strongly urge you to do the same.

Thank you for your leadership on this issue.

Sincerely,

 for ERNIE MOSCOSO

Ernie Moscoso, President (John Basteghian, Vice President)
North Hollywood North East Neighborhood Council

- cc: Mayor Villaraigosa, Council Member Garcetti, Council Member Perry, Council Member Reyes, Council Member Krekorian, Council Member Rosendahl, Council Member LaBonge, Council Member Koretz, Council Member Zine, Council Member Alarcon, Council Member Parks, Council Member Wesson, Council Member Englander, Council Member Huizar, Council Member Hahn

Assembly Member Felipe Fuentes
Senator Alex Padilla

July 18, 2011

Council Member Dennis Zine
200 North Spring St., Rm. 450
Los Angeles, CA 90012

File #
11-1531

Subject: Ban of Plastic Bag Issuance by Retail Establishments in Los Angeles

Dear Council Member Zine,

Resolved, the Tarzana Neighborhood Council requests that Councilmember Dennis Zine introduce an ordinance to effectuate the recommendation that the Los Angeles City Council enact an ordinance, similar or identical to the Los Angeles County ordinance, banning single-use carry out plastic bags, which became effective July 1, 2011.

The major features of that ordinance are the banning of the issuance of single-use plastic bags from the following class of stores:

- Any retail store that carries predominantly non-perishable food items;
- Any pharmacy type store with 10,000 sq. ft. or more.
- Drug, pharmacy supermarket, grocery, convenience food, food mart or similar stores engaged in the retail sale of a limited line of food goods.
- Grocery stores.

Exceptions to the County ordinance are the use of plastic bags that are used to hold produce or raw meat in order to prevent contamination with other grocery items.

We urge that the City provide for public education to use reusable bags, but that there be requirements for paper bags to be offered as a substitute for plastic bags per the Los Angeles County ban. We urge that the ordinance be in accordance with applicable State laws including AB-1998 which provides for the free distribution of reusable paper bags to welfare recipients and persons with hardships. We further urge that in conjunction with this proposed ordinance that the City of Los Angeles support legislative efforts to repeal AB 2449 which preempts municipalities from charging a fee for single-use plastic bags at checkout.

Thank you for your leadership on this issue.

Sincerely,



Leonard Shaffer, President
Tarzana Neighborhood Council

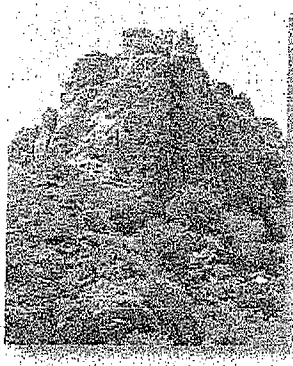
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Senator Fran Pavley

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West Hills Neighborhood Council



June 21, 2011

Councilman Dennis P. Zine
Third Council District
City of Los Angeles
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**Re: West Hills Neighborhood Council
Resolution On A Proposed Los Angeles City's Ban
of Plastic Bags**

Dear Councilman Zine:

On June 1, 2011, at a regularly scheduled meeting of the West Hills Neighborhood Council, discussion and possible action on a proposed resolution regarding the proposed Los Angeles City's ban of plastic bag came before the board as agenda item # 11-0013.

After duly considering documentary materials, public comment and board discussions, the following resolution was voted upon and duly passed:

WHEREAS Californians use an estimated 12 billion plastic bags per year and according to CalRecycle, only three percent of these bags are actually recycled, the rest are in landfills or liter;

WHEREAS Los Angeles and other municipalities statewide spend more than \$25 million each year to clean up plastic single-use bags from public places, storm drains, and from our waste stream. In addition there are countless environmental benefits to a plastic bag ban:

- Reduced use of natural resources for bag production;
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- and
- Improved water quality and cleaner beaches; and

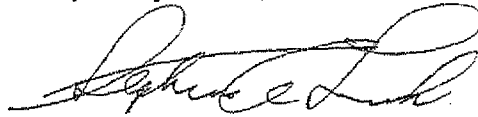
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WHEREAS; The County of Los Angeles, Santa Monica and Long Beach, along with other local governments in the region, around the state, and around the world, have already taken action to ban these bags.

LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT West Hills Neighborhood Council respectfully urges you and other members of City Council to propose and approve an ordinance restricting the distribution of single-use plastic bags in Los Angeles, as promised by the City Council in July 2008.

Should you have any further questions regarding the above-referenced resolution, please do not hesitate to call or write at your earliest convenience.

Very Truly Yours,



STEPHEN A. LENSKE
President /Co-Chair
West Hills Neighborhood Council

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cc: West Hills Neighborhood Council Board

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May 25, 2011

Council Member Bill Rosendahl
200 North Spring St., Rm. 415
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Subject: Ban of Plastic Bag Issuance by Retail Establishments in Los Angeles

Dear Council Member Rosendahl,

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Thank you for your leadership on this issue.

Sincerely,


Jay Handal, Chair
West Los Angeles Neighborhood Council

cc: Mayor Villaraigosa
Council Member Garcetti, Council Member Perry, Council Member Reyes,
Council Member Krekorian, Council Member Zine, Council Member LaBonge,
Council Member Koretz, Council Member Cardenas, Council Member Alarcon,
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**EAST HOLLYWOOD NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
COMMUNITY FORUM AND GOVERNING BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Monday, May 16, 2011 - 6:30 PM
LOS ANGELES CITY COLLEGE
FACULTY AND STAFF CENTER
855 North Vermont Avenue, Los Angeles CA 90029**

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I. Welcome and Introductions (6:48 pm)

1. Opening Remarks/Welcome Address David Bell, President

David Bell speaks about Big Sunday event on May 14, 2011 located at Cahuenga Library. Also comments on Route 66 Task Force clean-up and L.A.F.D. event on Hillhurst Ave

II. Community Reports

2. LAPD Report

Eric Moore introduces Capt. Girmala and speaks about her efforts in working with public safety committee and reports an increase in graffiti in East Hollywood and the proliferation of marijuana clinics. Doug Haines explains that zoning administrator should focus on enforcing the current marijuana laws. He adds that the D.A. will not get involved unless there is a conspiracy and that city resources are limited to confine the problem. Eric Moore explains that a possible solution is to keep a list of businesses not in compliance with current marijuana laws and adds there is no clear-cut solution to problem. Jennifer Moran expresses concern and questions regulations allowing the opening of two marijuana clinics in the same area within two months. Doug Haines responds by explaining the lottery system for opening clinics and the backlog in applicants. Eric Moore agrees to speak to SLO Matt Ziegler about David Bell's inquiry regarding armed police squad at Virgil and Lexington. Capt. Girmala explains the gun buyback program initiated by LAPD. As a result, 179 guns were collected over the past weekend. She also added there is a 24% decrease in gang activity while officer-involved shootings have increased. Noel Lingad directs question to Capt. Girmala regarding budget cuts at LAPD. Capt. Girmala responds that it has a huge impact with mandatory time-offs, adverse affect on public safety, and attrition.

2. **CD13 Report Office of Council President Eric Garcetti, Ryan Carpio**
Not present.

III. Community Voices

4. **Public Comment of Non-Agenda Items** (Please limit to two minutes per speaker.)
John Harris requests signage prohibiting pet waste and presents contraption for "poop" bags. He also comments for greater EHNC involvement at community events and refers to EHNC unawareness of Children's Hospital event and pancake breakfast at Von's supermarket.
5. **The Trust for Public Land: Update and report from Tori Kjer, Project Manager - Parks for People, regarding partnership with Los Angeles Community Garden Council to pursue a State Parks Grant for funds to develop a park on the empty lot at 1175 N. Madison Street.**
Robin Martin, representing Trust for Public Land explains statewide support to build parks emphasizing the need for a park at 1175 N. Madison Ave. (currently the city lightyard). The organization is partnering with the Community Garden Council to obtain a grant for the "lightyard" park and expresses need for public input. David Bell offers EHNC support for outreach on project. Grant application is due on 07/1/2011.
6. **EHNC Route 66 Task Force: Update from Route 66 Task Force and District 5 Representative, Armen Makasjian regarding upcoming townhall meeting for businesses and property owners on Santa Monica Boulevard.**---Moved to item IV, 10 (c)

Break (7:23pm)

IV. Meeting of EHNC Governing Board - Public is Welcome and Encouraged to Stay

7. Call To Order (7:38 pm)

Roll call: Quorum present. Absent: Julia Griswold, Frank Elaridi, Alfredo Hernandez, Craig Cox
Doug Haines leaves 9:10 pm and not present for item 10 (d,e)

8. Approval of April 25, 2011, Governing Board Meeting Minutes

Tabled to next meeting in June 20, 2011.

9. Budget Update Alex Holsheimer, Treasurer

Alex Holsheimer reports that \$10,000 has been encumbered for the next fiscal year. There is \$3,999.00 remaining in current budget. Chrysalis to submit invoice for Santa Monica Blvd. while Elson Trinidad has approximately \$200 for billing. Alex Holsheimer calls for special meeting on June 13, 2011 in order to meet purchasing card deadline on June 15, 2011 David Bell supports special meeting request in order to ensure depletion of EHNC funds by the end of the fiscal year and to allocate left-over funds to Route 66 Task Force for additional cleanups.

[Comment: Elson Trinidad explains the success of Big Sunday event with creation of a community garden and that school will participate in its maintenance.]

10. Action Items

- a. Discussion and possible action regarding the preservation of open and accessible athletic space at Los Angeles City College (Elson Trinidad, Chair, Youth & Education Committee; Phil Pote, Stakeholder; Duke Russell, Stakeholder.)

Elson Trinidad explains benefit of open space, athletic field on top of LACC parking garage and explains the inadequacy of the current field. Photographs of current and envisioned fields are shown. Duke Russell, stakeholder, explains that most colleges had two athletic fields and explains history of Snyder field at LACC. He further comments that the proposed field should be at ground level to provide accessibility to those that are physically challenged. He goes on to read letters of support by councilmen La Bonge and Garcetti. Sam Kbushyan supports the idea of a ground-level field and proposes a letter to Gov. Brown. Elson Trinidad proposes letters of support from the community. David finds that after meeting with Bond Oversight Committee, such a letter is insufficient and calls for community outreach. John Harris questions whether this issue was brought to LACC president. Debate occurs between Sam, David and Doug about L.A. Times article citing responsibility of college president for final determination of construction of an athletic field. Doug suggests that study should be made to determine if parking garage is capable of supporting the envisioned field.

MOTION: Sam Kbushyan makes motion to write a letter to Gov. Brown to give back the field to LACC for use/purpose of an athletic stadium field and to create a task force to consistently communicate advocacy for such a field. Jennifer Robinson seconds the motion— Unanimous approval.

b. Discussion and possible action regarding EHNC funding of up to \$2,500.00 for tactical safety equipment for LAPD Hollywood Division Parole Impact Team. (Public Safety Committee; Capt. Beatrice Grimala, LAPD, Hollywood Division.)

Capt. Girmala explains that a Parole Impact Team was created as of Feb. 2011. This resulted in the arrest of 60 parolees, 65 parole searches, apprehension of five parolees who cut-off their GPS devices. However, city does not provide tactical weapons and therefore requests \$2,500 for funding. Eric Moore expresses support. David Bell explains that the Hollywood Studio NC may be able to split the funding fee. Capt. Girmala also explains about the storefront at 5824 Santa Monica Blvd. which has dedicated officers and volunteers to mentor and tutor children to prevent them from joining gangs. John Harris directs question to Capt. Girmala whether parolees are attracted to Hollywood. Capt. Girmala responds that there are organizations that act as magnets. She also explains that there is a very small budget for enforcement.

MOTION: Sam motions that EHNC fund \$2,500 to support for tactical equipment and to add condition that this fee be split with the Hollywood Studio NC if they agree to do so. Eric Moore seconds the motion.---Unanimous approval.

c. Presentation from Stephen Box regarding “Livability Initiative, Complete Streets, Safe Routes to School Funding.” Discussion and possible action regarding EHNC letter of support. (David Bell, President; Armen Makasjian, District 5 Representative and Route 66 Task Force Director; Stephen Box, Route 66 Task Force member, stakeholder.)

Route 66 Task force update by Armen Makasjian. Chrysalis completed cleanup on Santa Monica Blvd with positive response from local business. Stephen Box gives presentation on “Livability Initiative, Safe Routes to School Funding, and Complete Streets.” Route 66 Website and partners are presented. Objectives consists of three parts and headed by three individuals : Civic engagement (John F. John), Livability Initiative (Stephen Box), and Economic Alliance (Armen Makasjian). All three objectives need N.C letter of support in order to obtain state grant. David Bell expresses support for all three objectives.

MOTION: Sam Kbushyan motions to draft three letters of support for Safe Routes to School Funding, Livability Initiative, and Complete Streets. Shahan Suzmeyan seconds the motion.-- Unanimous approval.

d. Discussion and possible action regarding EHNC letter of support for Plastic Bag Ban. (Stephen Box, Stakeholder.)

Stephen Box urges NC to support Plastic Bag Ban. Stephen explains that the ban has economic benefits which include a savings of more than \$25 million dollars which is spent on picking up plastic bags in public places, storm drains, and waste streams. The ban would also benefit wildlife and reduce marine pollution.

MOTION: Shahan Suzmeyan motions NC to write a letter of support to ban plastic bags. Sam Kbushyan seconds the motion. 11 yeas , Doug Haines absent.

e. Discussion and possible action regarding EHNC letter addressing proposal to allow Advertising in City Parks. (Stephen Box, Stakeholder.)

Stephen Box explains that city parks are no place for commercial advertising. Currently, L.A. Park Foundation has plans to permit for-profit signage in parks in return for donation to the Foundation. These donations do not support the parks nor resolve maintenance, staffing and security losses faced by the system. The beneficiaries are the advertisers. The plan violates the letter and spirit of the city’s signage and billboard ordinances, circumvents longstanding concession contraction and RFP processes that afford transparency in the permitting of for-profit activities in our parks, exploits children by subjecting them to advertising to which they are vulnerable, deprives park users from commercial intrusions afforded by parks, and repositions parks as canvases for promotional messaging, thereby



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May 15, 2011

President Eric Garcetti and Members of the Los Angeles City Council
Los Angeles City Council
200 N. Spring Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Re: Implementing a citywide ban of single-use plastic bags

Dear Council President Garcetti and Members of the Los Angeles City Council:

The Palms Neighborhoods Council supports the motion pending before the City Council to explore the implementation of a citywide ban of single-use plastic bags.

According to the Los Angeles Times, Californians use more than 120,000 tons of the bags each year and, despite efforts to increase it, only 5% are actually recycled. Governments like Los Angeles must absorb the costs of cleaning littered streets, beaches, and catch basins that become clogged with plastic bag debris. One estimate finds that Los Angeles residents use an estimated 6 billion plastic bags a year costing the City millions in collection, recycling, disposal, and environmental clean up of these bags. Since plastic bags do not biodegrade or dissolve into organic matter, they essentially last forever and compound the problem.

There are both economic and ecological reasons for a ban on single-use plastic bags. Beyond saving the City money from reduced clean up costs and compliance with Stormwater Permit requirements, a ban will protect our important natural resources from wildlife in the Ballona Creek area to cleaner beaches, roadways and parks.

The Palms Neighborhood Council strongly urges you to join the County of Los Angeles, neighboring cities of Santa Monica and Long Beach, as well as other municipalities around the state and around the world, to ban single-use plastic bags.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Eli Lipmen
Secretary, on behalf of the Palms Neighborhood Council

cc: Mayor Villaraigosa
Council Member Perry, Council Member Reyes, Council Member Krekorian, Council Member Zine,
Council Member LaBonge, Council Member Koretz, Council Member Cardenas,
Council Member Alarcon, Council Member Parks, Council Member Wesson,
Council Member Smith, Council Member Huizar, Council Member Hahn

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May 3, 2011

Council Member Bill Rosendahl
200 North Spring St., Rm. 415
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Subject: Ban of Plastic Bag Issuance by Retail Establishments in Los Angeles

Dear Council Member Rosendahl,

The Brentwood Community Council would like to respectfully urge you to propose and approve an ordinance restricting the distribution of single-use plastic bags in Los Angeles, as promised by the City Council in July 2008.

In these tough economic times, an ordinance such as this would help lower cleanup and compliance costs. Californians use an estimated 12 billion plastic bags per year. According to CalRecycle, only three percent of these bags are actually recycled. The rest end up in landfills or as litter. Los Angeles, along with other municipalities statewide, spends more than \$25 million each year to clean up plastic single-use bags from public places, storm drains, and from our waste stream. Local taxpayer dollars are also spent to comply with Stormwater Permit requirements and other standards in communities with "trash-impaired" waterways as defined under the federal Clean Water Act.

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Thank you for your leadership on this issue.

Sincerely,

Nancy Freedman, Chair
The Brentwood Community Council

cc: Mayor Villaraigosa
Council Member Garcetti, Council Member Perry, Council Member Reyes,
Council Member Krekorian, Council Member Zine, Council Member LaBonge,
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April 26, 2011

Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa,
Councilmember Bill Rosendahl, and
Los Angeles City Council Members
200 North Spring St.
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Subject: Ban of Plastic Bag Issuance by Retail Establishments in Los Angeles

Dear Mayor Villaraigosa, Councilmember Rosendahl, and City Councilmembers:

Acknowledging the November 16, 2010, passage of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisor's ban on plastic bags and the Environmental Impact Report which legally supports it, and, in lockstep with the *Clean Seas Coalition (7th Generation Advisors, Heal the Bay, Sierra Club, Surfrider Foundation, et al)*, we want to convey Venice's support for a citywide ban on plastic bags.

Recognizing the importance of being good stewards of nearby Ballona Creek, the Ballona Wetlands, Santa Monica Bay and the oceans beyond, the Venice Neighborhood Council has long supported efforts to clean up and improve waterways that affect our Southern California communities and our beaches that are so vital to our tourism industry.

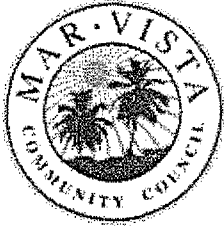
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A citywide ban on plastic bags, identical to the County ban, would take us a giant step in the right direction. We look forward to your swift action on this matter.

Sincerely,

Linda Lucks
President, Venice Neighborhood Council

cc: Councilmember Garcetti, Councilmember Perry, Councilmember Reyes,
Councilmember Krekorian, Councilmember Zine, Councilmember LaBonge,
Councilmember Koretz, Councilmember Cardenas, Councilmember Alarcon,
Councilmember Parks, Councilmember Wesson, Councilmember Smith,
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December 14, 2010

Dear Mayor Villaraigosa and City Councilmembers:

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Recognizing the importance of being good stewards of nearby Ballona Creek, the Ballona Wetlands, Santa Monica Bay and the oceans beyond, the Mar Vista Community Council has long supported efforts to clean up and improve waterways that affect our Southern California communities and our beaches which are so vital to our tourism industry.

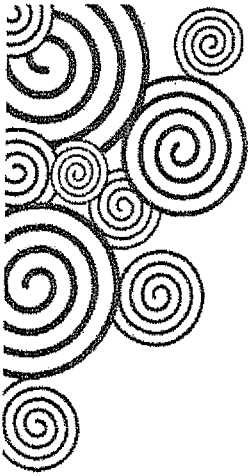
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Thank You,

Albert Olson
Chair
Mar Vista Community Council
Board of Directors

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President Eric Garcetti and Members of the Los Angeles City Council
Los Angeles City Council
200 N. Spring Street
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17 November 2010

Re: Implementing a citywide ban of single-use plastic bags

Dear Council President Garcetti and Members of the Los Angeles City Council:

The South Robertson Neighborhoods Council supports the motion pending before the City Council to explore the implementation of a citywide ban of single-use plastic bags.

L.A. residents use an estimated 6 billion plastic bags a year. Because they do not completely decompose, they have become a pollution problem. It is costing the city millions of dollars a year to abate the effects of plastic bags, and efforts by the County Board of Supervisors to get stores to reduce bag use has been unsuccessful.

Plastic bags... "are essentially "forever": they do not biodegrade or dissolve into organic matter that can reenter the life cycle. Instead plastic photodegrades, which means it breaks up into smaller pieces when exposed to sunlight." (Algalita Marine Research Foundation, "Pelagic Plastic" April 9th, 2007). Plastic pieces from these bags, which have made it to the ocean, are mistaken for food and eaten by marine life. It then clogs their intestines and leads to starvation or, if they survive, it enters our food chain. "Plastic debris affects at least 267 species worldwide, including 86% of all sea turtle species, 44% of all seabird species, and 43% of all marine mammal species. (Laist, D.W. (1997) "Impacts of marine debris..." New York: Springer-Verlag; J.G.B. Derraik). The loss of these species is not only an environmental disaster but significantly effects the fishing industries.

Because oceans connect the globe, our marine debris is becoming a global problem. Currents carry plastic originating along the Pacific Coast to the North Pacific Central Gyre. Studies by the Algalita Marine Research Foundation "...found that six times by weight more plastic particles than zooplankton exist in this location." (C.J. Moore et al., (2001) "A Comparison of Plastic and Plankton in the Pacific Central Gyre" Marine Pollution Bulletin 42:297-1300.)

Although recycling efforts have improved, recycled plastic is different from products like glass or aluminum which can be made back into the products they were before. "...recycled plastic becomes clothing or carpet that goes to the landfill once its second use is finished." (Stallone, Steve, "Plastic Seduction," San Francisco Bay Guardian (15 Dec. 1993)

Plastic bag litter on land also poses an expensive problem for the City of Los Angeles. One study has estimated that the cost to subsidize the collection, recycling, disposal, and environmental clean up of plastic and paper bags could be as high as \$.17 per bag (1 billion dollars per year). Governments must absorb the costs of cleaning littered streets, beaches, and catch basins that become clogged with plastic bag debris, increasing flood risk.

The South Robertson Neighborhoods Council encourages the City Council to immediately address the environmental and economic problems posed by single-use plastic bags.

Yours truly,

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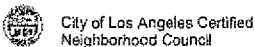
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Subject: Motion to Prohibit use of Plastic Bags

Dear Council President Garcetti and Council Member LaBonge:

The Silver Lake Neighborhood Council at its meeting on March 5, 2008 passed a motion from the SLNC Transportation & Public Works Committee to ban the use of plastic bags in grocery stores, convenience stores and other businesses within the city limits of Los Angeles. We urge the City of Los Angeles to adopt a motion to this effect with an implementation date six months after council approval.

Plastic bags litter our streets, water ways, take up valuable landfill space and consume valuable amounts of production energy and hydrocarbon resources.

The City of Los Angeles should take the lead in this action that will benefit all stakeholders in Los Angeles.

Our motion is attached for your reference.

Sincerely,

Rusty Millar
Co-Chair Transportation & Public Works Committee

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