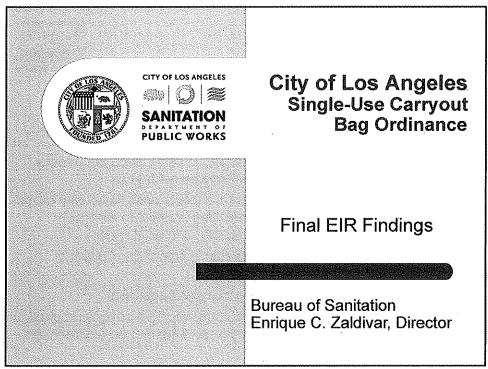
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# SANITATION PUBLIC WORKS

### What is the Issue?

- Each year billions of single-use plastic bags are consumed in the City of Los Angeles
- Discarded plastic bags that end up in the litter stream impact communities and the environment
- > The City spends millions of dollars each year on prevention, cleanup and other activities to reduce litter





# **Proposed Ordinance Objectives**

- Reduce billions of single-use plastic carryout bags currently consumed in the City of Los Angeles each year;
- Reduce adverse environmental impacts associated with singleuse plastic carryout bags, including impacts to air quality, biological resources, water quality, and solid waste;
- Deter the use of single-use paper carryout bags by retail customers in the City;
- > Promote the use of reusable carryout bags; and
- Reduce plastic bag litter and the associated adverse impacts to stormwater systems, aesthetics, and the marine environment.



## **EIR Public Review and Input**

Public input was received and considered at each step of the EIR process:

- Initial Study
- 30-day public review
- Five public meetings
- Notice in newspapers in multiple languages
- Made available on Sanitation's website and in all major libraries



# **EIR Public Review and Input**

#### > Draft EIR

- 45-day public review
- Seven public meetings
- Notice in newspapers in multiple languages
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### Final EIR

# Completed in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) to:

- > Evaluate potential environmental impacts of the proposed ordinance,
- > Provide responses to comments received during public review period on the Draft EIR, and
- Provide this information to the decision-makers and the public
- □ Notice in newspaper and available on Sanitation's website



### **Beneficial Impacts**

The analysis in the Final EIR concluded that the proposed ordinance would result in beneficial impacts in the following areas:

- Air Quality: With the implementation of the proposed ordinance, over 2 billion single-use plastic carryout bags per year would be replaced by reusable carryout bags, and the use of single-use paper bags in the City would be deterred by charging a \$0.10 fee at the point of sale. This would reduce emissions of pollutants that contribute to smog by 59% and to the acidity in oceans and rivers by 42% per year.
- Biological Resources: Eliminating billions of single-use plastic bags per year would significantly reduce plastic bag litter that could enter sensitive habitats, thus reducing litter-related harmful impacts to marine, coastal, river, and inland sensitive habitats and sensitive wildlife species.



## **Beneficial Impacts (cont.)**

- Hydrology and Water Quality: The implementation of the proposed ordinance would reduce the amount of litter that could enter storm drains, local waterways, and the Pacific Ocean by eliminating nearly 2 billion singleuse plastic bags per year, thus improving water quality.
- Solid Waste: The City of Los Angeles has implemented a successful comprehensive program of diverting solid waste from landfills and has achieved a diversion rate of 72% as of 12/31/2012. Paper products, including paper grocery bags, are part of the diverted solid waste. Considering the diversion rate achieved by the City and the reported reduction in single-use paper bag usage after the implementation of the County of Los Angeles ban on single-use plastic carryout bags, the proposed ordinance is anticipated to reduce the amount of solid waste in comparison to that associated with the current use of single-use plastic bags in the City.



# Other Impacts

- All other potential impacts were analyzed in the Final EIR, including greenhouse gas emissions; forest and mineral resources; hazards and hazardous materials; sanitation services; traffic; noise; water, and wastewater.
- The analysis concluded that the project would either have no impact or a less than significant impact in these areas.



### Alternatives in the Final EIR

As required, Final EIR considered alternatives to the project. The alternatives included:

- 1. No Project
- 2. Ban Both Plastic and Paper Single-Use Carryout Bags
- 3. Ban Plastic Single-Use Carryout Bags and Impose Higher Fee on Single-Use Paper Carryout Bags
- 4. Proposed Ordinance Without a Grace Period
- 5. Impose a Fee on Single-Use Plastic Carryout Bags



# Alternatives in the Final EIR (cont.)

- The alternatives, other than No Project alternative, could achieve the project objectives more rapidly or to a greater extent
- The Proposed Ordinance as well as Alternative 4, are consistent with actions taken in other jurisdictions in Los Angeles County
- Consistency will allow business to provide the same shopping experience within the City