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Item No. 1

Deputy: public comment

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.

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 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.

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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Tuesday, September 16, 2008

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SUBMITTED TO THE BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE
[Copies sent by email to Council Environmental Deputies]

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Dear Councilmembers:

During the 28th Annual Sunset Junction Street Fair held Saturday, August 23 and Sunday, August 24, neighbors asked their fellow Los Angelenos to sign sheets asking the Los Angeles City Council to ban polystyrene containers and plastic shopping bags in the City of Los Angeles. Those 233 signatures are listed by council district below.

While not an official petition, these 233 names are a genuine plea from city residents asking the Council to join cities nation-wide to eliminate substances that harm our environment and trash our community.

The original signatures are submitted to the Budget and Finance Committee because the blight of polystyrene and plastic bags burdens Los Angeles economically. Copies have been emailed to all City Council environmental deputies to reduce the use of paper.

The Los Angeles City Council is to be commended for moving to ban polystyrene within city offices by summer 2009 and to ban plastic shopping bags next year unless the State of California allows stores to levy a fee on those bags. Still, Los Angeles streets, parks and waterways are ravaged by an increasing amount of polystyrene containers and ubiquitous plastic bags, indeed, as Councilmember Reyes has said, "The graffiti of the Los Angeles River."

The Los Angeles City Council must also be commended for its ZERO WASTE program that resumes this month. The ZERO WASTE program has inspired participants to help make the City of Los Angeles a model of clean, healthy, best environmental practice. Thank you for your efforts to rid our beautiful City of polystyrene and plastic bags.

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James	Chen	2121 James M Wood Bl	90006-2219
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Jennifer	Train	1748 Kilbourn St	90065
Jesse	Cruz	3448 Glenalbyn Dr	90065-2512
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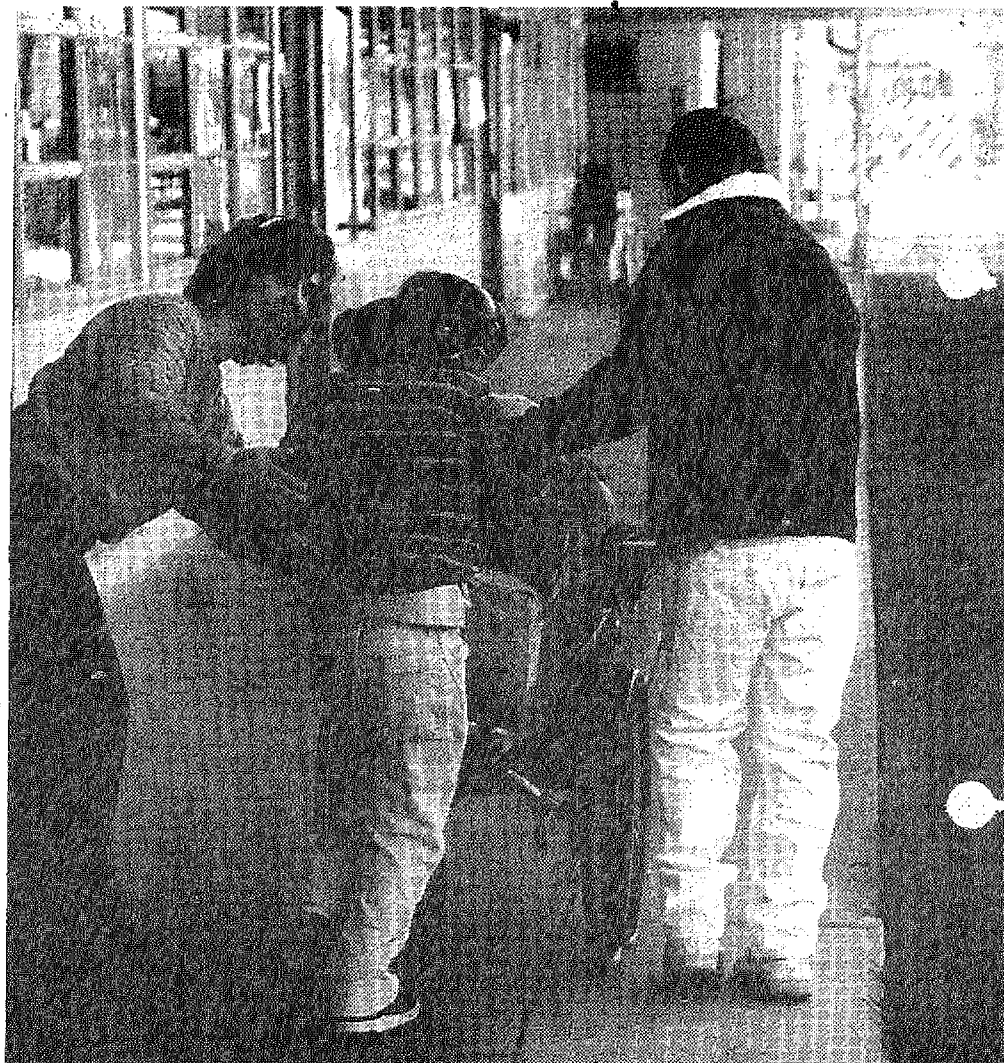
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Max	Martin	6218 Radford Ave	91606
Paul	Nygro	4832 Hazeltine Ave #7	91423
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Angela	Duffy	1402 Sanborn Ave	90027
Anna	Von Vogelpoel	464 N Hobart Bl #3	90004
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Briha	Kablou	2123 Rodney Dr #308	90027
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Chrissy	Hampton	7125 De Longpre Ave	90046-4447
David	Meadow	2524 Micheltorena St	90039
Ellie	Wilber	8006 Jovenita Canyon Rd	90046
Emmy Lou	Hobgood	1348 N Sierra Bonita Ave	90046
Erica	Chapman	4409 Avocado St.	90027
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Jessica	Koslow	1654 Redesdale	90026
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Julia	Bell	1421 Westerly Terrace	90026
Julie	Dawson	1840 N Kenmore Ave #203	90029
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Karen	Wilson	7120 Hawthorn Ave #14	90046
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Marta	Montalvo	5112 Carolina Place	90022-3940
Maryam	Darlen	7562 Sunset Bl	90046-3413
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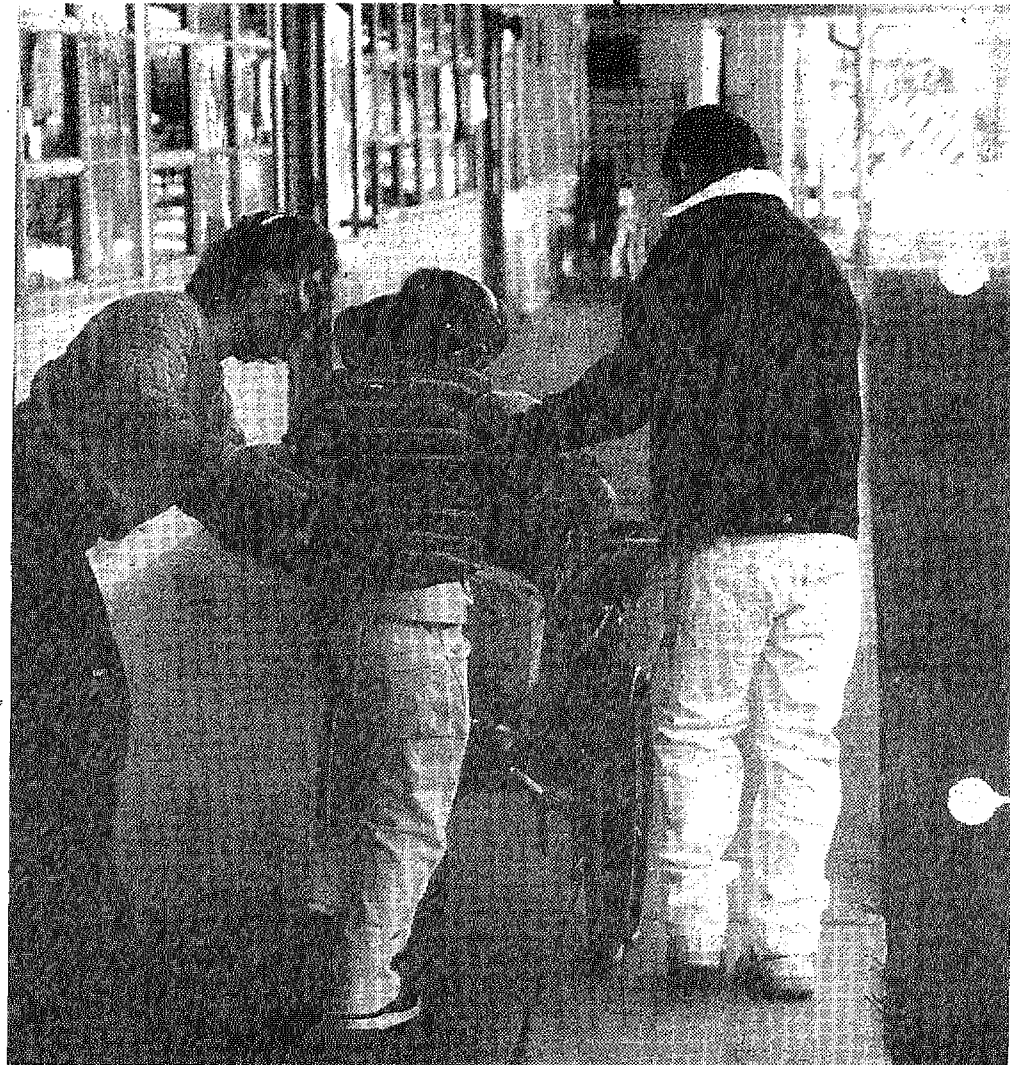
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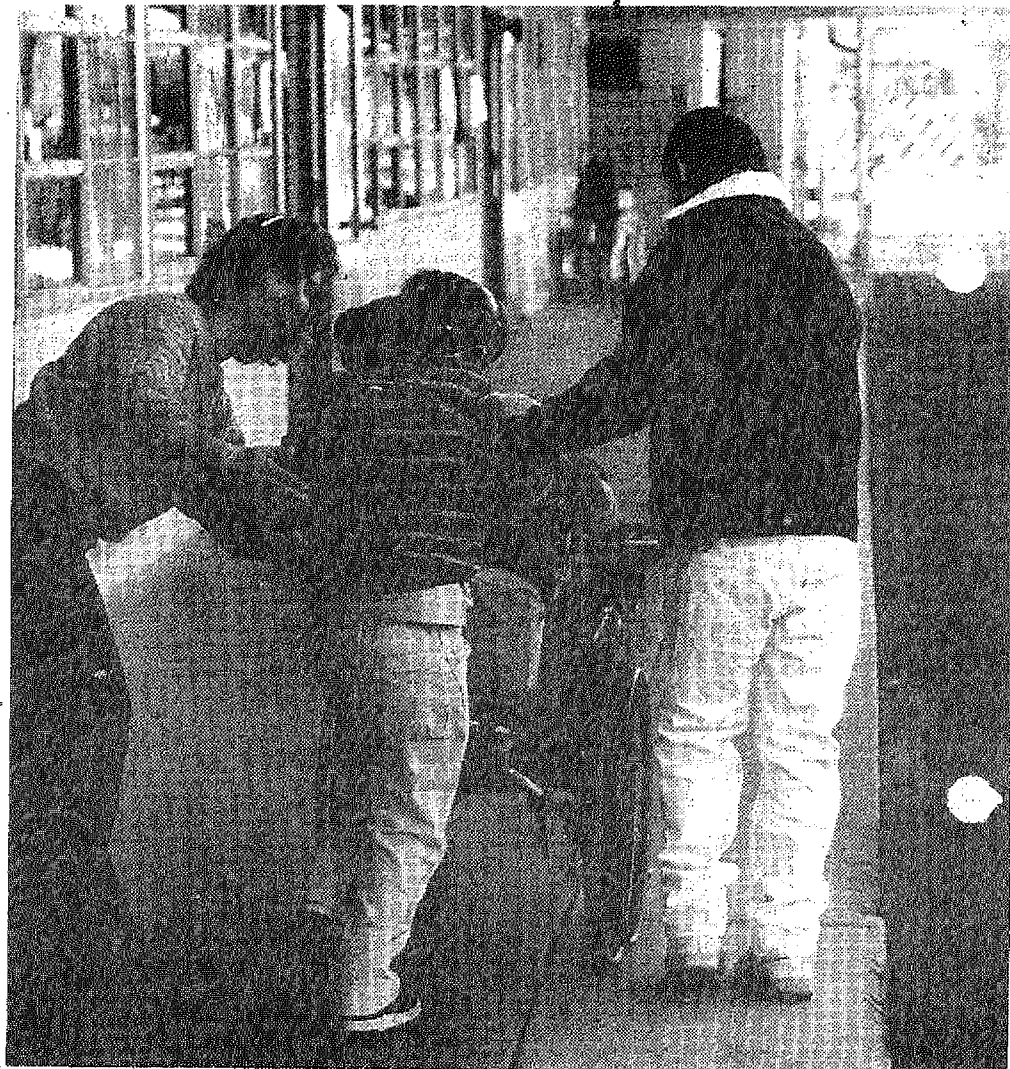
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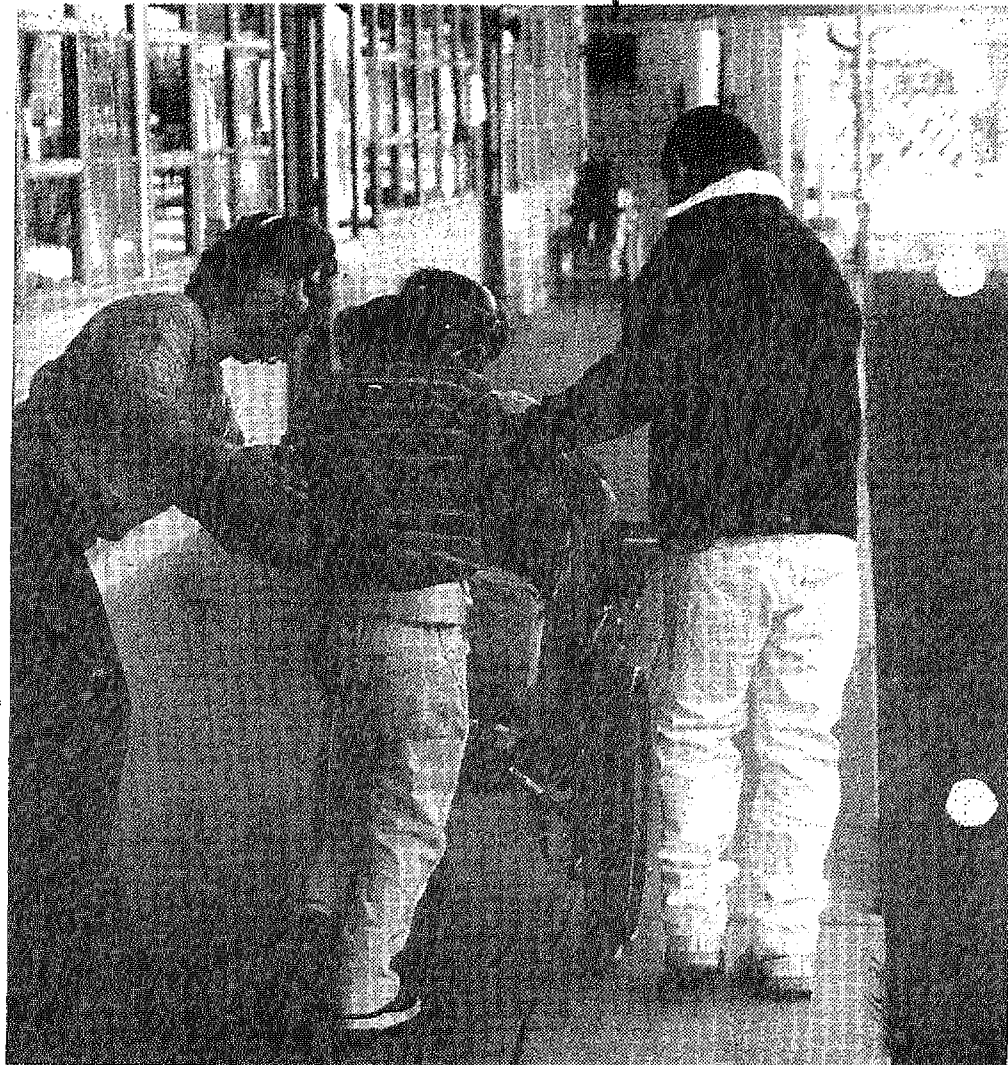
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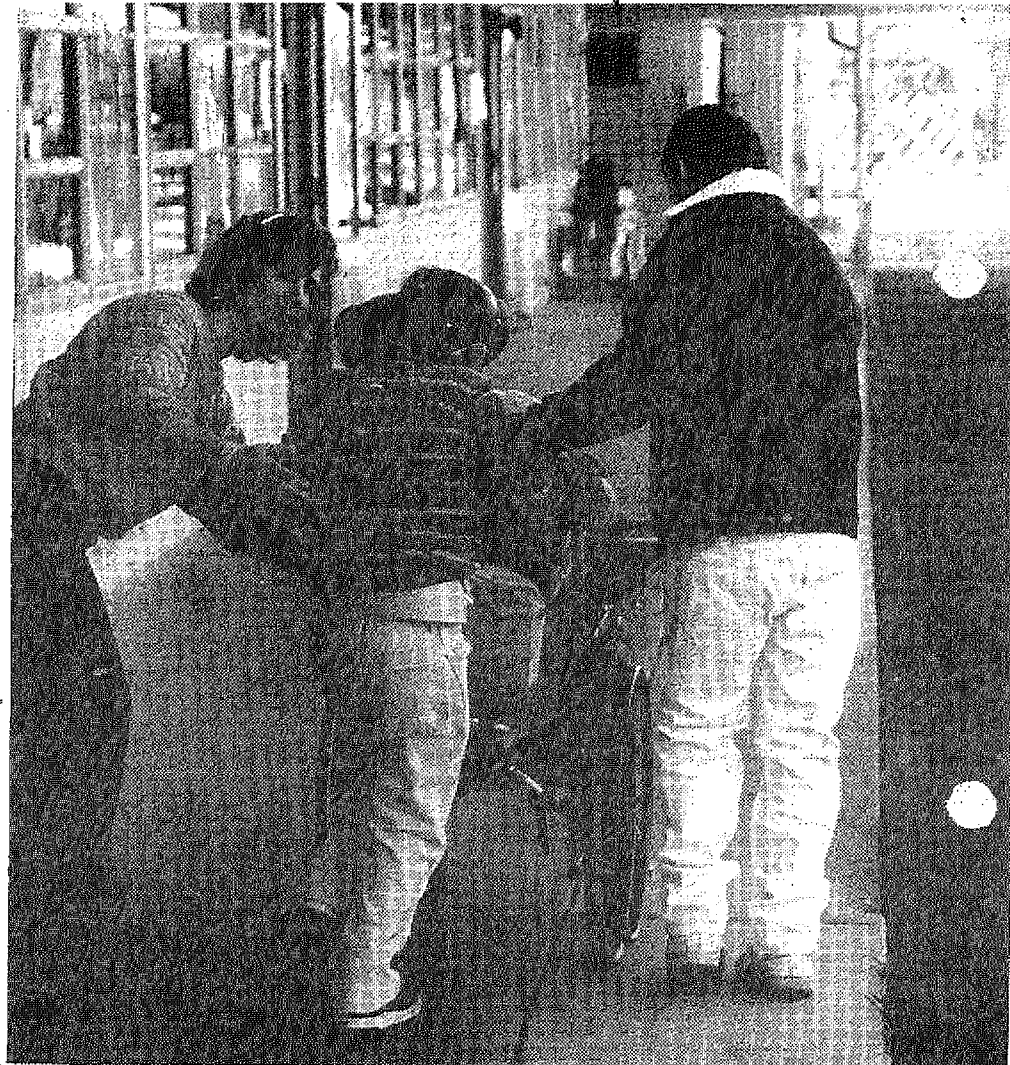
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Cari Simon	1323 Gamulin	LA		90025	
Jackie Singer	111 N. Olive			91206	
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The Los Angeles City Council banned Styrofoam from city-run buildings and departments beginning July 1, 2010. Also after July 1, 2010, the City Council will ban plastic bags unless the State of California allows the city to impose a 25 ¢ per-bag charge on all plastic bags.

SIGN TO ASK FOR AN OUT-RIGHT BAN ON STYROFOAM AND PLASTIC BAGS

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Letters of Support for an LA citywide ban on single-use bags

Date: 12-16-11

Supporting: EE Committee

Council File No: 11-1531

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Click Council name for letter. Stakeholder numbers are approximations.

Brentwood CC letter of support for bag ban representing 40,000 stakeholders.

Canoga Park NC plastic bag ban ltr of support, representing 48,723 stakeholders.

Del Rey NC letter of support, representing 30,000 stakeholders.

Downtown LA NC plastic bag letter of support, representing 45,518 stakeholders.

Greater Griffith Park letter of support for AB-1998, representing 37,000 stakeholders.

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Palms NC letter of support, representing 40,000 stakeholders.

Reseda NC plastic bag ban ltr of support, representing 62,174 stakeholders.

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United Neighborhoods NC plastic bag ban ltr of support of support, representing 70,472 stakeholders.

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West Hills NC letter of support, representing 39,000 stakeholders.

West Los Angeles NC letter of support, representing 30,873 stakeholders.

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BBC NEWS

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World's oceans in 'shocking' decline

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By Richard Black

Environment correspondent, BBC News

The oceans are in a worse state than previously suspected, according to an expert panel of scientists.

In a new report, they warn that ocean life is "at high risk of entering a phase of extinction of marine species unprecedented in human history".

They conclude that issues such as over-fishing, pollution and climate change are acting together in ways that have not previously been recognised.

The impacts, they say, are already affecting humanity.

The panel was convened by the International Programme on the State of the Ocean (IPSO), and brought together experts from different disciplines, including coral reef ecologists, toxicologists, and fisheries scientists.

Its report will be formally released later this week.

"The findings are shocking," said Alex Rogers, IPSO's scientific director and professor of conservation biology at Oxford University.

"As we considered the cumulative effect of what humankind does to the oceans, the implications became far worse than we had individually realised.

"We've sat in one forum and spoken to each other about what we're seeing, and we've ended up with a picture showing that almost right across the board we're seeing changes that are happening faster than we'd thought, or in ways that we didn't expect to see for hundreds of years."

These "accelerated" changes include melting of the Greenland and Antarctic ice sheets, sea level rise, and release of methane trapped in the sea bed.

Fast changes

"The rate of change is vastly exceeding what we were expecting even a couple of years ago," said Ove Hoegh-Guldberg, a coral specialist from the University of Queensland in Australia.

"So if you look at almost everything, whether it's fisheries in temperate zones or coral reefs or Arctic sea ice, all of this is undergoing changes, but at a much faster rate than we had thought."

But more worrying than this, the team noted, are the ways in which different issues act synergistically to increase threats to marine life.

Some pollutants, for example, stick to the surfaces of tiny plastic particles that are now found in the ocean bed.

This increases the amounts of these pollutants that are consumed by bottom-feeding fish.

Plastic particles also assist the transport of algae from place to place, increasing the occurrence of toxic algal blooms - which are also caused by the influx of nutrient-rich pollution from agricultural land.

In a wider sense, ocean acidification, warming, local pollution and overfishing are acting

together to increase the threat to coral reefs - so much so that three-quarters of the world's reefs are at risk of severe decline.

Carbon deposits

Life on Earth has gone through five "mass extinction events" caused by events such as asteroid impacts; and it is often said that humanity's combined impact is causing a sixth such event.

The IPSO report concludes that it is too early to say definitively.

But the trends are such that it is likely to happen, they say - and far faster than any of the previous five.

"What we're seeing at the moment is unprecedented in the fossil record - the environmental changes are much more rapid," Professor Rogers told BBC News.

"We've still got most of the world's biodiversity, but the actual rate of extinction is much higher [than in past events] - and what we face is certainly a globally significant extinction event."

The report also notes that previous mass extinction events have been associated with trends being observed now - disturbances of the carbon cycle, and acidification and hypoxia (depletion of oxygen) of seawater.

Levels of CO₂ being absorbed by the oceans are already far greater than during the great extinction of marine species 55 million years ago (during the Paleocene-Eocene Thermal Maximum), it concludes.

Blue planet

The report's conclusions will be presented at UN headquarters in New York this week, when government delegates begin discussions on reforming governance of the oceans.

IPSO's immediate recommendations include:

stopping exploitative fishing now, with special emphasis on the high seas where currently there is little effective regulation

mapping and then reducing the input of pollutants including plastics, agricultural fertilisers and human waste

making sharp reductions in greenhouse gas emissions.

Carbon dioxide levels are now so high, it says, that ways of pulling the gas out of the

atmosphere need to be researched urgently - but not using techniques, such as iron fertilisation, that lead to more CO2 entering the oceans.

"We have to bring down CO2 emissions to zero within about 20 years," Professor Hoegh-Guldberg told BBC News.

"If we don't do that, we're going to see steady acidification of the seas, heat events that are wiping out things like kelp forests and coral reefs, and we'll see a very different ocean."

Another of the report's authors, Dan Laffoley, marine chair of the World Commission on Protected Areas and an adviser to the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN), admitted the challenges were vast.

"But unlike previous generations, we know what now needs to happen," he said.

"The time to protect the blue heart of our planet is now."

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I'm with David Attenborough on this subject, yes we may well be a destructive influence in nature, but what will be destroyed is humamity not the planet. If we do continue to destroy our ecosystems it is human beings that will eventually go extinct. the planet and and its eco systems will all recover given enough time. Life arose from very humble beginnings and survived much worse devastations.

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.

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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,
Council Member Koretz, Council Member Cardenas, Council Member Alarcon,
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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,
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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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Eric DeSobe".

Eric DeSobe
President, Del Rey Neighborhood Council

August 9, 2011

Council Member Jose 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, representing ^{50,000+} 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.**

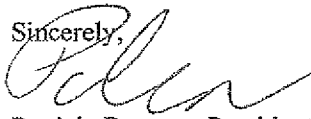
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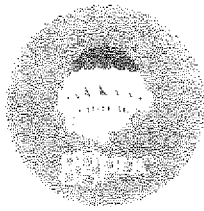
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Patricia Berman, President
Downtown Los Angeles Neighborhood Council

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

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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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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.

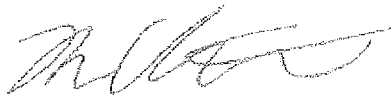
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Thank you for your leadership on this issue.

Ron Ostrow



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

cc: Mayor Villaraigosa
Assembly Member Mike Feuer
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Thank You,

Albert Olson
Chair
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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.**


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Thank you for your leadership on this issue.

Sincerely,


Ernie Moscoso, President
North Hollywood North East Neighborhood Council

(John Basteghian, Vice President)

for Ernie Moscoso

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

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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,
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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.

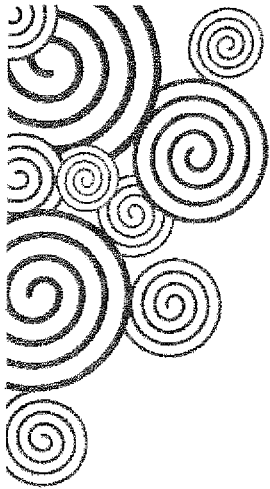
Should you have any further questions or comments regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me at your convenience.

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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President Eric Garcetti and Members of the Los Angeles City Council
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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,

Doug Fitzsimmons, President, South Robertson Neighborhoods Council

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August 9, 2011

Council Member Paul Krekorian
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Tujunga, CA 91042

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

Dear Council Member Krekorian,

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Angelica M. Dueñas".

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, Council Member Koretz, Council Member Zine, Council Member Cardenas, Council Member Parks, Council Member Wesson, Council Member Englander, Council Member Huizar, Council Member Hahn

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July 18, 2011

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

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,

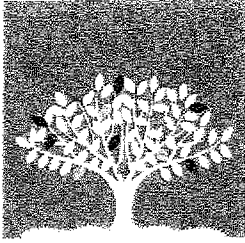


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Tarzana Neighborhood Council

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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

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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.

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 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.

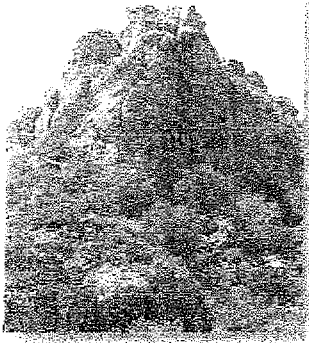
Sincerely,

Linda Lucks
President, Venice Neighborhood Council

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Councilmember Koretz, Councilmember Cardenas, Councilmember Alarcon,
Councilmember Parks, Councilmember Wesson, Councilmember Smith,
Councilmember Huizar, Councilmember Hahn

West Hills Neighborhood Council

June 21, 2011



Councilman Dennis P. Zine
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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 litter;

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:

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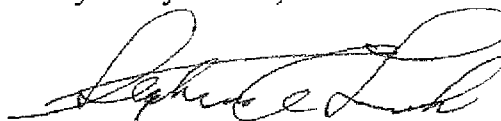
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WHEREAS; The County of Los Angeles, Santa Monica and Long Beach, along with other local governments in the region, around the state, and around the world, have already taken action to ban these bags.

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
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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.

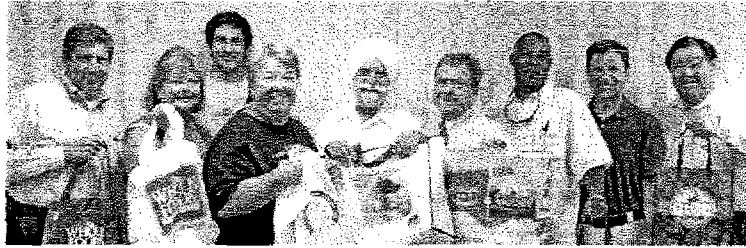
A representative from Heal the Bay quoted statistics about how much beach litter and ocean debris is composed of plastic bags and styrofoam and passed around photos illustrating this. She requested a letter of support.

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



PRNC to Go Green

There has been a lot of talk lately about "Going Green", taking action to conserve energy and reduce carbon emissions, thereby reversing global warming. But is it all talk or has anybody taken any action? The PRNC challenges all Porter Ranch residents to Go Green.



We would like to recommend one step each household can take to be a little bit greener: stop using supermarket provided bags. According to myownbag.com, Americans use 14 billion plastic bags a year and recycle 1% of them. This costs us \$4 billion in additional costs at the store and uses 12 million barrels of oil to produce the bags, which we use for less than one hour. Paper bags aren't a good solution, because they use up 14 million trees a year.

What to do? The best approach is to buy reusable shopping bags and bring them with you to the store. Stores providing plastic bags are now required to offer reusable bags for sale. They are typically \$1-2. Or if you don't want to actually buy reusable bags, you could bring back the paper bags from your last purchase. Ralphs and Whole Foods will credit you 5 cents for each bag that you reuse. And Trader Joes awards a prize each week in a drawing of people who bring their own bags.

The best way to remember them is to keep them in your car or collect them when you make your shopping list.

To encourage the greening of your shopping habits, at the November 13th meeting the PRNC will give you a reusable shopping bag when you present this article or your market receipt showing that you used a reusable shopping bag.

With the holidays coming up, a reusable bag would make a great stocking stuffer.

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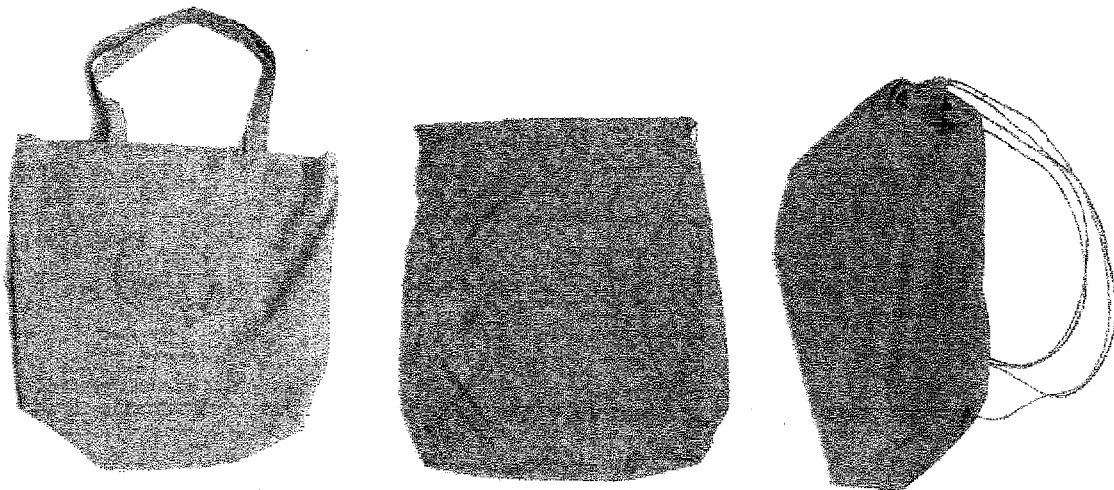
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Economics of Reusable Bags

Although reusable bags cost between 99¢ and \$10 each, the savings to consumers can be significant since grocers/retailers cost for purchasing single use carryout bags is no longer passed along to customers (see table below).

Table 9 -- Cost Comparison of Carryout Bags

Type of Carryout Bag	Annual Consumption Rate	Average Cost Per Bag	Annual Cost To Consumers
Plastic Bag	600	3¢ (ranges between 2 - 5¢) ⁵⁴	\$18 (in hidden costs)
Paper Bag	300 (consumption rate is unknown, assumed ½ of plastic carryout bags due to size)	10¢ (ranges between 5 - 23¢) ⁵⁵	\$30 (in hidden costs)
Biodegradable Bag	600	15¢ (ranges between 8 - 17¢) ⁵⁶	\$90 (in hidden costs)
Whole Food Reusable Bag	1 (assumes avg. consumer will use 3 bags/year and will last 2 years before replacement)	\$2.99	\$4.50 (direct cost)

⁵⁴ www.usplastic.com (May 22, 2007), www.restockit.com (May 22, 2007).

⁵⁵ www.mrtakeoutbags.com (May 22, 2007), www.restockit.com (May 22, 2007).

⁵⁶ www.ecoproducts.com (May 22, 2007).

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Plastic Debris in a Nesting Leatherback Turtle in French Guiana

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ABSTRACT. – We report a field observation of an adult female leatherback turtle (*Dermochelys coriacea*) expulsing 2.6 kg of plastic debris from her cloaca while nesting in French Guiana. This field report sustains concerns about plastic ingestion by this endangered species and, further, the impacts of plastic debris to marine wildlife, and points out the needs for effective waste management in both terrestrial and marine habitats.

Plastic pollution is a major threat for marine environments and biodiversity already at risk due to climate change, habitat loss, resource overexploitation, and other anthropogenic disturbances (Derraik 2002). Despite their relatively short history of use on a global scale, plastics represent the main constituent of marine debris worldwide (Ivar do Sul and Costa 2007; Hofer 2008) and will likely remain so for decades to come due

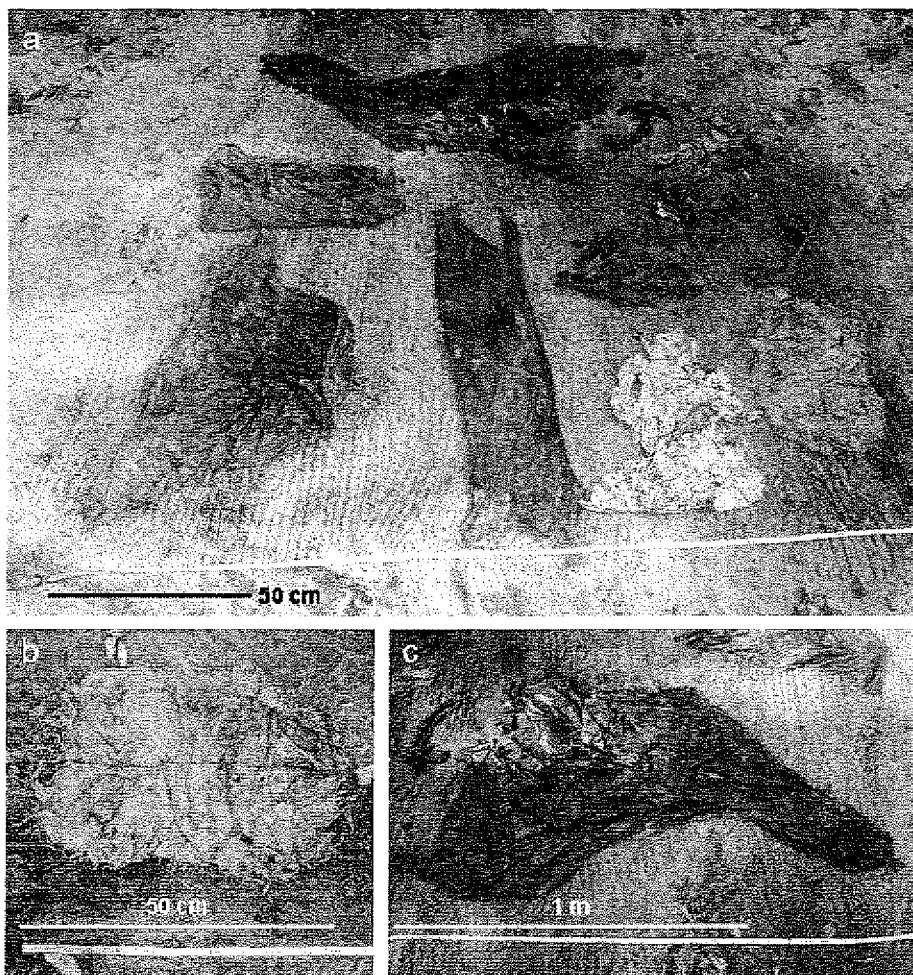


Figure 1. View of the total plastic items (a), including plastic meshed rice bags (b) and plastic domestic rubbish bags (c) extracted from a leatherback turtle attempting to nest in French Guiana (Photo by J.-Y. Georges).

to their slow degradation (Derraik 2002; Hofer 2008). For example, in marine habitats of the wider Caribbean region and Atlantic coast of South America, plastics represent 55% to 70% of marine debris (Ivar do Sul and Costa 2007). Plastic debris affects marine organisms ranging from plankton to large vertebrates (Derraik 2002; Hofer 2008), the latter via entanglement and ingestion (Wallace 1985; Laist 1997; Bugoni et al. 2001; Derraik 2002). Ingestion of plastic debris may occur either because of “mistaken identity” as natural prey by predators or due to incidental ingestion during feeding (Hofer 2008). Debris ingestion has been reported to reduce stomach capacity, feeding stimulus, and growth (Azzarello and Van-Vleet 1987). Plastic ingestion has also been reported to cause internal injuries and intestinal occlusion with potential lethal consequences (Derraik 2002). Partial digestion of plastic items may also result in chemical contamination with detrimental consequences on health, even at low concentrations (Derraik 2002; Hofer 2008).

Among marine megafauna, the leatherback turtle (*Dermochelys coriacea*) is commonly known to face major threats from plastic pollution because individuals of this species are prone to misidentify clear plastic items as jellyfish, their natural prey (Mrosovsky 1981). Here we report a field observation of an adult female leatherback turtle from which a large quantity of plastic debris was extracted from the cloacae during a nesting attempt.

This event occurred during the 2009 nesting season at Awala Yalimapo beach (5°42'N, 53°54'W), French Guiana, a major nesting area for critically endangered leatherback turtles (Fossette et al. 2008b). From March to August, nocturnal patrols were conducted daily to monitor leatherback nesting activity and identify individual turtles (through use of uniquely coded ID tags; Fossette et al. 2008b). On 6 May 2009, we observed a leatherback turtle in apparent distress during nesting: after she excavated her nest chamber, the turtle appeared to be preparing to lay eggs, although instead of eggs, this individual exuded

a greenish liquid with strong odor from the cloaca. Closer inspection revealed that plastic debris was obstructing the cloacal opening. At that point a decision was made to attempt to remove this plastic material. To do so, we gently but firmly pulled by hand these plastic items out of the cloaca. Our efforts yielded a notable quantity of plastic bags and plastic fragments, including those from domestic rubbish bags commonly used in the area as well as woven nylon rice bags (Fig. 1). Once the last of the recoverable plastic material was extracted from the cloaca, the turtle started to deposit white, apparently fresh eggs, as well as rotten eggs. With these 2 egg types also came an abundance of white-colored liquid, and some fresh blood, perhaps indicating that the distal tractus was injured either due to pressure exerted internally by the plastic items or by our manual intervention.

Upon recovery, the plastic material was transported to our field station, where it was weighed (± 0.1 kg) using an electronic spring scale and gingerly spread out on sand to determine overall size. In total, 2.6 kg of uncleaned plastic were recovered, including 14 pieces of plastic bag fragments ranging from a few centimeters up to 1.5 m in maximum diameter.

Examination of nesting records for this turtle revealed that it was initially tagged in French Guiana in 2001. This individual was also observed nesting at this beach in 2005 and in 2009 (this study). In 2009, the turtle was observed nesting normally on 15 April and 26 April (V. Plot and J.-Y. Georges, *pers. obs.*, 2009); it was observed again on 6 May when this incident occurred. The turtle was not sighted again after the last event.

Ingestion of plastic debris is a major threat to sea turtles, and leatherback turtles in particular (Mrosovsky 1981), because this species has been known to mistake floating plastic bags for their main prey, jellyfish (Mrosovsky 1981; Mrosovsky et al. 2009). Reports of the occurrence of plastic debris in leatherbacks have increased since the 1960s in the North Atlantic Ocean (Mrosovsky et al. 2009) where leatherbacks feed during their long distance migrations (Ferraroli et al. 2004; Fossette et al. 2010). Because previous reports of plastic ingestion by leatherbacks only concern dead turtles, it has been suggested, perhaps wrongly, that plastic ingestion leads to mortality. Our finding suggests that the ingestion of significant quantities of plastic debris may not be lethal for leatherbacks, and probably for sea turtles in general, as long as it can be expelled. However, because the turtle was not observed afterward, we cannot discuss the actual effects plastic ingestion and manual extraction had on the individual's health and future reproduction.

In sea turtles, intestinal transit time (time between ingestion and first defecation) of soft plastic items has been experimentally estimated to be 9 days in a captive loggerhead turtle *Caretta caretta* (Valente et al. 2008). If this holds for wild leatherbacks, this suggests that the 2.6 kg of plastic bags expelled from the study animal were ingested a few days before our observation. In

French Guiana, gravid leatherbacks spend about 10 days at sea between 2 consecutive nesting events. Then, they remain in French Guiana and Suriname waters, close (< 100 km) to the nesting beach, where they swim continuously over 600 km while performing continuous dives (Fossette et al. 2007; Georges et al. 2007). This suggests that plastic ingestion occurred in regional waters, as supported by the fact that the observed turtle laid several times normally before she expelled plastic debris. This observation additionally supports a recent hypothesis that in French Guiana, gravid leatherback turtles may feed during the nesting season (Fossette et al. 2008a, 2009).

As far as plastic debris is concerned, sea turtles feeding in coastal waters, either during migration (Mrosovsky et al. 2009) or during the nesting season (this study), are of major concern because plastic debris is abundant in these coastal areas due to intensive human activities (e.g., land-based run-off, ship-loading activities; Moore et al. 2001). Their presence in local marine habitats is further concentrated due to local surface currents and bathymetry (Moore et al. 2001; Lattin et al. 2004). The observation described in this account underscores the need for mitigation of plastic pollution in marine ecosystems and points to the need for better environmental management and sustainability.

Acknowledgments

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