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**FW: <Greetings From Tom> "An Inspired Solution", Los Feliz Ledger**

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Members of the Los Angeles City Council  
City Council File Number 11-1531  
Proposed Plastic Carryout Bag Ban Ordinance  
*Partially* OPPOSE/*Partially* SUPPORT  
(per my below comments)

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While I can no longer ride a bike, due to a diagnosed arthritis disability, I can still walk some, eg., to my nearest super-market, an Albertsons (and beyond, if there's nothing else, before or after, that I have to attend to). When I leave the market, I usually can just barely, manage to hand-carry my, typically four, typically paper-in-plastic, market-supplied, bags—filled with groceries—from the edge of the parking lot's "do not cross" line—across two dangerously traffic (vehicular and pedestrian)-busy, signalized intersections, followed by a half block walk to my apartment building itself, and finally manage to carry them up two flights of stairs to my half way down the second floor hallway and then into my apartment #15 itself.

For me, having to give up the plastic support part of my paper-in-plastic combo (I would, by the way, no doubt, oft forget to take my/if any dutifully pre-purchased reusable bags- with me— not to mention not taking my broken down, no room for it in my small sized 'single' apartment anyway, shopping cart, whenever I venture out on one of these regularly frequent, absolutely necessary sojourns) will present a real challenge in its own right, at least for me—especially if Albertsons is allowed (like various other supermarkets in the city limits, but certainly not like all of them) to continue offering—oops, that is to be selling, for 10 cents a bag—paper bags that have no handles.

So, here is my respectfully suggested solution #1: Require all supermarkets in the city to have handles on their paper bags. Even better solution #2, if possible: Allow and encourage markets to continue providing plastic support bags for their senior and/or disabled customers only. That would thereby also seem likely to concomitantly cut the number of plastic bags headed for our land fills and/or ocean depths, etc. by at least half; probably more than that. (By the way, I can, and do, manage to throw a *single*—"compostable, forest initiative approved, etc...."—trash plus garbage-filled PAPER bag into my apartment building's dumpster—virtually every day of the year.)

Very, very sincerely yours,  
Harvey Pearson/Los Feliz

P.s., The kitchens—i.e, the sink and adjacent counter-tops— in this circa 1929 built apartment building are very small (like the rest of the unit) and there is no sink in the basement laundry room. Therefore, it would empirically seem to be quite a difficult task to be able to viably hand wash any bags, reusable or otherwise, in such a tiny sink/counter top of such spaces. (Plus, the outside-the-building watering hose invariably leaks badly!)

Cc. Separately sent to my Council Member/President Eric Garcetti  
Cc. Separately sent to my District #4 Council Member Tom LaBonge