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under the wire, emperical observations that should impact consideration of the proposed ordinance

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Honorable Members of the Los Angeles City Council
President and candidate for Mayor, Eric Garcetti
Re Proposed plastic carryout bag ban ordinance
City Council File Number 11-1531

Dear Council Members and President Garcetti:

Per my own recent, emperical observations where a plastic carryout bag ban/reusable bag push has been underway for some time: At a Ralph's super market, located on West Colorado Blvd. in Pasadena—after several months of their own (similar to Los Angeles' proposed one) ordinance, many, of course not all, customers were/are literally carrying out their groceries with no bagging at all! Sometimes they're stacked into shopping carts, but sometimes it's actually *by hand*.

It's as if customers are so adverse to paying \$1.00 to \$4.00 for "just one more" reusable shopping bag, or even just ten cents more for a paper bag, that they are willing to, and do, take their groceries to their cars in a "no-bags" manner.

Furthermore, I saw a young man come out with two hands full of un-bagged groceries and then speed-walk to somewhere, far down Colorado Blvd. Well, of course, lots of *seniors* who often walk to and from the market are much less able to do so.

Then, at the .99 cents only store on Los Robles, also in Pasadena, a fellow, matronly shopper and I were surprised to see a shopper-man rolling a market shopping cart that was filled with completely un-bagged groceries towards the exit to the parking lot, etc. door. She, the other shopper, observed that, "Who knows, he may actually be shoplifting everything!" She made a really good point.

Notwithstanding the above, at least .99 cents only stores have a really good PAPER bag product, one with well-placed and relatively sturdy handles. Would that all markets had to offer its class of "reusable, recycleble and compostable" paper bags, plus, to be sure, being ones *with* such, as above described, handles.

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