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I am writing concerning the recent vote to ban plastic bags in Los Angeles. I agree with Councilman Parks' position. The council does not seem to have taken into account the consequences of this ban.

What do they say to those who will lose their jobs here while the cloth bags they want to force on people are being manufactured in China?

How can they defend a decision that results in no change? I live in the unincorporated section of Los Angeles County and work in Long Beach. There is no difference between those areas and those who continue to allow people the freedom to use plastic bags.

One Councilman stated (without proof) that the city is spending approximately 3 million dollars just to pick up plastic bags which make up less than 1 percent of the trash. How much is being spent in picking up other types of trash? Where will the ban strike next?

What will the Council members say to the first person stricken by e-coli due to uncooked meat left in a cloth bag?

How does the Council propose to pay higher water bills for those forced to use cloth bags and then launder them? what happens to the cloth bags when people are finished with them? They can't be recycled.

Apparently the Council is unaware of the many uses for plastic bags and how they are used for much more than carrying groceries.

If the Council persists in banning them, I thank them for providing me with yet another reason to stay away from Los Angeles.



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