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Councilmember Paul Koretz 200 No Spring St LA, CA 90012

Dear Councilmember Koretz:

I am writing on behalf of the Westside Neighborhood Council Board, representing approximately 80,000 stakeholders in the Cheviot Hills, Rancho Park, and Century City area.

Kirsten James, water quality director for Heal the Bay, addressed the WNC Board at our March 8th meeting. She spoke about the need to encourage stakeholders to use reusable bags instead of single-use plastic bags. She explained the two ordinance options before the city council.

We agree that we should join other cities and counties that have ban single-use plastic bags but we feel that there should be an option to buy paper bag until the public has time to acclimate to the responsibility of providing their own bags when they shop.

The WNC passed the following motion:

The WNC moves to support Los Angeles County Banning single-use Plastic Bags and 10 cent mandate fee on paper bags made from 100% recycled paper.

We applaud your efforts to reduce the impact plastic bags have on the environment.

Sincerely,

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Terri Tippit, Chair

Cc Los Angeles City Council Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa