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To all members of the Los Angeles City Council
and to all those tangently concerned...
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Please add my comments and this doc to council file 11-1531:

First of all, it will NOT just be an "inconvenience" to have paper and plastic, supermarket supplied, bags banned, but a downright burdensome hardship on many shoppers, particularly seniors and various of our disabled residents. Furthermore, these so-called "reuseable" bags are actually for a SINGLE PURPOSE (i.e., "use"), 'vertically', as it were, while the paper and plastic ones are actually MULTI-USE, 'horizontally' speaking.

Secondly, I have grave doubts about the reliability of testimony from the Bureau of Sanitation. I personally do NOT see all that many loose bags in my neighborhood, and a beachfront walk I took along the beach at Santa Monica failed to reveal any there. (Yes, there were large "milk carton"-size plastic containers plus several plastic water bottles, etc. strewn around, but zero, zip, nada...groceries-sized plastic nor paper bags! Plus, please remember, these are the same Bureau of Sanitation "experts" who are responsible for the city's having to rebate many renters (myself included) for trash pick-up charges that were never actually made!)

Finally (to keep it brief) one good reason a comment-cited study (by a Mister George Abrams, May 10) found residual bacteria on the "washable", single purpose bags may well be because many of them, per the small print stapled on the bags, must be HAND-WASHED...IN COLD WATER ONLY!, and further on on also say...DO NOT TUMBLE DRY! This pre-requisite for keeping them truly clean can, and no doubt would, be a real hardship on folks with small apartment sinks, for those with, say, arthritis in their hands who would have difficulty doing the obviously hard scrubbing necessary to adequately clean such bags with completely cold water, and, last but not least, for those who are already pressed for space in their crowded apartments, but now must try and find SOME unseen place to hang them while they dry out!

Lastly, this, "Bureau of Sanitation-sponsored 'cure' is clearly worse than the over-stated disease", ban would discourage, otherwise concientious, "Go-Green"-minded people themselves, from walking to the market. Why? Because, if they, not surprisingly, occasionally forget (or hadn't been planning to shop on that particular walk) to bring their, PREVIOUSLY purchased, said bags, they would have to leave a, could well be groceries-filled, shopping cart somewhere hopefully secure (???) in the market, while they walk all the back home---while hoping that their, say, recently scrubbed hard, and then hung out to dry, bags are actually dry--- then baaack to the market, etc., before being able to finally finish bagging their oft vital necessities of life, and then, oh yes, hand-carry them back home.

Absolutely Sincerely Yours,
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