

WENDY GREUEL CONTROLLER

May 23, 2012

Honorable Members of the Los Angeles City Council c/o City Clerk, Room 360 Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Honorable Members of the Los Angeles City Council:

I am writing today in support of the proposed policy to ban single-use plastic bags in the City (CF 11-1531). This ban is long overdue and will allow Los Angeles to keep pace with the County and other neighboring jurisdictions that have already moved forward on eliminating the use of single-use plastic bags. The City of Los Angeles must move forward and approve the ban before the Council today and not delay this approval any longer.

Recycling programs for plastic bags have not been effective and we continue to see the impacts of plastic bags in our community. The transition for people to use re-usable bags has already begun – many people now bring their own shopping bags for purchases when they shop.

Simply put, we cannot afford to wait – there are significant hidden costs that are not found in the cost of producing these plastic bags that we are paying for as a City, today and for many years into the future. The disposal and environmental costs continue to grow as single-use bags continue to be used.

I urge support of the ban on single-use bags and look forward to continuing to take steps to build a more sustainable environment for Los Angeles.

Sincerely,

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Los Angeles should join the growing list of cities in the US. and worldwide that are responding to this important issue. This ordinance is needed I to help prevent plastic pollution, help protect our ocean, save money and reduce our dependence on non-renewable resources. Please let your Council know you support this ordiance and a ban on plastic bags in LA!

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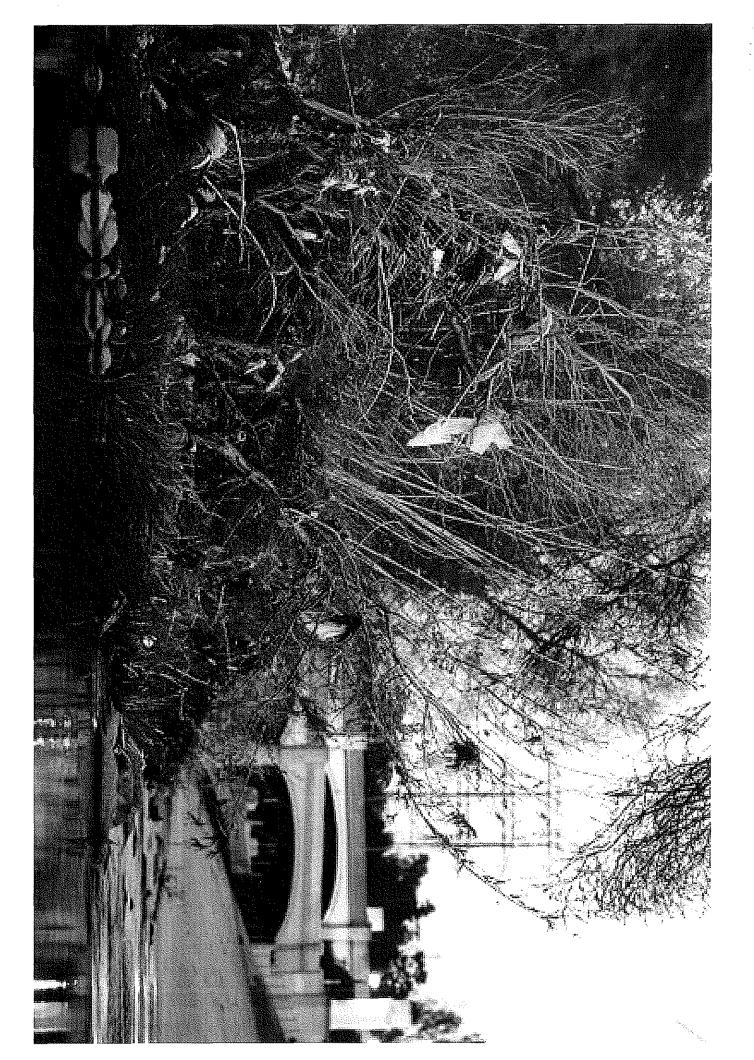
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JOBS - PASTIC BAG PRODUCTION & MANUFACTURERS IN LA COUNTY

- NO plastic grocery bag manufacturers in LA CITY____
- There are, however, THREE such manufacturers in 10 EO
 - 1. CROWN-POLY
 - located in Vernon & Huntington ParkBy____
 - 300 employees
 - 65% plastic bag production / 35% other goods production
 - i. Of their plastic bag production, 90% of those grocery bags are for use in other parts of the United States, but not here in LA County

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 \rightarrow In other words, plastic bags in LA CITY represents only <u>5%</u> of their total production

2. COMMAND PACKAGING

- located in Vernon
- 250 employees
- "produce some grocery bags but they primarily produce (other bags)...
 plastic grocery bags represent *a percentage* but *not a majority* of their business."

3. OMEGA EXTRUDING

- located in Compton
- 200 employees
- Combined there are approx. 750 total direct plastic bag manufacturing jobs in the County
- All 3 manufacturers:
 - i. Make products in addition to plastic grocery bags.
 - ii. Export & serve clientele across the nation and internationally

LITTER STUDIES show...

- → LA City Catch Basins contain 43% plastic litter, <u>19%</u> of which is solely attributable to plastic bags
- \rightarrow LA River's litter is made up of 34% plastics

STUDY'S CONCLUSION... "plastic material is the largest category of urban litter with plastic bags being their largest component."

CITY COSTS IN LITTER ABATEMENT

- \rightarrow Street Sweeping \$11.6 million
- \rightarrow Watershed Protection

\$4 million

\$15.6 million

+ TMDL Compliance, etc.



Request for norovirus report

Bill Keene <keene@epilinks.com> To: andy.shrader@lacity.org

I am attaching the published report. Keep in mind that a lot of the media reports got a bit off topic.

#1. This story has nothing to do with disposable bags, reusable bags, or anything similar. It is about how when norovirus-infected people vomit, they shower their surroundings with an invisible fog of viruses—viruses that can later infect people who have contact with those inanimate objects (fomites). In this case it was a reusable bag AND ITS CONTENTS—sealed packages of Oreos, Sun Chips, and grapes— but it could just have easily been a disposable plastic bag, a paper bag, a cardboard box, the flush handle on the toilet, the sink, the floor, or the nearby countertops. Anything within range of the aerosol fallout.

The people got sick because they ate the food that involved touching the packages that were in the bag. Probabiy some of them never even touched the bag, but they all touched and ate at least one of the chips, cookies, or grapes. No one else seems to have gotten the story straight so you can still be the first. (Our ex-intern is doing all the interviews, and pretty well, but she is letting the reporters drag her into this irrelevant tangent.)

Although it had nothing to do with THIS outbreak, regular washing of reusable shopping bags is a good idea in its own right. Obviously meat, poultry, and the like should be wrapped in plastic before they go into the checkout bag, but it is reasonable to assume that will become dirty with use.

The real message, if there is one, is 1) don't store food in bathrooms, or, if you must, take it out before people start vomiting or having diarrhea in the room. 2) If you ignore #1, toss any cookies or the like that have been stored there during such a potential invisible exposure. 3) For people with the luxury of multiple bathrooms, try to dedicate one to use by sick people whilst they are vomiting or having diarrhea, and 4) bathrooms used by sick persons should be not only cleaned but "sanitized" with appropriate care (5000 ppm bleach = ~ 10% solution of household chlorine bleach). If you can, wear gloves and a mask while you clean. That means wipe down all the surfaces that people might get there hands on---the toilet seat, the handles, the countertops, the doorknob---all of it.

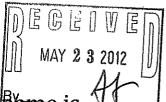
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Begin forwarded message:

From: "Keene William E" <william.e.keene@state.or.us>



Hello my name is Natasha Rojany and my Hame is Megan Schwartz we are forth grade students at Crossroads elementary. We have recently been talking about the problem of the five jiyers . We have learned that that the plastic that we use in our everyday lives has been effecting the creachers of the ocean an us because the little pieces of plastic have been getting in our food when we eat fish. We would like to read you some of the letters that our friends wrote in class about this problem Hello my name is Natasha Rojany and my name is Megan Schwartz we are forth grade students at Crossroads elementary. We have recently been talking about the problem of the five jiyers . We have learned that that the plastic that we use in our everyday lives has been effecting the creachers of the ocean an us because the little pieces of plastic have been getting in our food when we eat fish. We would like to read you some of the letters that our friends wrote in class about this problem

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T don't want stores to hand out single use plastic bags. Because they effect the enviorment badiy.

> Sincerely, Brennan

5-22-12 MAY 2 3 2012 Dear Los Angeles City Council Member, I would thank that it would be very helpful to ban plasict bag from Los Angeles. Here are some reachs why. One, plastic bage will never go away! Two, plastic bags can hart and even Kill most aminals. Three, plastet bags are very harmful to the earth!

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Sincerely, Josh

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I think we should get rid of plastic bags. I mean, plastic bags go to the ocean sometimes and can will animate. The bag gose to the ocean, gets in the water, a fish eats it, gets sick, and dies. Imagin how many fish die in a vear. I think we need to chang are bad manors and get green!

S'incerely, Isabelb

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