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Single Use Bag Ordinance - SUPPORT

1 message

Sherri Akers <sherriakers@ca.rr.com>

Wed, Dec 14, 2011 at 4:45 PM

Reply-To: sherriakers@ca.rr.com

To: maria.espinoza@lacity.org

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Wed, Dec 14, 2011 at 6:14 PM

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Although I live in Culver City, my church and most of my work have been in Los Angeles. If Los Angeles takes this important step, I will do what I can, if needed, to have Culver City do the same. FYI, I also serve as Ballona Creek Renaissance President and was a co-founder of the Ballona Creek Watershed Task Force.

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