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**Per your (Eric Villanueva) email response---Thank you.**

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Honorable Members of the Los Angeles City Council  
President (and candidate for Mayor) Eric Garcetti  
Proposed Plastic Bag Ban Carryout Ordinance, an update  
City Council File Number 11-1531

Dear Honorable City Council Members:

In an April 30, 2013 editorial ("Slap A Fee On Plastic Carryout Bags"), the Los Angeles Times editorial board recommended that a 5 cents fee be placed on both paper and plastic bags—concluding that would be better than an outright ban on either type of bag. The editorial notes that where they've been made explicit, fees of just 5 cents have cut plastic bag use by 75% to 90%!

I would personally lend my support to such a plan; its being vastly superior to an outright ban on plastic bags, for a number of reasons (please see the editorial for those). This is out of the box thinking, unlike many of the pro-ban-the-bag comments, which are often virtual carbon copies of each other. (Plus, though, the paper bags must have handles on them to be viable if used alone, and thus should best be made mandatory in all markets city wide—otherwise, shoppers would be tempted to ask/pay for a stronger, "paper in plastic" combo of bags.) Thank you for your consideration.

Yours truly,  
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