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RULES, ELECTIONS & INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS #53

RESOLUTION

**WHEREAS**, any official position of the City of Los Angeles with respect to legislation, rules, regulations or policies proposed to or pending before a local, state or federal governmental body or agency must have first been adopted in the form of a Resolution by the City Council with the concurrence of the Mayor; and

**WHEREAS**, approximately 6 billion single-use plastic bags are used in Los Angeles County each year, and few of them are recycled; and

**WHEREAS**, single-use plastic bags often end up as litter that pollutes Los Angeles' streetscapes, waterways, wetlands and beaches; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2012 the City adopted a plan that phases out the use of single-use plastic bags by implementing a ban on their distribution at retail stores, and that would also phase in a requirement that retailers charge for paper bags, and the City continues to move forward with the implementation of that plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the environmental problems caused by plastic bags are real and are not limited to the City, and attempts to prohibit local governments from regulating bags harm the environment and further represent infringements on the ability of local governments to control their own jurisdictions; and

**WHEREAS**, State Senator Padilla has SB 405, which would prohibit grocery stores and large retailers from providing single-use bags to customers in 2015, and would expand that prohibition to convenience stores and foodmarts in 2016; and

**WHEREAS**, by prohibiting the free distribution of plastic bags, SB 405 would help eliminate a major source of pollution in California;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2013-2014 State Legislative Program SUPPORT for SB 405 (Padilla), which would prohibit grocery stores, large retailers, convenience stores, and foodmarts from providing free single-use plastic bags to consumers, and require those stores to have reusable bags available for purchase.

PRESENTED BY:

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