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MOTION

Eureka Productions is producing "Landfill Harmonic," a documentary film that focuses on the journey of 20 young men and women in Cateura, Paraguay as they transform their lives through "The Recycled Orchestra"; and

The Bureau of Sanitation is developing exhibits at the Los Angeles Environmental Learning Center (ELC), with a vision of the ELC becoming the leading center for environmental learning to inspire future generations to protect public health and the environment through sustainable practices; and

Waste Management, Inc., a waste and recycling services company with operations in Los Angeles, acquired a violin made from recycled materials from Eureka Productions as a way to support the documentary film project; and

The recycled violin is created out of trash, made lovingly by the community in Cateura, Paraguay, a slum built upon a landfill where 2,500 families make their living by separating garbage for recycling; and

In the midst of such an existence, the young budding musicians and their mentors have truly created something special that should be shared with the world, with a lesson for us all as one of the young musicians relates, "People realize that we shouldn't throw away trash carelessly. We shouldn't throw away people either."

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Council accept the generous donation by Waste Management, Inc. of a recycled violin from Cateura, Paraguay, to be displayed at the "On the Road to Zero Waste" exhibit at the Los Angeles Environmental Learning Center, with an estimated value of \$3,000.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Board of Public Works be authorized to receive the above described donation, thank the donor on behalf of the City, and cause the donated item to be placed on the department inventory list/database.

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