

ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the status of recycling programs and requirements at multifamily apartment complexes in the City of Los Angeles.

Recommendation for Council action:

RECEIVE and FILE the November 5, 2013 Bureau of Sanitation (BOS) report relative to the status of recycling programs and requirements at multifamily apartment complexes in the City of Los Angeles.

Fiscal Impact Statement: Not applicable.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

Summary:

On December 4, 2013, your Committee considered a November 5, 2013 BOS report in response to Motion (Blumenfield - Cedillo) relative to of recycling programs and requirements at multifamily apartment complexes in the City of Los Angeles. According to the BOS, the City's MultiFamily Residential Recycling Program (MFRP) contracts with three permitted private haulers to provide required services for its implementation Citywide. To date, MFRP services approximately 427,000 units within 18,000 properties, approximately 64 percent of the City's multifamily dwellings, and has diverted 91,000 tons of recyclables from landfills. Additionally, the BOS's Curbside Recycling Program services approximately 177,000 multifamily (3 to 4 living units) locations. In total, the BOS provides recycling services to an estimated 82 percent of the total multifamily units located within the City.

The MFRP provides weekly recycling services, blue bins for the storage of recyclables, educational materials for tenants, and valet service of the bins by contracted private waste haulers. The MFRP mirrors the existing single-family curbside recycling program, in that blue bins are provided for collection and the same recyclable materials are accepted in both programs. The MFRP has a modification to the existing single family collection model, which does not require residents to place their blue bins along the street for weekly pickup. Instead, the MFRP offers a valet service in which the City's contracted private waste hauler accesses the property weekly to retrieve the blue bins. After servicing the blue bins, the waste hauler returns the blue bins to their designated recycling area. The MFRP is voluntary and is only implemented after the approval of the owner, property manager, or homeowner's association is given.

After further consideration and having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to receive and file the BOS report. This matter is now submitted to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
FUENTES:	YES
BLUMENFIELD:	YES
LABONGE:	ABSENT
HUIZAR:	YES
KORETZ:	YES

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