



May 23, 2014

RE: Council File 14-002-S54

Dear Honorable Members of the Los Angeles City Council,

Los Angeles, under the direction of the City Council, has been a leader in banning the use of single, carry out plastic bags. California, right now, has an opportunity to go the way of Los Angeles and various other municipalities within the State in banning the use of single, carry out plastic bags.

The officers and members of the East Area Progressive Democratic Club (EAPD) want to urge your support to include California Senate Bill 270 (Padilla, de Leon, Lara) as part of you state legislative program to ensure that California, like Los Angeles, can be a leader on the environment, once again.

As a fully chartered Democratic Club, the EAPD seeks to advise, advocate and champion the interests of our neighborhoods and communities. The working class families and middle class homes of our neighborhoods already pay the cost for pulling single use plastic bags out of our rivers, our parks, our gutters and our streets. It is an expense that taxes our communities twice; first in the resources required collect and divert single use plastic bags from our neighborhoods, and secondly in the eyesore, poor esteem and blight created by debris in our public rights of way, directly resulting from these bags.

We want to thank you for your leadership on banning single use plastic bags in Los Angeles and we want to urge you to ensure that support of SB270 is a priority in your 2013-2014 State Legislative Program.

Best regards,

East Area Progressive Democratic Club

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