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RULES, ELECTIONS & INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

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, each year in California more than 13 billion single-use plastic bags are handed out by retailers, only 3% of these bags are recycled and the rest end up in landfills or as litter; and

WHEREAS, California requires suffocation warning labels for plastic bags due to the very real threat of death plastic bags hold for babies and children; and

WHEREAS, plastic bags cause slow sorting and jam machinery at recycling centers; and

WHEREAS, according to a study commissioned by the US Marine Debris Monitoring Program, plastic bags remain one of the top items found consistently during annual beach cleanups. The Convention on Biological Diversity reports a total of 663 species have been affected by plastic marine pollution through entanglement or ingestion, and a 2009 study found that 1 in 3 leatherback sea turtles studied had plastic in their stomachs, most often a plastic bag, based on an analysis of over 370 autopsy reports; and

WHEREAS, a third of Californians, including those in Los Angeles as of January 1, 2014, are subject to laws phasing out the use of single-use plastic bags; and

WHEREAS, State Senators Padilla, de León, and Lara have authored SB 270, 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 food marts in 2016; and

WHEREAS, SB 270 has been amended to strengthen reusable bag standards to: add a minimum 125 use, 22 lb weight requirement for all reusable bags; to insure the authority of local governments to adopt or amend bag bans beyond the scope of the state law; and to insure local governments are authorized to amend bag charges, which must be a minimum of 10 cents;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that upon the adoption of this Resolution and conditional of the inclusion of the requirements included in the previous paragraph, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2013-2014 State Legislative Program SUPPORT for Senate Bill 270 (Padilla, de León, Lara) that would prohibit grocery stores, large retailers, convenience stores, and food marts from providing free single-use plastic bags to consumers, and require those stores to have reusable bags available for purchase

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