

RESOLUTION RULES, ELECTIONS & INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

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 been first adopted in the form of a Resolution by the City Council with the concurrence of the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, household hazardous waste includes products which pose large health and environmental risks, including automotive byproducts, garden chemicals, consumer electronics, pharmaceuticals, and sharps; and

WHEREAS, household pharmaceutical and sharps waste can pose especially large dangers, including the risk of infectious disease, poisonings, and substance abuse; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature is currently considering AB 45 (Mullin) which would require the California Department of Resources and Recycling to adopt one or more model ordinances for a comprehensive program of household hazardous waste collection; and

WHEREAS, AB 45 would also allow local jurisdictions to adopt one of these model ordinances to establish a collection program for hazardous waste, including pharmaceuticals and sharps, at the local level; and


WHEREAS, various local governments within California have adopted producer responsibility programs for unwanted medications and sharps which require manufacturers to be responsible for funding safe collection of these products; and


WHEREAS, producer responsibility should be part of the cost of conducting business in order to allow the design of products that can be safely discarded and to ensure that collection costs are not shifted onto local governments; and


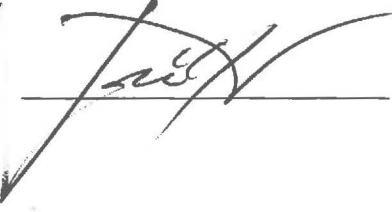
WHEREAS, AB 45 would not require manufacturers and distributors to have primary responsibility for funding the collection of waste generated by their products; and

WHEREAS, AB 45 is inconsistent with existing efforts to establish a producer responsibility program in Los Angeles County, which is currently under consideration by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2015-16 State Legislative Program OPPOSITION to AB 45 (Mullin), which would require the California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery to develop one or more model ordinances to allow local governments to implement programs for the collection of hazardous waste without requiring manufacturers and distributors to be responsible for funding the collection of such waste.

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