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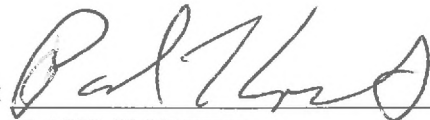
On August 1, 2013, the ordinance banning single-use plastic carryout bags in the City of Los Angeles went into effect. On January 1, 2014 and July 1, 2014, certain large and small retailers, respectively, in the City of Los Angeles banned the use of single-use plastic carryout bags and now require a \$0.10 fee on each paper carryout. Large stores are considered retailers with gross annual sales of over \$2 million or with at least 10,000 square feet of retail space generating sales or use tax and that have a licensed pharmacy. Small stores and markets are considered retailers with gross annual sales of less than \$2 million a year.

On September 30, 2014, California Governor Jerry Brown signed SB270 (Padilla), implementing the nation's first statewide ban on single-use plastic bags as a way to address litter, primarily in the waterways. However, on February 24, 2015, opponents of the statewide ordinance qualified a referendum, putting SB270 and the effective date of the ban, July 1, 2015, on hold until voters can act on the measure in November 2016.

With the statewide ban on hold, it is important that the residents of Los Angeles fully recognize that the City's existing ordinance will continue to be in effect and should continue to adhere to its regulations.

I THEREFORE MOVE that LA Sanitation, in consultation with the City Attorney's Office, the Chief Legislative Analyst, NGOs involved in the ordinance, and the academic community, be instructed to report back in 60 days on the effectiveness of the City's ordinance on single use plastic carryout bags in light of the referendum, including cost savings, litter reduction and other important metrics.

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