File No. 18-0053

ENERGY, CLIMATE CHANGE, AND ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE REPORT relative to drafting a Plastic Straws-On-Request Ordinance.

#### Recommendations for Council action:

- REQUEST the City Attorney, with the assistance of the Bureau of Sanitation (BOS), to prepare and present a Plastic Straws-On-Request Ordinance to include the following provisions:
  - a. To be applicable to food and beverage facilities with more than 26 employees effective January 1, 2019.
  - b. To be applicable to all other food and beverage facilities effective July 1, 2019.
  - c. Allows food and beverage facilities with drive-thru operations to inform drive-thru patrons that they have an option to obtain straws if requested.
  - d. Provide an exemption from this Ordinance to health and medical facilities.
  - e. To address/meet any California Environmental Quality Act requirements associated with the implementation of the Ordinance and related program.

#### 2. DIRECT the BOS to:

- Develop downloadable advisory notices and signage to include the information about the Straws-On-Request Ordinance and the environmental impacts of disposable plastic straws.
- b. Post the advisory notices detailed above in Recommendation No. 2a on the City website.
- c. Prepare and send a mailer to inform businesses, consumers, and City employees about the Straws-On-Request Ordinance.
- d. Work with all food and beverage facilities in the City to display advisory notices about the Straws-On-Request Ordinance on their premises.
- e. Begin complaint-driven enforcement of the Straws-on-Request Ordinance effective July 1, 2019 with the following provisions:
  - i. Written notices will be issued for first and second violations.
  - ii. Subsequent violations are a \$25 fine per day, not to exceed \$300 per year. A food or beverage facility may request an administrative review of any fine or notice by submitting a signed written notice of appeal to the Director, BOS, or designee, no later than 30 days from receipt of a written notice or fine.

## f. Report in regard to:

- i. Optical sorters to capture/recycle straws, and other small recyclable items, in the City's residential and commercial/multi-family recycling programs; and how we can better utilize optical sorters to assist these programs.
- ii. Ways the City can create/develop markets for single-use plastics and other recyclable materials; and the City's current success rate of recycling Styrofoam.
- iii. The feasibility of implementing a plastic straws phase-out Ordinance by 2021 with said report to be completed in 90 days.
- 3. INSTRUCT the BOS, in cooperation with the Department on Disability (DOD) and the Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA), to convene a working group with membership to include community members associated with the DOD, to report on methods and approaches to mitigate impacts to the disabled community associated with the plastic straws phase-out.

<u>Fiscal Impact Statement</u>: None submitted by the BOS. Neither the City Administrative Officer nor the CLA has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: Yes

For: Hollywood United Neighborhood Council

### **SUMMARY**:

At its meeting on October 16, 2018 the Energy, Climate Change, and Environmental Justice Committee considered a BOS report relative to the drafting of a Plastic Straws-On-Request Ordinance. During the discussion, staff from BOS presented an overview of this matter and addressed related questions from the Committee. After an opportunity for public comment, the Committee recommended to approve the BOS report recommendations as amended. This matter is now transmitted to Council for consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

ENERGY, CLIMATE CHANGE, AND ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE

MEMBER VOTE

MARTINEZ YES

KORETZ YES

KREKORIAN ABSENT

CEDILLO

**ABSENT** 

O'FARRELL YES

LC 10/16/18

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