

ENERGY, CLIMATE CHANGE, AND ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE
REPORT relative to the feasibility of implementing a straws-on-request Ordinance.

Recommendation for Council action, pursuant to Motion (O'Farrell - Martinez - Bonin):

INSTRUCT the Bureau of Sanitation (BOS) to report in 60 days in regard to:

- a. The feasibility of implementing a Straws-On-Request Ordinance which requires restaurants, and other food-service providers, to withhold plastic beverage straws unless a customer requests them.
- b. Options that restaurants, and other food-service providers, may use as an alternative to plastic beverage straws such as biodegradable and/or re-usable straws.
- c. Current and potential legislation that seeks to minimize the harmful effects of plastic beverage straws and whether the City should adopt a position.

Fiscal Impact Statement: Neither the City Administrative Officer nor the Chief Legislative Analyst has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: Yes

For:

Del Rey Neighborhood Council

Los Feliz Neighborhood Council

Summary:

On April 17, 2018, your Committee considered a Motion (O'Farrell - Martinez - Bonin) relative to the feasibility of implementing a straws-on-request Ordinance. According to the Motion, in the street, they collect along the walkways, storm drains and parks. In other cases, the beverage straws end up in local waterbodies and the ocean where they're consumed by marine life; thereby impacting their health and welfare. To address these issues, some cities have implemented Straws-On-Request ordinances which require restaurants to withhold plastic beverage straws unless customers request them. The City of Davis and San Luis Obispo recently passed Straws-On-Requests ordinances. Berkeley, and other cities along the coast, are considering similar ordinances. The City of Los Angeles has historically been on the forefront of instrumental environmental policies and initiatives. The City played a significant role in the regulation and control of plastic bag use, increasing waste diversion and recycling and other efforts. The City should consider adopting a Straws-On-Request ordinance; and other related actions that minimize the effect plastic beverage straws have on the environment and the local community.

After consideration and having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to recommend approval of the Motion as detailed in the above recommendation. This matter is now submitted to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

ENERGY, CLIMATE CHANGE, AND ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE



<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
MARTINEZ:	YES
KORETZ:	YES
KREKORIAN:	YES
CEDILLO:	ABSENT
O'FARRELL:	YES

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