

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 government 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, the United States discards approximately 30 million tons of plastic each year; and

WHEREAS, plastic material is not biodegradable as it simply breaks down into smaller pieces which end up in landfills or polluting the environment; and

WHEREAS, local governments in California spend millions each year to clean up and prevent plastic materials and other litter from entering rivers and streams and polluting the ocean; and

WHEREAS, discarded plastic materials negatively impact marine life, as demonstrated by countless seabirds, turtles, and marine mammals dying from plastic ingestion or entanglement; and

WHEREAS, to address this matter, the State Legislature introduced AB 1080 (Gonzales) and SB 54 (Allen), the *California Circular Economy and Plastic Pollution Reduction Act*, which would require the State to adopt regulations to reduce and recycle 75% of single-use plastic materials sold or distributed in the State by 2030; and

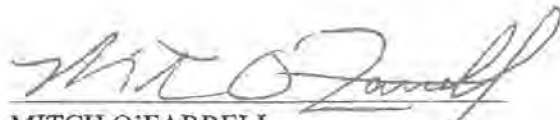
WHEREAS, these measures would also require a manufacturer of single-use plastic materials in the State to demonstrate a recycling rate of not less than 20% on and after January 1, 2022, and not less than 40% on and after January 1, 2026, as a condition of sale; and

WHEREAS, the City of Los Angeles has been a leader in solid waste diversion and recycling programs for years, achieving the highest recycling rate among large U.S. cities; and

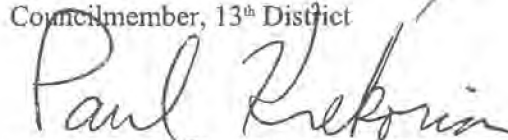

WHEREAS, the City of Los Angeles recently approved the *Plastic Straws-On-Request Ordinance* which will mitigate the impact discarded plastic straws have on marine life and the environment and will improve the quality of life in the City;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2019-2020 State Legislative Program SUPPORT for AB 1080 (Gonzales) and SB 54 (Allen), the *California Circular Economy and Plastic Pollution Act*, which would require the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) to adopt regulations to reduce and recycle 75% of single-use plastic materials sold or distributed in the State by 2030.

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