

Motion

The City of Los Angeles, through the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP), operates and maintains a regulated and sophisticated water treatment and distribution system that meets some of the most stringent water quality requirements in the world. In contrast, there are very few regulatory requirements for water quality in bottled water. Although bottled water quality is not regulated like DWP's water is, bottled water is up to 3,000 times more expensive than water from the tap provided by LADWP, despite the fact that bottled water can originate from the same municipal water systems.

LADWP's tap water is also significantly more sustainable than bottled water. The U.S. purchases and consumes close to 50 billion plastic bottles each year and less than 30% of water bottles are ever recycled. Resource extraction, packaging and distribution of bottled water creates unnecessary air quality and climate change impacts, consumes unnecessary resources such as oil in the manufacturing of plastic bottles and fuel used in the transportation of bottled water to the consumer, and creates unnecessary recycling and waste disposal costs.

The Council is considering three resolutions declaring Los Angeles a "Blue Community," thereby adopting a framework that treats water as a shared resource to be governed by principles that allow for reasonable use, equal distribution and responsible treatment in order to preserve water for nature and future generations. One of the resolutions included a proposal to ban or phase out the sale and provision of bottled water in municipal facilities and at municipal events by 2028.

This is aligned with the Mayor's 2019 Sustainability pLAn update that calls for the installation and refurbishment of hydration stations at 200 sites, prioritizing municipally-owned buildings and public properties such as parks, by 2035. Additionally, the City is studying the feasibility of introducing and expanding hydration stations at parks and municipal facilities (CF 18-0301). Both of these efforts will further increase accessibility to water stations and reduce the need for single-use water bottles.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Chief Legislative Analyst, with assistance from the General Services Department, LADWP, the Los Angeles Bureau of Sanitation, and the City Attorney's office report-back with recommendations on implementing a citywide ordinance banning the purchase and sales of single-use plastic water bottles at City facilities, on City property, and at City-sponsored and City-permitted events where access to municipal water already exists. The report should include:

- Identification of existing water fountains and hydration stations at city facilities and parks.
- Proposed modifications to event permitting and vendor contracts to implement this policy.

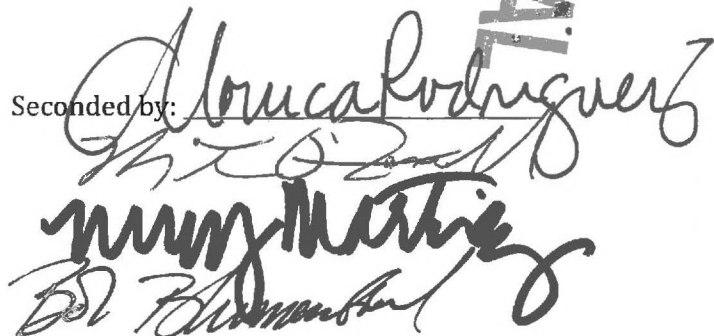
Presented by:



PAUL KREKORIAN

Councilmember, 2nd District

Seconded by:



P15
JUN 11 2019