

**TO THE COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF LOS ANGELES**

Your ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

reports as follows:

ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE REPORT relative to adoption of policy to ban single-use bags in the City of Los Angeles.

Recommendations for Council action, as initiated by Motion (Koretz - Krekorian):

1. REFER the October 12, 2011 report from the Bureau of Sanitation (BOS) back to the Energy and Environment Committee for further analysis and consideration.
2. INSTRUCT the BOS to report back on an outreach plan relative to the ban on plastic bags within 60 days and a report on its status in 30 days.
3. INSTRUCT the City Administrative Officer, the Chief Legislative Analyst, and the BOS to report back with a report analyzing the following:
 - a. Fiscal impacts of the proposed bag ban on manufacturers, businesses, consumers, City residents, and the environment.
 - b. The feasibility of different proposal options, i.e., ban plastic and paper bags, ban plastic and charge on paper, ban plastic and place limitations on free paper bags.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The Board of Public Works reports that funding for the California Environmental Quality Act process will be provided by the Citywide Recycling Trust Fund, Fund 46D. Available Bureau funding sources do not have the ongoing available funds to sustain this program and necessary staff over the long-term or their use for this project is not appropriate.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

Summary:

On December 16, 2011, your Committee considered a report from the Board of Public Works dated October 12, 2011 in response to Motion (Koretz - Krekorian) relative to adoption of policy to ban single-use bags in the City of Los Angeles. The report, attached to the Council file, provides background information and details on the proposed policy. During the discussion of this item, Councilmember Koretz provided an overview of his Motion and encouraged the Committee to move forward and to adopt intermediate steps. He also discussed modeling the City's program after the County's program. The BOS representatives then provided a thorough overview of the Bureau's report and recommendations, and responded to numerous related questions from the Committee members. After additional discussion and providing an opportunity for public comment, the Committee recommended that Council approve the recommendations reflected above.

This matter is now submitted to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
PERRY:	YES
KREKORIAN:	YES
CÁRDENAS:	ABSENT
ALARCÓN:	YES
LABONGE	ABSENT

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