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RESOLUTION

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 governmental 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, approximately 6 billion single-use plastic bags are used in Los Angeles County each year, and few of them are recycled; and

WHEREAS, single-use plastic bags often end up as litter that pollutes Los Angeles' streetscapes, waterways, wetlands and beaches; and

WHEREAS, in 2012 the City adopted a plan that phases out the use of single-use plastic bags by implementing a ban on their distribution at retail stores, and that would also phase in a requirement that retailers charge for paper bags, and the City continues to move forward with the implementation of that plan; and

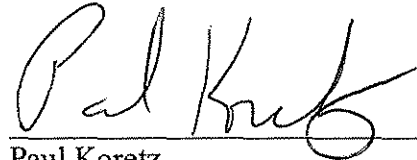
WHEREAS, the environmental problems caused by plastic bags are real and are not limited to the City, and attempts to prohibit local governments from regulating bags harm the environment and further represent infringements on the ability of local governments to control their own jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, State Assembly Member Allen has introduced AB 1337, which would prohibit local cities, counties, and agencies from adopting or enforcing a ban or fee on single-use plastic bags; and

WHEREAS, adoption of AB 1337 would set back useful environmental regulations by years, would prevent local governments from addressing the related problems that they are faced with daily, and would keep the City from implementing its own solutions to this problem;

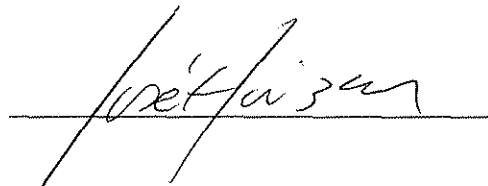
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2013-2014 State Legislative Program **OPPOSITION** to AB 1337 (Allen), which would prohibit local governments from banning or mandating fees on single-use plastic bags; and support for legislation to implement a statewide approach to eliminating the use of single-use plastic bags through a ban and/or system of related fees.

PRESENTED BY:



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SECONDED BY:



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