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**MOTION**

Southern California's Puente Hills Landfill, one of the largest landfills in the country, is scheduled to shut down operations on October 31, 2013. The site has been in operation since 1957, first as a private dump, and since 1970 as a sanitary landfill owned and operated by the Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County (LACSD).

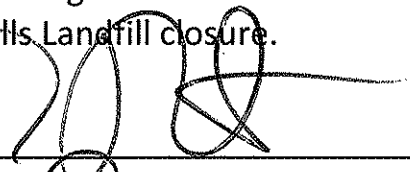
This closure is expected to send ripples throughout the County, including a hike in waste disposal costs for communities who currently use the landfill. The closure is expected to cause a region-wide scramble for alternative disposal options.

The Puente Hills Landfill currently accepts over 13,000 tons per day. The closure will put a strain on the region's ability to deal with solid waste.


Our City continues to obtain a goal of zero waste, but have not reached it yet. We as a City need to look at the impact the closure will have, if any, on our ability to dispose solid waste and the costs that are likely to rise.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council direct the Bureau of Sanitation to provide a report to the City Council's Energy and Environment Committee in 30 days on its long term strategy for solid waste disposal and how it will ensure that the residents of the City of Los Angeles will not see significant rate hikes in their sanitation charges associated with the Puente Hills Landfill closure.

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