

MOTION

ENERGY, CLIMATE CHANGE AND ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE

On July 1, 2017, the Bureau of Sanitation (LASAN) began the roll-out for its RecycLA program that establishes recycling and waste collection services for all commercial, industrial, and large multifamily customers in the City.

The RecycLA program consists of 11 exclusive service zones with each zone serviced by one solid resources collection firm. Each service collection firm is required to provide efficient collection and processing of solid resources to their clients.

Businesses have raised concerns about the RecycLA program and its bin/fee structure. Some businesses indicated that each business is required to have a set of bins which are subject to an established fee structure.

These businesses stressed that they generate far less recycling and waste materials that would justify having individual bins. As a result, they have half or quarter-filled bins, yet are paying the full price of each bin. In some cases, these businesses complained that the bin charges are too high.

These businesses are supportive of the program's efforts; however they would like the City to adopt a bin-sharing option with a commensurate fee structure. In this manner, the use of the bins can be maximized and the associated cost of service can be shared.

There is precedent within the City's existing solid waste infrastructure to support bin sharing and a reduced cost for multiple accounts sharing bins. For example, the City curbside recycling program provides three bins – one each for trash, recyclables and green waste for \$36.32/month for single family dwellings and duplexes. Multi-family dwellings with three to five units receive trash, recycling and green waste collection for \$24.33/month and share bins. Businesses should have this same opportunity.


I THEREFORE MOVE that the Bureau of Sanitation (LASAN) report to the City Council in 30 days on the next steps for the RecycLA program to allow business customers to share bins with neighboring businesses in order to maximize the use of each bin.

I FURTHER MOVE that the LASAN report to the City Council on a commensurate fee structure for businesses that engage in a bin-sharing option.

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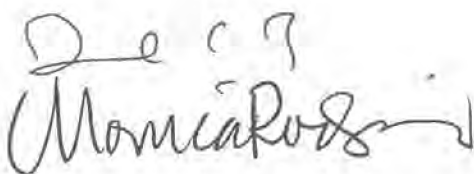

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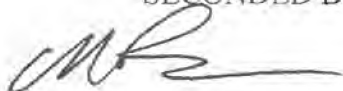
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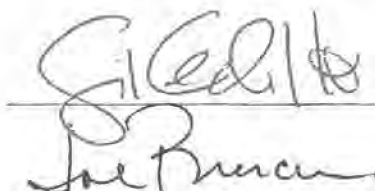

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