

MOTION

Since 1987, the California Beverage Container Recycling and Litter Reduction Act (Bottle Bill) has required every beverage container sold in California to have a minimum redemption value. The Bottle Bill has continued to be a key part of California's recycling program and has encouraged recycling across the state. However, over the last several years, the recycling commodity markets have been in decline. This decline in recycling is directly related to drops in the price of recycled commodities, including PET, glass, and aluminum. This decline has shown the state how dependent our recycling infrastructure is on the international market and trade policies. In California, over 60 percent of recycled material is exported. Most recently, China's National Sword policy has greatly reduced the amount of recycled materials that can be exported, causing an even larger decline in recovered materials.

Additionally, unconnected bottle caps continue to be a significant source of plastic waste, which litter our streets and beaches and can fatally injure seabirds and fish.

In order to achieve the City's goal to achieve Zero Waste by 2025, the City must develop local markets for recycled materials. At the same time, we must look to manufacturers to increase their responsibility for finding end markets for recyclable materials and, ultimately, for the end life of their products.

I THEREFORE MOVE that LA Sanitation (LASAN) be instructed to report to the City Council in 90 days on the feasibility of implanting a Minimum Recycled Content ordinance which requires all beverage containers sold or distributed in the City of Los Angeles contain at least 75% post-consumer recycled content.

I FURTHER MOVE that LASAN be instructed to report to the City Council in 90 days on the feasibility of implementing a Leash-Your-Lid ordinance which requires all beverage containers sold or distributed in the City of Los Angeles to have caps that are either connected or continuously affixed to the bottle.

I FURTHER MOVE that LASAN be instructed to report on the current status of the City's recycling program and the quantity of beverage containers and caps being recycled.

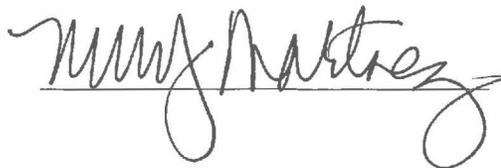
I FURTHER MOVE that LASAN be instructed to report on the feasibility of the City's either actively incentivizing the local recycling of products or of the City's establishing its own recycled products manufacturing program.

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