

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, the World Economic Forum has reported that plastics in our oceans will outweigh fish pound for pound by 2050 at the current rates of plastic production and disposal; and

WHEREAS, China's National Sword policy restricts imports of solid wastes, including various plastic, paper, and solid waste; and

WHEREAS, the sale of recyclable materials to China is a foundation of the recycling infrastructure of many states, including California; and

WHEREAS, the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OCED) has recommended placing the responsibility for the post-consumer phase of certain goods on producers; and

WHEREAS, Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) is a policy in which producers are given a significant responsibility, financial and/or physical, for the treatment or disposal of post-consumer products; and

WHEREAS, assigning such a responsibility could provide incentives to prevent wastes at the source, promote product design for the environment, and support the achievement of public recycling and materials management goals; and

WHEREAS, legislation should be introduced which gives producers deadlines and incentives to eliminate the use of plastics and packaging, such as tax breaks, prior to designating a single-use plastic waste product phase out date;

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 into its 2019-2020 State Legislative Program SUPPORT or SPONSORSHIP for legislation and/or administrative action that would establish a Producer Pays Principle, which would institute Extended Producer Responsibility requirements for single-use plastics and packaging and include the eventual phasing out of plastics for packaging purposes.

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