

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 government 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, recent reports show that paper receipts generate 302,000,000 pounds of waste in the country; and most paper receipts contain chemicals that contaminate recyclable paper materials; and

WHEREAS, research has found that 93 percent of paper receipts are coated with Bisphenol-A (BPA) or Bisphenol-S (BPS) chemicals; and the United States Food and Drug Administration has banned BPA from baby bottles because they are known to disrupt hormones, cause cancerous tumors and birth defects; and

WHEREAS, the BPA or BPS on receipts can enter people's bodies simply through touch, which poses a major risk to retail workers according to the Environmental Working Group and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; and

WHEREAS, the State of Connecticut banned the use of paper receipts containing BPA in 2011, and the European Union plans to restrict the use of BPA and BPS in thermal paper in 2020; and

WHEREAS, during the last several years, businesses throughout the Country have increased the use of digital electronic receipts; and


WHEREAS, prohibiting businesses from providing paper receipts, except upon request, would have a significant and positive environmental and public health impact; and

WHEREAS, the City of Los Angeles has been on the forefront of environmental sustainability efforts including solid waste reduction and recycling;

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 2019-2020 State Legislative Program SUPPORT for AB 161 (Ting) which seeks to prohibit stores from providing paper receipts to customers, except upon request, beginning January 1, 2022 in order to improve the environment and ensure public health and welfare.



PRESENTED BY:


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SECONDED BY:



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