

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 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, the City provides solid resources collection services to more than 750,000 households which includes a strong recycling-oriented focus; and

WHEREAS, the UCLA Engineering Extension's Municipal Solid Waste Management Program reported that the City has achieved a recycling rate of 76.4% which gives it the highest recycling rate out of the 10 largest U.S. cities; and

WHEREAS, the City has been on the forefront of recycling-oriented initiatives and has also supported State legislation that promotes good recycling practices that enhance its efforts; and

WHEREAS, AB 649 (Bennett) seeks to establish the Office of Environmental Justice and Tribal Relations within CalRecycle, the State's solid resources and recycling regulatory agency; and

WHEREAS, AB 649 would ensure that CalRecycle's programs effectively address the needs of disadvantaged communities, low-income communities and California Native American Tribes; and

WHEREAS, AB 881 (Gonzalez) seeks to close the loophole in State law that enables exported mixed plastic waste to be deemed recycled even when it is landfilled, burned or improperly managed; and

WHEREAS, AB 881 would increase transparency and accountability in recycling efforts; ensuring that recycling truly means recycling; and

WHEREAS, AB 478 (Ting) seeks to set minimum recycled content requirements for plastic thermoform food containers, starting at 10% and reaching 30% by January 1, 2030; and


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WHEREAS, AB 478 would expand the use of recycled content in food packaging thereby minimizing the impact of plastics on the environment and furthering good recycling practices;

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 2021-2022 State Legislative Program SUPPORT for AB 649 (Bennett), AB 881 (Gonzalez) and AB 478 (Ting) which seek to promote good recycling initiatives and practices and will enhance the City's recycling efforts.



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