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The City of Los Angeles endeavors to be on the forefront of large municipalities when it comes to leading impactful climate change policy. Over the past few years the City has implemented portions of the Sustainability pLAN, and the Green New Deal, and hired various position experts to lead and guide our ongoing operations with the goals of reducing waste, recycling where prudent, and eliminating the production and use of harmful environmental substances.

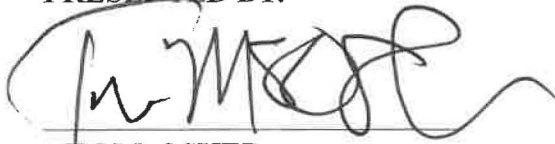
The City of Los Angeles, through the Bureau of Sanitation (BOS), recently adopted an ordinance to ensure compliance with the State of California’s landmark SB 1383 mandated legislation to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by removing organic materials from the waste stream. We’ve also adopted ordinances to ban expanded polystyrene (EPS) ban, develop zero waste at City departments and events, and expand the ban on single-use carryout bags to continue leading in these efforts.

The myriad of policies adopted are crucial to our environmental future and must be earnestly pursued. The City Council should receive the latest information and learn BOS’s plan to lead by example by implementing the Zero Waste Plans (ZWP) and Zero Waste Events (ZWE) at all City departments and at City-sponsored events. Particularly, important is to demonstrate our commitment to the policies where City department operations are concerned, as well as City-sponsored or permitted events are active on City property. Residents and environmental advocates need to see how to eliminate single-use plastic bags, and single-use containers, or re-commit to recyclable containers or compostable food ware products. In addition, the City has an opportunity to collect surplus edible food to be rescued and provided to food rescue organizations as stipulated in the SB 1383 legislation.

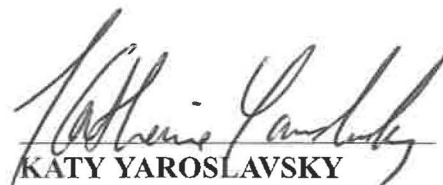
I THEREFORE MOVE that the Bureau of Sanitation be instructed to report within 60 days on the status of implementing Zero Waste Events and Zero Waste Plans to promote Zero Waste Facilities and Events on City property to achieve the various adopted policies to combat climate change within the City of Los Angeles and the effectiveness of the recently adopted ordinances. This report should also include resources needed and updates related to composting in all City facilities, with an emphasis on expanding composting access in City Hall.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Bureau of Sanitation, with support from General Services Department and relevant departments that manage their own facilities, be instructed to report on its staffing, procurement, and budget requirements, its data needs from departments, procurement needs, and what interdepartmental agreements it should pursue to implement effective programs to achieve our climate change goals.

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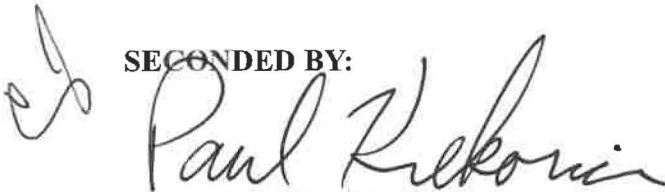


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