

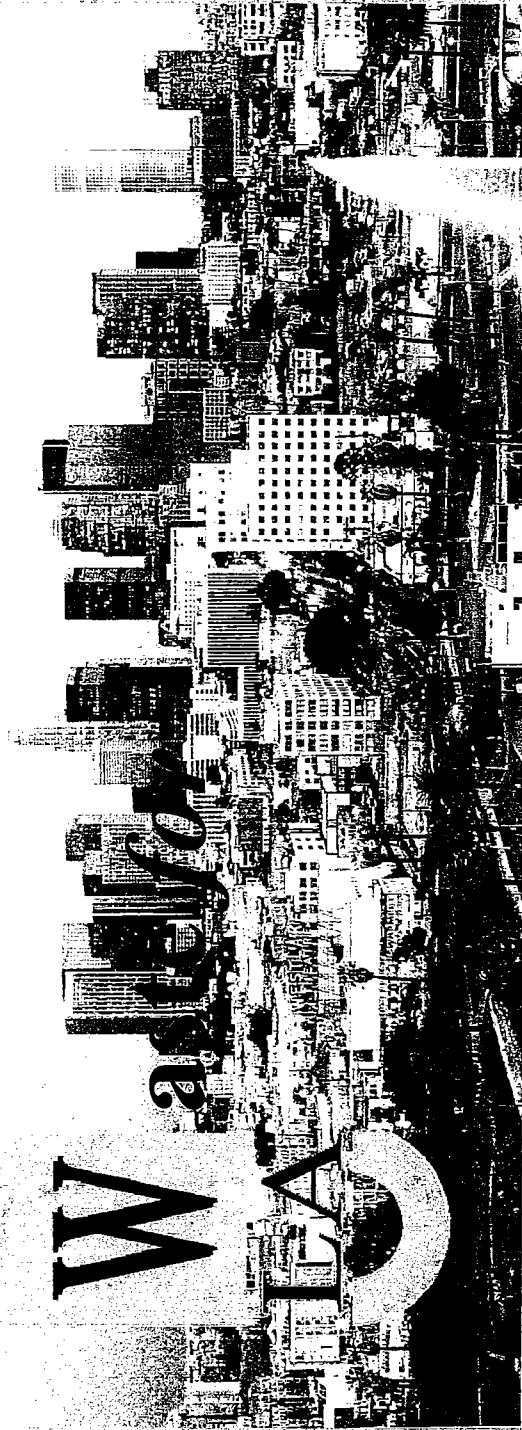
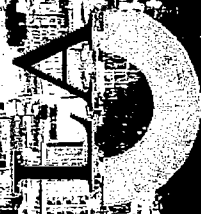
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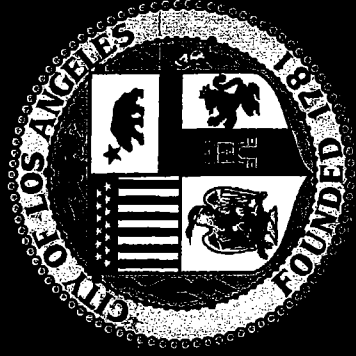
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For over 200 years Americans have enjoyed the freedom of open space and vast resources. During plentiful times, governmental leaders have considered trash to be a problem to be "managed" and the easiest and cheapest way to get rid of it was simply to dig a hole, throw the trash in it and cover it up. We now know that this process of landfilling is environmentally unsound, and wastes precious virgin resources. We also have run out of open space in the urbanized parts of America and no longer have the option.

Cities around the world are changing the way they view trash. Enlightened cities consider trash a resource to be used for economic benefit, not a problem to be dealt with. In my travels, I have seen these cities manage their *resources* – not their waste. They actively reduce refuse and maximize their reuse and recycling opportunities. They then convert what's left back to beneficial use for society in the form of alternative fuels, renewable green energy, soil amendments and feedstocks for manufacturing processes.

As a world-class city, Los Angeles needs to be at the forefront of technological advancement in dealing with its trash. The time has come for Los Angeles to take the lead and forge a path to move beyond the 200-year-old, environmentally damaging, system of landfilling – to a new paradigm of reuse and zero waste. RENEW LA is the roadmap to this paradigm.

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P.S. Please don't trash this plan...recycle it.