

ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY & WASTE MANAGEMENT

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MOTION

The City of Los Angeles collects solid waste from single family homes and apartment buildings with less than four units. Using a three-barrel system that requires residents to separate recycleables into a blue can, greenwaste and yard trimmings into a green can and the remaining trash into the black can for disposal.

This system has allowed the City of Los Angeles to receive a 62% diversion level, among the highest in the State of California. Beyond that, the City has set a goal of 70% diversion by 2010. We need to move beyond the concept of "waste management" to a new paradigm of maximum resource recovery.

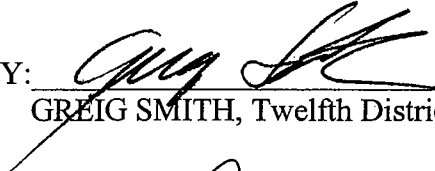
It is imperative that the City of Los Angeles adopt and implement a far-reaching and ambitious plan. This plan should provide a blueprint to a City that is not dependent on landfills for disposal, but also strives further, to create renewable, green energy, ("green collar jobs") from incentivizing local recycling and re-manufacturing industries.

Doing so will preserve natural resources, reduce the traffic, emissions and other environmental hazards associated with landfilling and will provide a local, responsible and environmentally just plan for resource recovery, by returning formerly wasted resources back to beneficial use.

R.E.N.E.W. LA (Recovering Energy, Natural Resources and Economic Benefit from Waste for L.A.) is such a plan.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council adopt the RENEW LA plan as a resource management blueprint for the City of Los Angeles for the next 20 years.

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