



July 16, 2020

The Honorable Paul Koretz
Councilmember, Fifth District
City of Los Angeles
Los Angeles, CA 90012

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Dear Councilmember Koretz:

RE: Council File 14-1149 – Environmentally Preferable Purchasing Policy

The City adopted the Environmentally Preferable Purchasing Policy (EPPP) by ordinance in 2009. On August 19, 2014, you introduced the referenced motion, requesting reports from the City's proprietary departments on the compliance status of each department with the City's Environmentally Preferable Purchasing Policy (EPPP). While the motion has never been formally adopted by the full City Council, Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA) is pleased to report that we are in compliance with the EPPP. As required by the EPPP, LAWA has submitted annual reports of purchasing activities to the City's Bureau of Sanitation (LASAN).

LAWA feels that the EPPP is a key component of its overall commitment to sustainability, particularly where we have significant utilization of products with EPP-compliant alternatives. In our most recent report, LAWA reported on several noteworthy procurements:

- 1.87 million pounds (81,501 cases) of 100% recovered, EPP-compliant janitorial paper products (paper towels, toilet paper, etc.).
- 443,000 pounds (10,663 cases) of EPP-compliant trash liners.
- 57,000 pounds (6003 cases) of EPP-compliant hand soap.
- 14,000 tons of airfield and roadway construction materials, procured pursuant to the Public Works Greenbook specifications.

Our latest EPPP report mentions an innovative approach to waste reduction through food donation and food recycling. In 2019, LAX concessionaire HMS Host, through the LAX Harvest Food Donation Program donated about 36 tons of food or 146,602 individual food items. In May, the Board of Airport Commissioners approved the LAX Food Donation Policy, which requires all food-serving businesses and organizations at LAX to participate in a food donation program (<https://www.lawa.org/news-releases/2020/news-release-034>).

On Earth Day 2017, LAWA, in partnership with LASAN, launched the pilot organic waste recycling program. The program collects food waste from a targeted sample of restaurants and concessionaires from Terminals 7 and 8. By the end of 2019, the program had expanded to all airline lounges.



The waste is sent to an anaerobic digestion facility, where it is converted into renewable natural gas and fertilizer (<https://www.lawa.org/news-releases/2017/news-release-110>). In 2019, the program diverted 139 tons of food waste.

EPPP and food waste reduction, however, are but two elements of LAWA's overall sustainability program. We encourage you to familiarize yourself with our program on LAWA's website (<https://www.lawa.org/en/lawa-sustainability>), and to review LAWA's Sustainability Action Plan that is available on the website.

Please contact Mark Adams at (424) 646-5114 or madams2@lawa.org if you need more information on this subject.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Justin Erbacci', with a stylized, cursive script.

Justin Erbacci
Chief Executive Officer

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cc: Honorable Joe Buscaino, Chair, Trade, Travel, and Tourism Committee