

## MOTION

As Los Angeles advances the next phase of its commercial and multifamily waste franchise system through RecycLA 2.0, the City must not only meet its legal obligations under state law but also uphold its values of environmental stewardship, regional cooperation, and long-term accountability.

Waste collected under RecycLA, including solid waste, recyclables, and organics is sent to facilities located outside the boundaries of the City of Los Angeles, including in unincorporated areas of L.A. County and the Antelope Valley. While these facilities may lie outside the City's jurisdiction, their operations are directly tied to contracts and haulers authorized under RecycLA.

Communities near these facilities have raised ongoing environmental and public health concerns, and in at least one case, a lawsuit has been filed by Antelope Valley residents alleging that waste imported from the City of Los Angeles has caused harm to their community. If the City fails to exercise oversight and due diligence over these facilities and their impacts, it risks both reputational damage and future legal and financial liabilities.

A comprehensive waste management system must be evaluated not just by what happens within the City, but also by how the City's decisions affect surrounding regions and vulnerable communities.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council instruct the Bureau of Sanitation (LASAN), in coordination with the City Attorney, LADBS, and any other relevant departments, to report back within 60 days on:

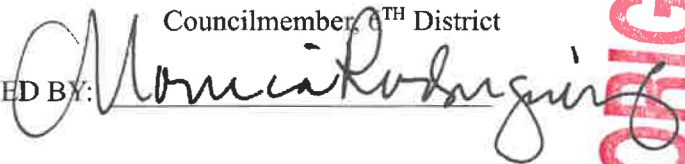
- An evaluation of how LASAN is ensuring that facilities located outside the City but contracted or utilized under RecycLA uphold the City's standards for environmental stewardship, regional cooperation, and long-term accountability;
- Any existing oversight or auditing mechanisms related to the performance, environmental compliance, and community impacts of these facilities;
- Strategies for improving transparency and community engagement with respect to waste facilities located outside the City, such as, but not limited to recommendations on how to engage State partners;
- An assessment of the legal risks, liabilities, and potential lawsuit exposures that could arise if contracted facilities or downstream handling outside City boundaries cause harm, nuisance, or environmental degradation, with recommended mitigation strategies;
- Recommendations for how the City can embed stronger cross-jurisdictional accountability into future franchise agreements, including through contract terms, reporting requirements, or inter-agency collaboration.

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