

RESOLUTION RULES, ELECTIONS, INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

WHEREAS, any official position of the City of Los Angeles with respect to legislation, rules, regulations or policies proposed to or pending before a local, state or federal governmental body or agency must first have been adopted in the form of a Resolution by the City Council with the concurrence of the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, outdated regulations and falling commodity prices have cost California's recycling infrastructure more than \$45 million in the last 18 months—payments promised under California's 31 year old Beverage Container Recycling Program; and

WHEREAS, nearly 1000 beverage container recycling centers – more than a third of the entire statewide infrastructure - have closed since peak recycling in 2013; and

WHEREAS, recycling rates once at a high of 85% have dropped below 80% for the first time since 2008, with the latest data showing just 75.5% beverage container recycling in 2017; and

WHEREAS, this drop in recycling equals the equivalent of 1.7 million beverage containers a day being littered or landfilled; and

WHEREAS, thousands of Californians have lost their opportunity to get back their promised refund value; and

WHEREAS, Senator Steven Glazer has introduced State Bill 452, which would authorize the California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery to expend a portion of \$200 million Program surplus to support recycling; and

WHEREAS, SB 452 would return Program payments to all recyclers to levels prior to the global drop in oil prices and allow the marketplace to stabilize; and

WHEREAS, SB 452 would financially incentivize recyclers to re-open closed centers in rural and underserved communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2017-2018 State Legislative Program SUPPORT for SB 452 (Glazer), which will financially support California recyclers and bring our statewide beverage container recycling rate back to meeting or exceeding statutory goals.

PRESENTED BY:


PAUL KORETZ
Councilmember, 5th District

SECONDED BY:



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