

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, the use of recycled materials is critical to preventing pollution, conserving natural resources, and reducing the greenhouse gas emissions associated with producing new products; and

WHEREAS, the State of California has set a goal to source reduce, recycle, or compost 75% of all solid waste generated by the year 2020; and

WHEREAS, California's existing requirement that all glass bottles contain at least 35% recycled glass has significantly supported in-state glass recycling and manufacturing for more than two decades; and

WHEREAS, in recent years, roughly one-third of recyclables collected in California are exported, including virtually all mixed paper and plastics, and nearly two-thirds of that exported is shipped to China; and

WHEREAS, in June 2017 China announced its National Sword policy establishing new quality standards for recycled materials and severely restricting recyclable materials acceptable for import; and

WHEREAS, current and prospective market conditions demand that California develop and deploy policies and incentives to increase demand for recycled materials generated; and

WHEREAS, sales of beverage containers in the State of California exceed twenty-four billion units annually, half of which are made of plastic; and

WHEREAS, Senator Bob Wieckowski has introduced State Bill 168, which would require the California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery to establish minimum recycled content standards by January 1, 2021 for all beverage containers generated and sold in the State of California; and

WHEREAS, SB 168 would create a predictable and robust in-state market for recycled beverage container materials like plastic, and complement California's glass minimum recycled content requirement.

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 168 (Wieckowski), which will require beverage containers generated and sold in the State of California to be made, in part, with recycled material.

PRESENTED BY:



PAUL KORETZ

Councilmember, 5th District

SECONDED BY:



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