

RESOLUTION

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 have first been adopted in the form of a Resolution by the City Council with the concurrence of the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, plastic pollution has become one of the world's most pressing environmental crises; and

WHEREAS, the dramatic increase in production and use of disposable plastic products overwhelms the ability of the world to deal with the resulting waste; and

WHEREAS, single-use plastics account for 40 percent of the plastic produced every year and many of these products, such as plastic bags and food wrappers, are used and discarded within minutes, yet they may persist in the environment for hundreds of years; and

WHEREAS, every year, about 8 million tons of plastic waste escapes into the oceans; and

WHEREAS, millions of animals are killed by plastics every year, from birds to fish and other marine organisms; and

WHEREAS, in March 2021, the Break Free From Plastic Pollution Act was introduced in the United States Senate as S. 984 (Merkley) and in the United States House of Representatives as H.R. 2238 (Lowenthal), which would reduce plastic pollution, increase recycling and protect communities from toxic emissions; and

WHEREAS, the Break Free From Plastic Pollution Act would shift the responsibility of waste cleanup to the corporations that produced the plastics, establish an extended producer responsibility program for packaging, establish minimum recycled content mandates for certain products, establish a national container deposit system, and eliminate waste export loopholes;

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 2021-2022 Federal Legislative Program SUPPORT for S. 984 (Merkley) and H.R. 2238 (Lowenthal), the Break Free From Plastic Pollution Act, and any similar legislation that would help minimize plastic pollution.

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