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Re: Public Comments for ECCEJRC hearing 12/2

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Thanks Alison. I'm adding our Clerk who will be able to put your comment up on the council file.

Thanks,

Star

Sent from my iPhone

On Dec 2, 2021, at 11:01 AM, Alison Waliszewski <alison@5gyres.org> wrote:

Hello,

I hope this email finds you well. I was unable to submit my public comments on item 8 and general public comment due to technical difficulties so I was instructed to reach out to you directly. Myself and others representing the Reusable LA coalition followed instructions, but we were unable to unmute. We always appreciate the opportunity to have our voices heard, especially in support of the LA Sanitation report. Thank you for your help.

Please find my comments below:

Good morning honorable councilmembers,

I would like to comment on item 8 and general public comment. My name is Alison Waliszewski and I am the policy & outreach. Manager with 5 Gyres Institute – a non-profit organization empowering action against the global health crisis of plastic pollution through *science, education, and advocacy that is* based in Santa Monica I am also the co-chair of the Reusable LA coalition, a group of organizations throughout greater Los Angeles that has been fighting together for many years to end plastic pollution & worked with city staff on foodware accessories upon request.

5 Gyres Institute and Reusable LA strongly support the recommended policies relayed in the La Sanitation Report. Policies that focus on transitioning from single use to reuse and refill are far and away the most effective and equitable policies to reduce plastic pollution that burdens not only our environment but our frontline communities.

I would like to highlight that recommended Policy 3 does not address Reusable LA suggests a charge for disposable cups with an equity analysis/ stakeholder process.

Let us not forget the ultimate goal with these recommended policies: to protect our community. Los Angeles is a microcosm for the global plastics cycle, and that cycle pollutes at every stop. From oil & gas drilling to refining, manufacturing to distribution, to use and disposal, plastic, particularly single-use plastic, is a huge pollution problem riddled with environmental racism, and nowhere is that more true than here in LA. Angelinos WANT this, we are ready to curb our plastic pollution, and we support these recommended policies wholeheartedly.

Thank you for your time.



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