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WEST HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

JOINT BOARD AND GOVERNMENT RELATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2018 at 7:30 PM

Condon Center, Second Floor Conference Room

Chaminade College Preparatory, 23260 Saticoy Street, West Hills CA 91304

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1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Minutes from the October, 2017 Joint Board and Government Relations Committee Meeting
3. Comments from the Chair
4. Public Comment
5. Discussion and Possible Action on CF 15-1041-S4 - Animal Welfare – Jefferson Park Animal Shelter
6. Discussion and Possible Action on CF 12-1681-S1 – NC Subdivision Equity Funding
7. Discussion and Possible Action on CF 18-0045 – City Council Meetings being held in the evenings;
8. Discussion and Possible Action on CF-17-1311– FUSE Fellow Report Tier 1 Recommendations;
9. Discussion and Possible Action on CF-18-0053 – Straws on Request;
10. Adjournment

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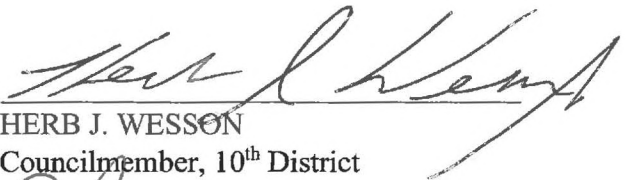
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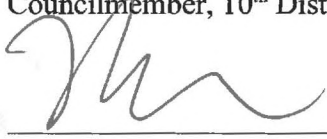
The City previously operated the Southwest Los Angeles Animal Services, Jefferson Park Shelter (Jefferson Park Animal Shelter) located at 3612 11th Avenue Los Angeles, 90018. This facility was closed in 2012 when the new South Los Angeles, Chesterfield Square Animal Shelter opened.

There is a need to reopen the Jefferson Park Animal Shelter to act as a no-kill overflow shelter. However, the Jefferson Park Animal Shelter requires approximately \$1.19 million in capital repairs, including a new roof, elevator upgrades, flooring and kennel upgrades, electrical repairs, and cleaning/graffiti removal. On April 25, 2016, the City Council awarded \$1.15 million in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds to complete the necessary repairs at the site (C.F. 15-1041). The City Administrative Officer also identified \$176,000 in Capital Expenditure Improvement Program (CIEP) funds to offset the shortfall and any ineligible CDBG costs.

The City previously issued a Request for Information (RFI) and Request for Proposal (RFP) in 2011 and 2012 to identify a non-profit agency who could assist with reopening the Jefferson Park Animal Shelter, but no proposals were received that were consistent with the City's no-kill policy. The City should release another RFP to identify a non-profit partner who can assist with reopening the Jefferson Park Shelter and provide much-needed animal services to the surrounding communities. These services may include low to no-cost medical services, neo-natal kitten care, and pitbull rehabilitation.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council instruct the City Administrative Officer, with assistance from the Los Angeles Animal Services Department and the City Attorney, to develop and issue a Request for Proposal to identify one or more non-profits to assist with the reopening and operation of the Southwest Los Angeles Animal Services, Jefferson Park Shelter located at 3612 11th Avenue Los Angeles, 90018.

PRESENTED BY: 
HERB J. WESSON
Councilmember, 10th District

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November 07, 2017

Honorable David E. Ryu, Chair
Health, Education, and Neighborhood Council Committee
Councilmember, Fourth District
Los Angeles City Hall
200 N Spring Street, Room 425
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Honorable Committee Chair Ryu:

The Hermon Neighborhood Council was the first successful subdivision in the City of Los Angeles. On May 25, 2017, the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners approved the Hermon Neighborhood Council bylaws in accordance with the Neighborhood Council Subdivision Ordinance Sec. 22.819, paragraph d. During this process, the Commission observed challenges implementing the process of the Subdivision Ordinance and believed should be addressed.

The Commission has held discussions, regarding amendments to the ordinance, on their agendas since our special meeting on July 12, 2017. Neighborhood Council Board Members as well as community stakeholders have commented on the proposed amendments at our meetings since it was first agendized. The text of the proposed amendments have been made available for public comments since our August 3, 2017 special meeting.

At the regular meeting of the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners held on October 16, 2017, we approved the final version of the proposed amendments. At this meeting, your Field Deputy, Mr. Nicholas Greif, stated the Health, Education and Neighborhood Council Committee expected the Commission to provide recommendations to amend the Subdivision Ordinance.

The Department of Neighborhood Empowerment has informed the Commission, they will open the Subdivision Application process in November. The Commission feels this is the appropriate time to submit this matter to your Committee for review and consideration.

The Board of Neighborhood Commissioners respectfully submit the following amendments to Section 22.819 of Article 3 of Chapter 28 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code (Neighborhood Council Subdivision Ordinance) for consideration: ***(proposed language changes in bold and italic and or ~~strikethrough~~)***

Proposed amendments to Administrative Code Section 22.819 – Neighborhood Council Subdivision

(a) Subdivision Petition. A stakeholder within an existing certified Neighborhood Council who desires to form a separate certified Neighborhood Council within the boundaries of one or more existing certified Neighborhood Councils shall submit a subdivision petition to the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (Department) on a form approved by the Department. The subdivision petition shall identify five stakeholders who are authorized to receive notice and make decisions regarding the subdivision petition, including any bylaw changes. The Department shall review the subdivision petition to determine if the subdivision petition complies with the components of a Certification Application stated in Article III, Section 2 of the Plan for a Citywide System of Neighborhood Councils (Plan), except that the subdivision petition may propose boundaries that are within one or more existing certified Neighborhood Councils. ***The Department shall notify all affected certified Neighborhood Councils when a subdivision petition is requested. The Department shall also notify all affected certified Neighborhood Councils when a subdivision petition is filed and when any amendment or amendments to the original petition are filed. The petition and any amendments shall be posted on the Department's web site. Notice shall be given to all current board members of the affected certified Neighborhood Councils on file with the Department, and shall include a link to the original petition and any amendments. All such notices shall be accomplished as soon as practicable.***

(b) Outreach. ***The Department shall be responsible for outreach to both the proposed subdivision and any affected certified Neighborhood Councils. Where possible the Department shall hold informational town hall meetings in both the proposed subdivision area and within the boundaries of any affected certified Neighborhood Councils excluding the proposed subdivision area. Outreach by the Department shall not relieve the proponents of the proposed subdivision of any outreach requirements imposed by the Department.***

(c) Petition, Bylaws and Boundaries. ***After conducting suitable outreach, but in no event longer than 90 days after final approval of the subdivision petition by the Department, the Department shall forward to the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners (Commission) the approved subdivision petition and the bylaws of the proposed subdivision. Within 30 days the Commission shall hold a hearing in the proposed subdivision area for the purpose of reviewing the subdivision petition and the proposed bylaws and boundaries. The Commission, after making any necessary findings shall approve or disapprove of the subdivision petition. If the subdivision petition is approved, then the Commission is authorized to make any amendments to the bylaws to satisfy Article III Section 2 of the Plan. The Commission is also authorized to make any amendments to the boundaries that it deems necessary to preserve the integrity of the affected Neighborhood Council or Councils and the subdivision.***

(d) Election Approving a Subdivision. The Department shall conduct an election within the boundaries stated in the subdivision petition within 90 days of the Department's approval of the subdivision petition ***Commission's approval of the subdivision petition and the bylaws and boundaries. Where possible the Department shall also locate additional polling locations within the boundaries of the affected Certified Neighborhood Councils outside of the proposed subdivision area.*** A stakeholder is eligible to vote in the election if the person is a stakeholder in the proposed area for subdivision or in any of the Neighborhood Councils that are proposed for subdivision. A majority of the voters from the entire Neighborhood Council or Neighborhood Councils being subdivided must approve the subdivision in order to create the new Neighborhood Council. ***If, after certification of the election by the Department it is determined that a majority of the stakeholders voting at the election approves of the***

subdivision the Department shall forward the results to the Commission for certification of the subdivision as a Neighborhood Council at its next regular or special meeting.

(e) **Bylaws for the Existing Neighborhood Council.** ~~If a majority of the stakeholders at the election approve the subdivision,~~ **If the Commission certifies the new Neighborhood Council,** then the existing certified Neighborhood Council or Neighborhood Councils being subdivided shall amend their bylaws within ~~30~~ **60** days of the ~~election~~ **certification** to reflect changes to the boundaries and, if applicable, the board structure. If the existing certified Neighborhood Council or Neighborhood Councils fail to provide amended bylaws within ~~30~~ **60** days of the ~~election~~ **certification** then the Department is authorized to amend the bylaws to reflect any changes to the boundaries or board structure. The Department shall forward the bylaws for any Neighborhood Council that is being subdivided ~~and the subdivision petition to the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners~~ **for approval of the bylaws. The Commission is authorized to make any amendments to the bylaws to satisfy Article III Section 2 of the Plan.**

Thank you for considering our position and feel free to reach out to our Commission for clarification.

Yours truly,



Joy Atkinson, President
Board of Neighborhood Commissioners

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MOTION

Lawmaker Challenge

On November 11, 2017, my office partnered with public service startup Lawmaker to challenge the Los Angeles public to come up with policies that would increase government transparency & disclosure. Over a one month period, Los Angeles registered voters submitted ideas and voted for their favorites.

Of the eight ideas submitted, the idea with the most support was written by a local scientific researcher and board member of the Historic Highland Park Neighborhood Council, Jamie Tijerina, who suggested that the Los Angeles City Council host more meetings after typical 9-to-5 business hours to afford more opportunities for the working public to attend council and committee meetings.

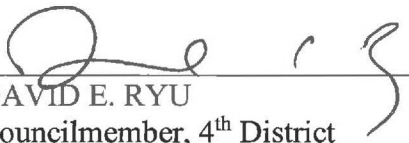
In Jamie's words: *"One of the biggest ways to increase community involvement and transparency is to hold public meetings at times when the public is available to attend. This means that meetings should be scheduled and held at various times throughout the day, including times after 5pm. One of the biggest barriers for public attendance at city council meetings and commission meetings, is that they are held during the day, when many people with 9-5 or daytime work schedules cannot attend."*

Similar to how the Los Angeles City Council works to improve the ability for San Fernando Valley Constituents to attend and comment on items of concern to them by hosting occasional council meetings at Van Nuys City Hall, the City Council could commit to hosting occasionally regular meetings in the evening to enable additional members of the public to more easily attend and comment.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Chief Legislative Analyst be instructed to report within 30 days on the costs and feasibility of amending Council Rule 18 to establish one or more council meetings each month to be held at 5:00 p.m. instead of the currently proscribed 10:00 a.m.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Chief Legislative Analyst be instructed to report on the costs, feasibility, and process for commission and committee meetings to be held at evening hours as needed to allow for additional public access.

PRESENTED BY:


DAVID E. RYU
Councilmember, 4th District

SECONDED BY:



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REPORT OF THE CHIEF LEGISLATIVE ANALYST

DATE: January 31, 2018

TO: Honorable Members of the City Council

FROM: Sharon M. Tso  Council File No.: 17-1311
Chief Legislative Analyst Assignment No.: 18-01-0056

2017 FUSE Fellow Report Tier 1 Recommendations

SUMMARY

On January 17, 2018, the Public Works and Gang Reduction Committee considered the Tier 1 recommendations set forth in the 2017 FUSE Fellow evaluation of the state of the City's street related infrastructure programs (FUSE Report). The Committee instructed this Office to review whether adoption of Recommendation 1.1 of the FUSE Report, transfer of oversight over the Department of Transportation to the Board of Public Works, addresses the essential issues identified in the FUSE Report. This Office was also instructed to report on the resources necessary to successfully implement Recommendation 1.2 which proposes establishing an Office of Infrastructure Management (OIM), and the associated costs. This Office was additionally instructed to review the feasibility of incorporating the functions of the Office of Construction Coordination, as proposed by Councilmember Ryu, into the OIM.

This report provides recommendations for Council's consideration to conduct further analysis on the Tier 1 recommendations prior to taking action. The FUSE Report divides its recommendations into three tiers, based on the scale of the recommendations, not the importance or timing. The FUSE Report proposes initiating the Tier 1 recommendations during the 2018-19 fiscal year. The City Administrative Officer recommends that Council consider the Tier 1 recommendations during the 2018-19 budget process.

This Office does not recommend moving forward with implementation of the Tier 1 recommendations at this time. If Council wishes to pursue the creation of an OIM, it is recommended that further analysis be undertaken to establish priorities relative to the formation of an OIM and improvements in the delivery of the City's street related infrastructure programs.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. CONTINUE consideration of the 2017 FUSE Fellow Report, dated November 20, 2017, Tier 1 recommendations, to allow for consideration of the Tier 2 and 3 recommendations and additional instruction regarding analysis of those recommendations regarding the City's street related infrastructure programs.
2. INSTRUCT the City Administrative Officer (CAO), with the assistance of the Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA) and the City Attorney, to report on the steps necessary to transfer the oversight authority currently held by the Transportation and Taxicab

Commissions to the Board of Public Works. The report should discuss costs and other impacts associated with the proposed transfer.

3. INSTRUCT the CAO, with the assistance of the Board of Public Works and the CLA, to report on options for establishing the Office of Infrastructure Management (OIM) within the Board of Public Works. The report should include: a) an evaluation of which functions the OIM should be assigned; b) an analysis of which functions would yield the most benefit to the City's delivery of street related infrastructure programs, including an analysis of incorporating the functions of the proposed Office of Construction Coordination; c) whether responsibilities currently assigned under the Administrative Code should be reassigned to provide leadership for the OIM; d) a timeline for a phased implementation approach; and e) the costs and staffing associated with the options presented.

BACKGROUND

Objectives of FUSE Report

In response to the Council and Mayor's directive to improve the City's delivery of public works services, the City Administrative Officer (CAO) retained a FUSE Fellow to conduct a review of the City's street related infrastructure and prepare a report on the state of that infrastructure. The objective of the project was to "look at the system in which street related services exist, to identify ways the City can improve delivery of these programs, and to highlight innovative practices within the City and other jurisdictions that can be scaled for success." Desired outcomes were identified as follows:

1. Improved coordination among City departments and external partners [to] ensure that Public Works services are delivered in the most efficient and effective manner, and
2. An improved relationship between residents and their government.

Further, the FUSE Report identifies six themes consistently cited across research groups as barriers to performance, including: alignment, communication, customer centricity, coordination, data and technology, and planning. The proposed recommendations address one or more of these themes. Tier 1 recommendations address all six themes.

Tier 1 Recommendations

Tier 1 recommendations are presented as structural improvements to the City's infrastructure delivery system and represent significant changes to address fragmented and siloed decision making. The intent of Recommendation 1.1 is to bring all transportation programs into the Department of Public Works (DPW), establishing the Board of Public Works as the single oversight authority for all street related activities conducted by Council controlled departments. The proposed change would transfer the oversight authority currently held by the Transportation and Taxicab Commissions to the Board of Public Works. This represents a significant change to the City's governance structure.

During the January 17, 2018 Public Works and Gang Reduction Committee meeting, the General Manager of the Department of Transportation (DOT) and the President of the Board of Public Works provided comments on the proposed transfer. While acknowledging that DOT does

regularly appear before the Board of Public Works, the General Manager stated that the transfer would not change the daily operations of DOT or improve project delivery. She also stated that DOT is open to discussing the proposed transfer but noted that a more robust conversation is necessary. She emphasized the importance of improving project delivery, stating that while engaging in that conversation, DOT and the Bureaus should work toward achieving substantive improvements to their project delivery.

The President of the Board of Public Works indicated that if Council wishes to explore the proposed transfer, the Board is both willing and happy to welcome DOT. He acknowledged that the Board works with DOT daily on matters ranging from transportation projects to petroleum issues. Further, he noted that the Board provides an opportunity for constituents to be heard with regard to all projects impacting the public right-of-way. He also stated that considering the role DOT plays in constituents' lives, adopting Recommendation 1.1 would provide DOT the benefits of having an accessible and full time oversight board.

At this meeting, Committee members questioned whether implementation of Recommendation 1.1 would effectively address the issues identified in the FUSE Report. This Office was asked to consider whether the proposed transfer of oversight over the DOT to the Board of Public Works would address the issues identified in the FUSE Report.

This Office shares the Committee's concerns. If adopted on its own, Recommendation 1.1 would significantly increase the number of programs under the Board of Public Works' span of control. The FUSE Report cites a series of benefits to be derived from this transfer, including streamlined communication and data driven decision making. To realize the anticipated benefits additional changes must be initiated in conjunction with the proposed oversight transfer.

The employee sentiment and feedback collected during the preparation of the FUSE Report highlights accountability, governance, alignment, communication, and coordination deficiencies across the City's public works landscape. The problems identified by City employees are not limited to coordination between DOT and the DPW. For example, employees expressed the view that the Board of Public Works could be more assertive in breaking down silos between the Public Works Bureaus. Employees also stated that the Bureaus do not work well together, identifying inter-bureau, intra-bureau, and intra-department communication and coordination as significant problems.

The FUSE Report acknowledges the limitations inherent in adopting Recommendation 1.1 without first implementing some of the proposed Tier 2 and 3 support system improvements and process and program efficiencies. The FUSE report states that "simply housing related programs in one place is not enough to incentivize staff to increase working relationships or to automatically breakdown silos . . . groups will continue to operate in status quo unless they are routinely forced to work another way." Until Council has made a determination regarding implementation of the remaining recommendations proposed in the Fuse Report, this Office does not recommend proceeding with Recommendation 1.1.

Recommendation 1.2 proposes the formation of an Office of Infrastructure Management (OIM) to serve as the citywide lead on all infrastructure programs. The FUSE Report recommends

housing the OIM in the Board of Public Works. This Office was asked to report on the resources necessary to ensure the OIM can perform its intended functions and the costs associated with establishing the OIM. Further, this Office was asked to report on incorporating the functions of the Office of Construction Coordination, as proposed by Councilmember Ryu during the 2016-17 budget process, into the OIM.

The FUSE Report presents a series of possible functions to be undertaken by the OIM such as conducting citywide infrastructure strategic planning, driving proactive project planning, and serving as a consistent resource available to analyze data to better drive performance improvements. Administrative Code Section 22.327 vests the Executive Officer of the Board of Public Works with the duty to “make recommendations to the Board about short- and long-range public works plans and programs.” Pursuant to Charter Section 581 the Board then has the duty to “make recommendations about short- and long-range public works plans and programs to the Mayor and Council.” Currently, the Board of Public Works does not make such recommendations. Pursuant to Administrative Code Section 5.44, the CAO is charged with preparing and submitting a tentative capital improvement expenditure program of physical plant, municipal facilities and wastewater projects to the Public Works Committee no later than February 15 of each year.

This Office agrees with the FUSE Report’s assessment that the City’s public works programs may benefit from the establishment of a citywide lead office on all right-of-way infrastructure programs. If Council wishes to transfer oversight of DOT to the Board of Public Works, this Office agrees that Recommendation 1.2 would be crucial to improving coordination and communication between DOT and DPW. Should Council elect not to proceed with Recommendation 1.1, pursuing Recommendation 1.2 in conjunction with several of the Tier 2 recommendations may improve operations within the DPW.

The FUSE Report does not set forth a fixed scope of work for the OIM or offer an implementation plan. While the report offers several examples of best practices, Council would benefit from a case study providing a detailed review of the implementation processes undertaken by the cities cited. At this juncture in the discussion, it is difficult to determine what resources would be necessary for implementation of a successful OIM.

The OIM may be best viewed in conjunction with several of the support system improvements proposed in Tier 2. Recommendations 2.1, 2.2, 2.3, 2.5, and 2.6 are preliminary steps necessary to establish the resources and overall framework required for the creation of a successful OIM. Council could utilize a phased approach to the creation of an OIM, establishing an initial scope of work and adopting a timeline for the addition of functions and staff over the course of several fiscal years. This will allow Council, the Board of Public Works, the OIM, and the corresponding bureaus to incrementally pursue the Tier 2 recommendations and add staff to support those endeavors.

As a crucial first step, Council should consider its priorities relative to the formation of the OIM and the City’s delivery of improvements in the public right-of-way. Council could instruct the CAO, with the assistance of the Board of Public Works and the Chief Legislative Analyst, to report on options for establishing the OIM within the Board of Public Works. The report should

include: a) an evaluation of which functions the OIM should be assigned; b) an analysis of which functions would yield the most benefit to the City's delivery of public works programs; c) whether responsibilities currently assigned under the Administrative Code should be reassigned to provide leadership for the OIM; d) a timeline for a phased implementation approach; and e) the costs and staffing associated with the options presented.

This Office was also requested to discuss incorporating the functions of the Office of Construction Coordination (OCC), as proposed by Councilmember Ryu during the 2016-17 budget process, into the OIM. During consideration of the Department of Transportation's 2016-17 Proposed Budget, the Budget and Finance Committee requested a report on the establishment of an OCC.

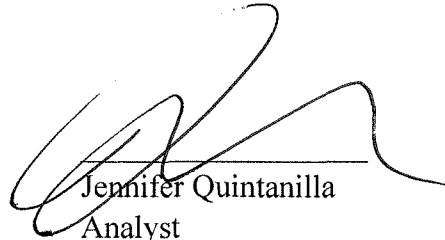
As proposed, the OCC would partner with utility companies to develop coordinated street construction projects with the aim of completing fully improved streets, thereby reducing the overall number of street cuts for utility improvements. The OCC is expected to yield time and cost savings derived from more efficient planning and less disruption to City streets. DOT proposed that the OCC should also perform outreach to stakeholders, maintain an integrated GIS system, and seek synergistic project opportunities. In adopting the 2016-17 Budget, Council adopted Councilmember Ryu's motion instructing the CAO to report on funding an OCC to coordinate private and public activities surrounding construction that are currently overseen by the Bureau of Engineering, DOT, or Planning Department. The requested report is still pending.

The issue of utility and public right-of-way coordination is an ongoing conversation within the City and has been the subject of numerous motions and reports proposing changes to both the Public Right-of-Way Reservation System and NavigateLA. Council could address this issue by incorporating the functions of the OCC into the OIM, establishing utility coordination and implementation of Recommendation 2.1 as a function of the OIM. Recommendation 2.1 proposes converting utility coordination from a manual process to an electronic system to strengthen oversight over underground activities, optimize time-related street activities, strengthen City paving plans, preserve City street investments, and provide transparency to City partners, utility providers and the public.

The Public Works and Gang Reduction Committee also requested additional data regarding efficiencies realized by other municipalities which have implemented this level of coordination. The FUSE report indicates that Chicago, Boston, and Seattle have recently implemented utility coordination systems. Utility coordination has led to reported savings of \$30M in Boston, \$93M in Chicago, and \$7M in Seattle's first year.

The FUSE report identifies Chicago's Office of Underground Coordination (Office) as a best practice. This Office is housed within Chicago's Division of Infrastructure Management and provides a forum for coordinating all construction activities in the public right-of-way which may directly or indirectly affect members of the Office who operate above ground and/or underground facilities. The Office is composed of city departments, private utilities, and local governmental agencies.

Given the size of the City, further analysis is required to determine the level of efficiencies the City may experience from implementing a comparable level of coordination. As discussed above, this Office recommends further analysis before adopting a scope of work and implementation plan for the OIM.



Jennifer Quintanilla
Analyst

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MOTION

A recent editorial in *The Los Angeles Times* shed light on the impact that plastic beverage straws are having on the environment and the aesthetic quality of our communities. The editorial stated that Americans use – and almost immediately discard – up to a half a billion plastic beverage straws each day.

Discarded beverage straws end up in the landfill where they leach into the soil; or they end up in the street as trash. In the street, they collect along the walkways, stormdrains and parks.

In other cases, the beverage straws end up in local waterbodies and the ocean where they're consumed by marine life; thereby impacting their health and welfare.

To address these issues, some cities have implemented *Straws-On-Request* ordinances which require restaurants to withhold plastic beverage straws unless customers request them. The City of Davis and San Luis Obispo recently passed *Straws-On-Requests* ordinances. Berkeley, and other cities along the coast, are considering similar ordinances.


The City of Los Angeles has historically been on the forefront of instrumental environmental policies and initiatives. The City played a significant role in the regulation and control of plastic bag use, increasing waste diversion and recycling and other efforts. The City should consider adopting a *Straws-On-Request* ordinance; and other related actions that minimize the effect plastic beverage straws have on the environment and the local community.

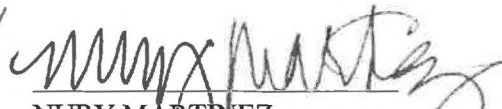
I THEREFORE MOVE that the Bureau of Sanitation (BOS) be instructed to report to the City Council in 60 days on the feasibility of implementing a *Straws-On-Request* ordinance which requires restaurants, and other food-service providers, to withhold plastic beverage straws unless a customer requests them.

I FURTHER MOVE that the BOS report on options that restaurants, and other food-service providers, may use as an alternative to plastic beverage straws such as biodegradable and/or re-usable straws.

I FURTHER MOVE that the BOS report on current and potential legislation that seeks to minimize the harmful effects of plastic beverage straws and whether the City should adopt a position.

PRESENTED BY:


MITCH O'FARRELL
Councilmember, 13th District


NURY MARTINEZ
Councilmember, 6th District

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