

ENERGY, CLIMATE CHANGE AND ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE REPORT relative to allowing business customers to share bins with neighboring businesses for the RecycleLA Program.

Recommendation for Council action, as initiated by Motion (Blumenfield - Englander - Cedillo - Bonin - Buscaino - Rodriguez - Ryu):

INSTRUCT the Bureau of Sanitation (BOS) to report on the feasibility of incorporating into the RecycleLA Program an option for neighboring or co-located businesses to share bins to maximize their use and other options to help businesses achieve cost savings.

Fiscal Impact Statement: Neither the City Administrative Officer nor the Chief Legislative Analyst has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

Summary:

On August 15, 2017 your Committee considered a Motion (Blumenfield - Englander - Cedillo - Bonin - Buscaino - Rodriguez - Ryu) relative to allowing business customers to share bins with neighboring businesses for the RecycleLA Program. According to the Motion, on July 1, 2017, the BOS began the roll-out for its RecycLA program that establishes recycling and waste collection services for all commercial, industrial, and large multifamily customers in the City. The RecycLA program consists of 11 exclusive service zones with each zone serviced by one solid resources collection firm. Each service collection firm is required to provide efficient collection and processing of solid resources to their clients.

Businesses have raised concerns about the RecycLA program and its bin/fee structure. Some businesses indicated that each business is required to have a set of bins which are subject to an established fee structure. These businesses stressed that they generate far less recycling and waste materials that would justify having individual bins. As a result, they have half or quarter-filled bins, yet are paying the full price of each bin. In some cases, these businesses complained that the bin charges are too high. These businesses are supportive of the program's efforts; however they would like the City to adopt a bin-sharing option with a commensurate fee structure. In this manner, the use of the bins can be maximized and the associated cost of service can be shared.

After consideration and having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to recommend instructing the BOS to report on the feasibility of incorporating into the RecycleLA Program an option for neighboring or co-located businesses to share bins to maximize their use and other options to help businesses achieve cost savings. This matter is now submitted to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

ENERGY, CLIMATE CHANGE AND ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE



MEMBER VOTE

MARTINEZ: YES
KORETZ: ABSENT
KREKORIAN: YES
CEDILLO: YES
O'FARRELL: YES

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